

The History of the Sherman House

A dining and lodging destination since 1852



The Sherman House is one of the oldest buildings in Batesville, and a significant landmark in community history. Thanks to continued modernization, the Sherman House has evolved gracefully from its origins as a coaching tavern to the unique and popular hostelry it is today.

The pages of history have not recorded all the events of the past, but it is known that John F. Brinkman built the hotel and opened its door to guests on November 9, 1852. The original building included the present lobby, kitchen, Old Vienna Café and the Sherman Lounge. Porches on Main Street were favorite lounging spots, and an outside stairway was the access to guest rooms upstairs.

Originally the hotel bore another name, believed to have been The Brinkman House. During many changes of ownership in the early years, someone renamed the hotel at the time of General Sherman's contributions to victory in the War Between the States.

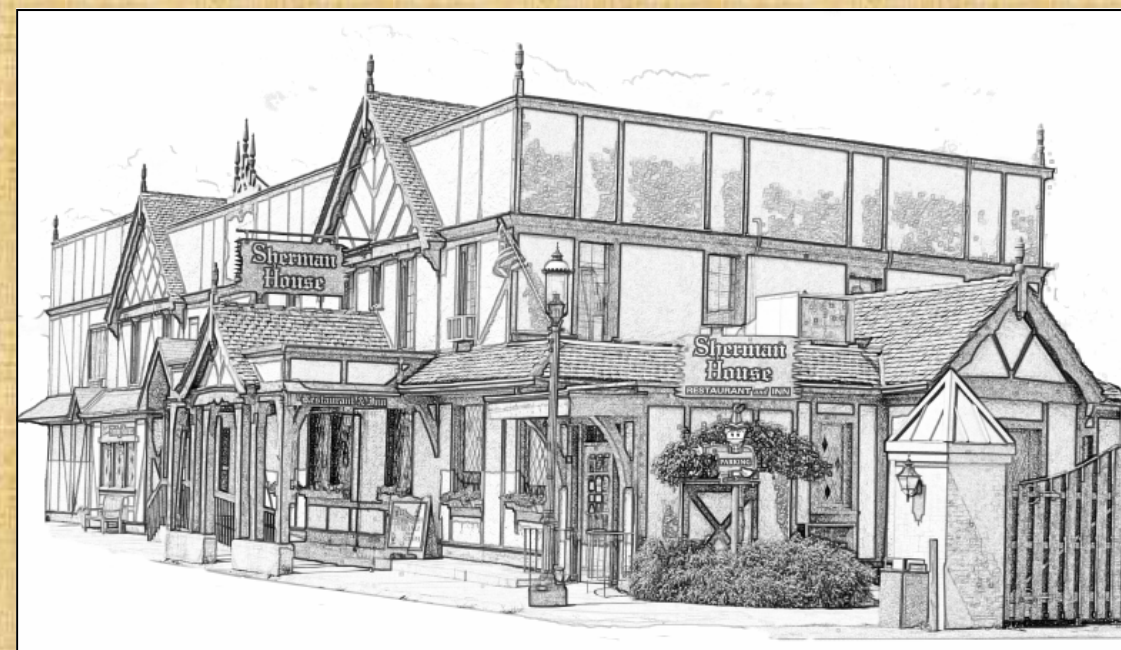
In 1923 Hillenbrand Industries purchased the building. Within the next decade four additional buildings were added to the property, and construction to connect them into one structure was completed 1933. The architect on the project retained most of the original timber frame of yellow poplar girders, 30 inches by 90 feet, which were in perfect condition after 80 years. They are still in place. It was in 1953 that the Old Vienna Café was created from designs and sketches made in European cafes. Hoosier artist Harold Hancock rendered those sketches into murals.

Doug Bessler became the sole owner of the Sherman House in 2006 and many changes followed. The Sherman House is now a smoke-free restaurant offering seasonal menus. Wireless internet offers travelers freedom to surf the net or conduct business. With 23 rooms offering bed and breakfast accommodations, private dining rooms, and banquet and meeting room facilities, the Sherman House retains its quaint charm. Winner of the 2008 Hoosier Hospitality Award, Doug is continually striving to attain the highest level of customer satisfaction and make the Sherman House a true dining and lodging destination.

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Lunch Menu



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Starters

Sauerkraut Balls Homemade with black oak ham and served over Schnitzel sauce \$5.95

Cajun Chips Crispy fried potatoes with bacon, cheddar cheese and ranch dressing for dipping \$4.95

Crab-Stuffed Mushrooms Mushroom caps filled with our creamy crabmeat stuffing \$6.95

Deep-Fried Pickle Chips Doug's own special recipe made of crispy dills with a Cajun dipping sauce \$5.95

Chicken Strips Crispy steakhouse-style chicken strips served with ranch dressing and BBQ sauce \$5.95

Cheese Sticks A classic appetizer served with warm marinara sauce for dipping \$5.95

Soups and Salads

French Onion Soup Made with the finest blend of stocks and wine, topped with melted Provolone cheese \$4.25

Soup of the Day Fresh, hot and homemade in-house \$3.75

Caesar Salad Crisp Romaine lettuce with our homemade croutons, Parmesan cheese, and topped with a classic Caesar dressing \$4.95
Add Chicken \$2.50, Sirloin \$ 5.50, Salmon \$7.50

The Trio Salad A bed of lettuce topped with chicken salad, tuna salad and cottage cheese, garnished with tomatoes and served with crackers \$7.95

Pecan Chicken Spinach Salad Baby spinach topped with red onions, mushrooms, strawberries, pecans, and a grilled chicken breast topped with a warm raspberry vinaigrette \$7.95

Half Sandwich and Soup Your choice of ham, turkey, corned beef, tuna or chicken salad served on your choice of bread with a bowl of homemade soup \$6.95

Soup and Salad Bar Our famous salad bar with a bowl of fresh hot Soup of the Day \$8.95
Salad Bar only \$7.95

Sandwiches and Wraps

Served with kettle chips and pickle spear

Create Your Own Your choice of ham, turkey, corned beef, tender roast beef, tuna or chicken salad served on your choice of bread or wrap \$6.95
Add cheese \$.25

The Club Ham, turkey, and bacon topped with Swiss and pepper jack cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, and our Cajun sauce on a Kaiser roll \$7.25

Roasted Red Pepper Chicken Wrap Grilled chicken breast with sautéed onions and mushrooms, topped with our roasted red pepper cream sauce in a garlic herb wrap \$7.75

California Club Wrap Turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, bacon, cheddar cheese, and sour cream wrapped in a garlic herb wrap \$7.50

Tangy Philly Cheese Steak Wrap Tender beef with mushrooms, onions, Provolone cheese and our Cajun sauce in a garlic herb wrap \$7.95

Chicken Club Grilled chicken breast topped with lettuce, tomatoes, bacon, and Swiss cheese \$7.95

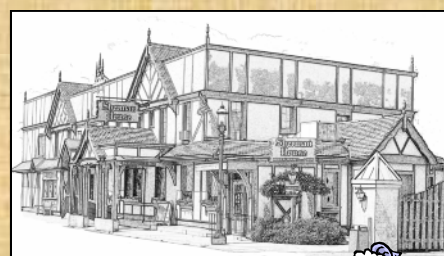
BLT Wrap Crisp bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise wrapped inside a garlic herb wrap and garnished with fresh seasonal fruit \$6.95

With Your Lunch

Add any of these items for \$1.95

French Fries, Sherman House Slaw, Onion Rings, Cottage Cheese, House Salad, Hot German Potato Salad or Cajun chips

Add Salad Bar for \$3.95



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Burgers and hot sandwiches

Served with kettle chips and pickle spear unless noted

The Ballstown Burger Doug's own creation, a huge half-pound Angus patty with bacon and cheese piled high because as he says, "Everything is bigger in Ballstown!" \$7.95

Mushroom and Swiss Burger A huge half-pound Angus patty with bacon, mushrooms, and Swiss cheese topped with lettuce and tomatoes on a Kaiser roll \$7.95

Cross Roads Burger Served just like the Ballstown Burger with a quarter-pound Angus patty. Not quite as big as the Ballstown, but it's on the way! Wink, wink! \$6.25

Black Bean Burger 100% Vegetarian burger served on a toasted Kaiser roll with pepper jack cheese and garnished with fresh seasonal fruit \$7.25

The Windsor Warm turkey breast, broccoli, tomatoes, and bacon served on toasted bread, topped with melted cheese \$6.95

Open-Faced Reuben

A Sherman House FAVORITE Shaved corn beef, sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese and Sherman House sauce served on grilled rye bread \$7.25

Beer-Battered Fish Sandwich A huge piece of cod served on a toasted Kaiser roll \$7.95

Turkey Monte Carlo French toast-style bread with warm turkey, and melted Swiss cheese, garnished with fresh seasonal fruit \$6.95

Crispy Chicken Sandwich Hand-battered chicken breast topped with bacon, melted Swiss cheese, honey mustard dressing and topped with lettuce and tomatoes \$7.25

Pork Tenderloin Sandwich Grilled or breaded tenderloin topped with lettuce and tomatoes on a Kaiser roll \$7.25

French Onion Dip Tender beef with melted Swiss cheese on a toasted bun and a cup of French Onion Soup for dipping \$8.25

Hot Entrees

Sausage and Kraut Steaming hot knockwurst over sauerkraut served with whipped potatoes \$8.25

Chicken N' Fries Chicken strips served with fries or onion rings, and your choice of BBQ, honey mustard, sweet and sour, or cheese sauce \$8.95

Sauerbraten mit Noodles Our marinated beef topped with a rich tart sauce, served with hot noodles and Bavarian red cabbage \$7.95

Sirloin Steak A juicy 8 oz marinated sirloin served with fries or onion rings \$12.95

Parmesan-Crusted Tilapia Tilapia fillet with our own Parmesan herb coating served with steamed broccoli \$8.95

Fish N' chips Hand-battered cod with French fries, cole slaw and tartar sauce \$9.25

Beef Manhattan Tender roast beef with home-made whipped potatoes and gravy over white bread \$7.95

Roasted Pepper Alfredo Fettuccine noodles tossed with broccoli and shredded carrots covered with a sweet roasted red pepper Alfredo sauce \$6.95
Add chicken \$2.50

Offering a Hot Lunch Buffet every Thursday from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM.

Lunch specials Monday through Friday.

Spirits

A wide variety of spirits including our specialty wine list also available

Desserts

Our desserts are homemade *daily* by our pastry chef Barb Wenning. Please ask your server for our current list.