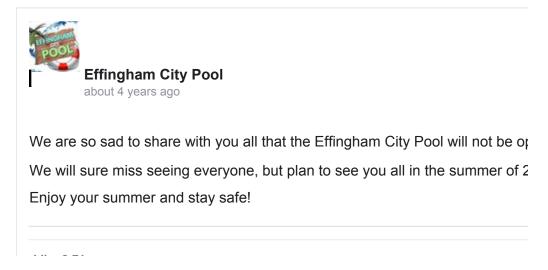
Virus pandemic impacts swimming season

(KAIR)--The Effingham City Pool will not open for use during the summer swimming season.

That message came in a post made to the official Effingham City Pool Facebook page Thursday afternoon.

The post gave no specific reason for the decision, but comments on the post elude to the current virus pandemic.

Concluding by saying, "enjoy your summer and stay safe," the post also indicated the pool would be back in operation for the summer of 2021.



Meanwhile, it's unlikely the Atchison Lion's Pool will be opening for the season.

The agenda for Monday's meeting of the Atchison City Commission includes an action item authorizing the cancellation of the 2020 Lion's Pool season.

Citing the coronavirus pandemic, and the social distancing guidelines that come with it, among other factors, a document from City Manager Becky Berger said "given the unknown timeline of the virus threat being lifted and the impact the last couple of months and upcoming months will have on the City's finances, it doesn't seem prudent to open the pool this year."

It's likely, according to the document, that the closure will be used to repair the pool's surface, with the \$50,000 project included in the City's 2021 Capital Improvement Plan.