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Lochland begins renovation project

NEW POOL AMONG \$1.1M IMPROVEMENTS

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An excavator demolishes the swimming pool at Lochland Country Club Sept. 12.

Courtesy Lochland

Lochland: \$1.1M renovation project begins

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"We feel we'll be able to focus on family needs for the modern family in Hastings, and surrounding areas, who want to spend time together, but they don't always have opportunity to attend activities together," she said.

Plans to begin these renovations have been in motion for quite a while, but those plans were just recently passed by the Lochland Country Club Board of Directors.

"When I first got here, three years ago in June, the pool committee suggested we look at this project and suggest we take it on," Shardelow said.

He said Lochland's members range in age from 24 to 98 and the improvements included in

this renovation project will meet all of their needs.

"We feel we need to improve our golf course, tennis facility and pool facility to meet the needs of all the types of members we have," Shardelow said. "The more needs we meet, the better our club."

Lochland has been contributing to the Hastings area economy since 1961.

In its peak season, the country club staffs more than 70 employees from Hastings and its surrounding areas. The country club is member-owned.

More than 450 families are members of the country club. For more information, visit the club personally or go to Lochland Web site, www.lochlandcc.com.

updates, bunker construction and repairs, irrigation improvements on the golf course, work on the club's tennis courts and updates to the clubhouse.

Enhancements in the clubhouse will include sound abatement in the public areas of the club.

"We're building for the future and want to secure our place in central Nebraska as one of the leaders in the country club business," general manager Scott Shardelow said. "We don't want to stand still and rest on our laurels. We want to continue to move forward."

Destruction of the old pool began Sept. 12. Renovations of the tennis courts, golf course, and clubhouse will follow this winter with an end target date of May 1, 2009.

The country club will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 9 a.m. Oct. 8 to announce plans that will include a new swimming pool facility, two new tennis courts, golf course improvements and clubhouse enhancements.

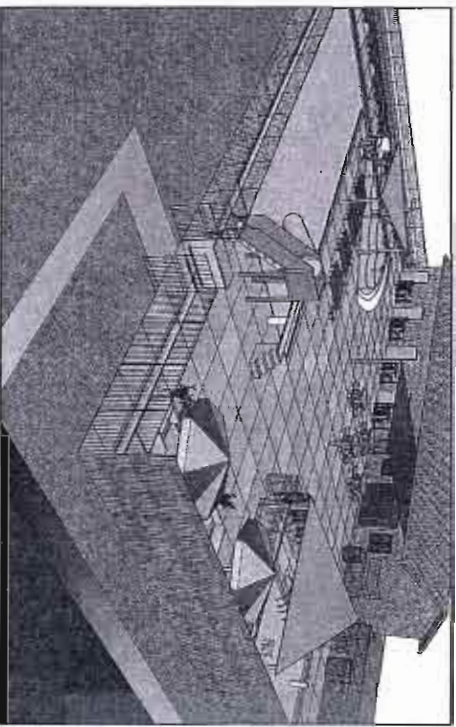
The new swimming pool will include four swimming lanes and will be able to host swim club events as well as water aer-

obics programs. It will include many water features like a zero entry splash area, slides and a wading pool.

The new pool also will include more deck space than what had been present. Membership director Danielle Berni said the old pool consisted of a diving board and wading pool south of that.

Lochland wants to focus on family life with this project and hopes it will give families more opportunities to spend time together, Berni said.

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This is a rendering of the new pool facility planned at Lochland Country Club. Courtesy