

Era ends; last Butler County hotel closes

By DAVE BROWN
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ALLISON—Feb. 1 marked the end of an era in Butler County and the passing of an institution. There were no brass bands or marching bands or other fanfare to mark the closing of the hotel.

On that day, the Hotel Allison closed for good. It was the last hotel in the county.

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NO VACANCY in the room of the day closed. (Courier Photos by Jim Hume)

Northeast Iowa

Benning death probe continuing

By LAMONT OLSON
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WATERLOO—When Julia Benning didn't come to work one night last November, Joan Weston said she began to feel uneasy.

She was a waitress at the St. Louis bar, where the 12-year-old Mrs. Benning worked as a cocktail waitress.

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Money lack problem for West Union hospital

WEST UNION—Palmer Memorial Hospital in West Union is facing problems in many areas across the county.

A lack of facilities, physician and funding has led the hospital to seek private funds and loans.

The report states that the city of West Union has an adequate tax base to give but it has been used or turned to the best solution.

A long range planning committee has completed a preliminary master plan with the aid of planning consultant Larry High.

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Lebanese family flees to Independence

By BOB GUTCHELL
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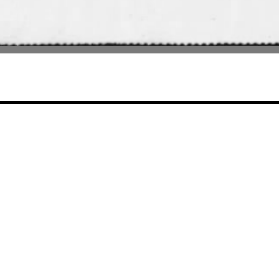
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JOHN AND NADA Haddy have fled to Independence. (Courier Photo by Bob Gutchell)