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Hoteliers plan to put Best Western in Arkansas-side industrial district. After years of planning and dreaming for the development, the newest industrial district in Texarkana, Ark., Crossroads Business Park, is moving forward. The father-and-son team of Jack and Brian Daugherty of Three D Lodging Inc. announced Thursday they plan to build a 76-room Best Western Inn & Suites in the business park just north of Interstate 30. "When we heard about the development over a year ago, we visited with the mayor and said, 'When the development is ready, we'd like to be the first tenant,'" said Jack Daugherty. The Daughertys spent time Thursday afternoon walking the site with Mayor Horace Shipp and City Manager Harold Boldt, sharing their drawings and plans for the hotel. Since 2001, the Daughertys have constructed three hotels in Texarkana, Texas. Site plans for the Arkansas-side hotel are expected to be submitted to the city next week. "We're excited about being on the east side of State Line Avenue. One thing we liked about it was the access to the interstate," Jack Daugherty said, referring to the business park location. "Restaurants are in this area, the airport, Four States Fairgrounds. We're right in the middle of everything." The hotel will be built facing I-30 and the entrance of Crossroads Parkway, the new road that will wind through the business park. It will be the first lodging facility to greet westbound traffic coming into Texarkana. The three-story hotel will have standard rooms as well as suites, an outdoor pool, indoor corridor access, wireless high-speed Internet, a fitness center and business center. It will employ 25 to 30. A builder has not been selected, but Daugherty said he plans to use as many local contractors as possible. Construction will begin within three months, and the hotel should be open early next year. "We're excited because we know there's going to be a lot happening in this business park and we want to be a part of it," he said. Shipp praised the Daugherty company for their work ethic and desire to do things right. "That's what this park is all about: to bring a high standard here, and we will continue to develop everything around it," Shipp said. "We're setting a standard with these folks that we're going to maintain. It's something that's going to be a difference-maker for Texarkana, Ark., something the community will be proud of and benefit from."