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## New development set for Lake Texoma Lodge

The Lake Texoma Lodge has closed to make way for the new development, which will include 18-36 holes of championship golf, a club house and practice facility, aquatic center, outdoor recreation center, nature parks, campgrounds, retail shops and an amphitheater, according to the proposal.

The development plans of Texoma Development, LLC, a group which consists of Mark A. Fischer, Aubrey K. McClendon, Charles S. Givens, Ben Graves, Aaron Bailey, Bruce Bockus, David Payne and Randy Heckenkemper.

It is estimated that the new development will cost \$360 million dollars, the cost of which includes housing, as well as a "themed and unique" full-service hotel with restaurants, gym, business center, multiple pools, spa and meeting rooms.

The proposed private residential community will have 250-350 high-end homes, ranging in size from 1,500 square feet to 4,000 square feet. "Attention will be paid to the design order to create a timeless appeal," the proposal reads.

Demolition on the buildings is expected to begin in March 2007, ending a year later. Construction on the hotel, lodge and convention center is slated to begin in March 2008 and is expected to be a 2-year project. The aquatic center and other amenities will follow, and by 2013, all developments and amenities should be finalized, according to the plans.

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