

The Oldest Restaurant in Town and Still
"The Place to Meet"



— HOME OF THE FAMOUS —
MILE-HIGH PIES



**MAKE SURE TO
ASK YOUR SERVER
ABOUT OUR
BLACKBOARD SPECIALS!**

**THANKS TO OUR CUSTOMERS FOR VOTING US
BEST BREAKFAST AND THE #1 RESTAURANT ON TRIPADVISOR
IN WASHINGTON, MISSOURI!**

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COWANSRESTAURANT.COM



BREAKFAST

★ OLD-FASHIONED FAVS ★

BACON LOVERS' DREAM

\$8.99

Rich smoked bacon served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

THE BIG PORKER

\$8.99

Our specially-ordered, melt-in-your-mouth ham, served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

WHOLE HOG PATTIES

\$8.99

The perfect sausage patties with signature spices served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

COWAN'S SCRAMBLER

\$8.99

Buttermilk biscuit, two scrambled eggs, melted cheese, topped with sausage milk gravy, choice of Ham Steak, Sausage Patties or Bacon.

SAUSAGE LINKS

\$8.99

"Farmland" brand, not just any ordinary link, served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

PORK LOIN

\$10.49

Hand-cut pork loin, served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN

\$10.49

Burger Ozark, bone-in salt cured ham, served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.

THE COUNTRY BEEF STEAK

\$10.49

5oz, perfectly breaded whole steak smothered with milk gravy. Served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a biscuit.

BREAKFAST SAMPLER

\$10.49

Two eggs any style, Bacon, Sausage Links, Ham, Hash browns and Saucer Cakes.

RIBEYE BREAKFAST

\$18.99

A 10oz hand-cut Angus steak served with two eggs, any way you want 'em, hash browns and a side of toast.



★ BREAKFAST SIDES ★

HASH BROWNS \$2.00

FRIED DICED POATOES \$2.00

BACON \$3.49

HAM \$3.49

SAUSAGE PATTIES \$3.49

SAUSAGE LINKS \$3.49

MIXED FRUIT Small \$2.59 Large \$3.59

OATMEAL Small \$1.99 Large \$2.99

TOAST \$1.29

ENGLISH MUFFIN \$1.99

DANISH \$2.49

BISCUIT \$.99

BAGEL \$2.49

★ FRESH OMELETS ★

MAKE YOUR OWN

\$8.99

Choose from just cheese, ham and cheese, bacon and cheese or sausage and cheese, prepared with 3 eggs and American cheese. May sub with any of our cheeses. Served with hash browns and toast.

THE WESTERN

\$8.99

Onions, green peppers, ham & cheese, prepared with 3 eggs and American cheese. May sub with any of our cheeses. Served with hash browns and toast.

THE VEGGIE LOVER

\$8.99

Onions, green peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes & cheese, prepared with 3 eggs and American cheese. May sub with any of our cheeses. Served with hash browns and toast.

**BUILD IT
YOUR WAY!**

*ADDITIONAL
CHARGES
MAY APPLY

★ OMA'S CLASSICS ★

BELGIAN WAFFLE

\$5.49

Served with butter and hot maple syrup.

FRENCH TOAST

One
\$1.99

Two
\$3.99

Three
\$5.99

Extra thick bread sprinkled with powdered sugar, butter and hot maple syrup.

HOT CAKES

One
\$2.99

Two
\$4.99

Three
\$5.99

Served with butter and hot maple syrup. Try them in one of our signature flavors for just \$1 more: Blueberry, Pecan, Chocolate Chip or Multi-Grain

BISCUITS AND GRAVY

One
\$3.49

Two
\$5.49

Three
\$6.99

Simply the best milk gravy in town, with lots of real sausage and delicious buttermilk biscuits.

★ BREAKFAST SANDIES ★

THE STANDARD

\$6.49

Egg and cheese served on your choice of bread with a side of hash browns.

THE CANADIAN

\$7.49

Ham, egg and cheese served on your choice of bread with a side of hash browns.

THE REAL McCOY

\$7.49

Bacon, egg and cheese served on your choice of bread with a side of hash browns.

TRIED AND TRUE

\$7.49

Sausage, egg and cheese served on your choice of bread with a side of hash browns.

AVAILABLE IN YOUR
CHOICE OF FLAVORS

LET'S GET STARTED

WARM-UPS

CHEESE CURDS

Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese With Bread Crumb Coating.

\$3.99

BOSCO STICKS

Served With Marinara Sauce.

\$4.99

TOASTED RAVS

Breaded Beef Filled Ravioli With Marinara Sauce on the Side.

\$5.99

TOM'S SAMPLER

A Sampler of Breaded Mushrooms, Zucchini, Onion Rings, Cauliflower Corn Nuggets and Cheese Curds, Served With Marinara Sauce.

\$7.99

SWEET SPUDS

Great With Powdered Sugar or Salt.

\$3.99

CORN NUGGETS

Battered Creamed Sweet Corn.

\$3.99

CHICKEN DRUMMIES

Seasoned and Breaded Chicken With BBQ Sauce on the Side.

\$6.99

PICKLE STICKS

Dill Pickle, Lightly Breaded.

\$3.99

BREADED OKRA

Fresh Cut Okra With a Southern Breading.

\$3.99

BREADED CHEESE CAULIFLOWER

Cauliflower Florets With Cheddar Cheese Breading.

\$3.99

BREADED SHROOMS

Whole Button Mushrooms in a Light Butter Breading.

\$3.99

ZUCCHINI STICKS

Fresh Cut Zucchini Coated With Italian Cheese Bread Crumbs.

\$3.99

★ NEW

Try one of these great salads as a 1/2 order with a bowl of homemade soup!

SOUPS & SALADS

THE COMBO

Lettuce, Tomato, Carrots, Onion, Croutons and Cheddar Cheese.

\$3.99



THE CHEF

Iceberg Lettuce, Tomatoes, Egg, Cheddar Cheese, Carrots, Croutons, Onion, Choice of Ham or Turkey.

\$8.49



COWAN'S SPECIAL

Iceberg Lettuce, Romaine, Tomatoes, Parmesan & Mozzarella Cheese, Salami, Black Olives, Onion, Italian Dressing.

\$8.49



BLT

Iceberg Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Carrots, Egg, Black Olives, Onion, Bacon, Croutons.

\$8.49



THE CHICKEN TENDER

Iceberg Lettuce, Romaine, Tomatoes, Mozzarella and Cheddar Cheese, Carrots, Onion, Grilled Marinated Chicken Tenders, Bacon, Honey Italian on the Side.

\$8.99



THE SOUTHERNER

Iceberg Lettuce, Romaine, Mozzarella and Cheddar Cheese, Carrots, Corn, Pecans, Fried Chicken Strips, Onion, Honey Dijon on the Side.

\$8.99



THE CAESAR

Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, Onion, Croutons, Caesar Dressing.

\$7.99

SIDE CAESAR

Just like the regular caesar, but smaller.

\$2.49

SIDE SALAD

Iceberg Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion and Carrots.

\$2.49

VEGGIE BEEF

Cup \$2.49

Bowl \$4.99

HOMEMADE CHILI

Cup \$2.49

Bowl \$4.99

SOUP OF THE DAY

Cup \$2.49

Bowl \$4.99

Ask your server for the details...

★ DRESSINGS ★

HOMEMADE POPPY SEED
RANCH
FRENCH
ITALIAN
HONEY ITALIAN
OIL AND VINEGAR
HONEY DIJON
BLUE CHEESE
THOUSAND ISLAND
CAESAR
RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE





PORK DINNERS



HAM STEAK

\$12.49

Our special order, lean, flavorful grilled ham and served with your choice of three side orders.

BBQ PORK STEAK

\$12.49

Large cut steak featuring Bulls-Eye sauce and served with your choice of three side orders.

PORK CUTLET

\$12.49

A 5oz. perfectly breaded pork cutlet covered with our milk gravy and served with your choice of three sides.

PORK LOIN

\$12.49

Hand-cut, grilled pork loin served with your choice of three sides.

BURGER COUNTRY HAM

\$12.99

Bone-in, salt cured ham from the Ozarks served with your choice of three sides.



BEEF DINNERS



RIBEYE STEAK

\$19.99

Select hand-cut 10oz. Angus beef cooked to your specifications and served with your choice of three side orders. Try it with 4 breaded shrimp for only \$3.99 more.

HAMBURGER STEAK

\$12.49

Made with lean ground beef cooked to order from medium to well and served with your choice of three sides. With or without homemade gravy.

ROAST BEEF

\$12.49

Top round slow roasted covered in homemade gravy and served with your choice of three side orders.

HOMEMADE MEATLOAF

\$12.49

Generous portion made with lean ground beef, covered in homemade gravy and served with your choice of three side orders.

COUNTRY FRIED BEEFSTEAK

\$12.49

A 5oz. perfectly breaded whole steak smothered with milk gravy and served with your choice of three side orders.

TOASTED RAVS

\$12.49

Marinara sauce on the side, served with a Cowan's salad.



PASTA & MORE



MOM'S SPAGHETTI

 Half Order
\$9.99

 Full Order
\$12.49

Traditional spaghetti and meatballs sprinkled with mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and Italian seasonings. Served with an Italian salad.

CHICKEN PARM

 Half Order
\$9.99

 Full Order
\$12.49

Fried chicken breast served on spaghetti with red sauce, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and Italian seasonings. Served with a Caesar salad.

THE VEGGIE PLATE

\$9.99

Your choice of 4 side items, served as your delicious dinner.

JUMBO BREADED SHRIMP

\$12.99

Eight jumbo fan tail shrimp served with your choice of three side orders.



CHICKEN DINNERS



FIVE PIECE FRIED CHICKEN

\$14.99

Five large cut pieces cooked when you order. Please allow at least 20 minutes cooking time. Served with your choice of three sides. Specify 2 breasts for just a \$1.00 more.

TWO PIECE FRIED CHICKEN

\$12.49

Two large cut pieces cooked when you order. Please allow at least 20 minutes cooking time. Served with your choice of three sides. Specify 2 breasts for just a \$1.00 more.

THREE ALARM CHICKEN

\$14.99

"Caution, Spicy Hot!" Grilled chicken breast cooked with cayenne pepper, served on a bed of rice pilaf and topped with Jalapeño Ranch and rotel tomatoes. Served with your choice of two sides.

GRILLED CHICKEN TENDERS

\$12.49

Marinated chicken breast tenders served on rice pilaf and served with your choice of two sides.

FRIED CHICKEN FINGERS

\$12.49

Generous portion of all white breast meat and served with your choice of three sides.

COUNTRY FRIED CHICKEN

\$12.49

A 6oz. chicken breast covered in milk gravy and served with your choice of three sides.

FRIED CHICKEN DRUMMIES

\$12.49

Barbeque sauce on the side, served with a Cowan's salad.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST

\$12.49

Tender and moist served on rice pilaf and served with your choice of two sides.



★ SPECIALTY SANDIES ★

THE BIG DIPPER

\$8.99

Extra lean roast beef with Swiss American cheese. Served with Au Jus & Horseradish Sauce and your choice of one side.

★ THE REUBEN

\$8.99

Extra lean corned beef with Swiss American cheese & sauerkraut. Served on grilled rye with pickles and served with your choice of one side.

★ TURKEY MELT

\$8.99

Smoked turkey breast with American cheese. Served on grilled rye with lettuce, tomatoes & pickles and your choice of one side.

CHICKEN TENDER SANDIE

\$8.99

Chicken breast tenders marinated in our own sauce then grilled & served on grilled hoagie with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles and with your choice of one side.

MEATLOAF SANDIE

\$8.99

Our very own recipe, served as a sandwich on white bread & smothered with homemade gravy. Served with your choice of one side.

ROAST BEEF

\$8.99

Slow roasted top round beef, served on white bread & smothered with homemade gravy and with your choice of one side.

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST

\$8.99

Tender moist chicken served on a bun with lettuce, tomato and pickles and with your choice of one side.

BACON BLEU CHICKEN

\$8.99

Fried chicken breast, smoked bacon, marbled bleu cheese, served with mayo, lettuce, & tomatoes on 12-grain bread or Kaiser bun and your choice of one side.

SPICY CHICKEN

\$8.99

Fried chicken breast, smoked bacon, habanero cheese, served with mayo, lettuce, tomatoes, on 12-grain bread or Kaiser bun and your choice of one side.

★ NEW

Try one of these great sandies as a 1/2 order with a bowl of homemade soup!



★ TRADITIONAL SANDIES ★

COUNTRY FRIED PORK

\$8.99

Served on a kaiser bun with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, plus it comes with one side of your choice.

COUNTRY FRIED BEEF

\$8.99

Served on a kaiser bun with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, plus it comes with one side of your choice.

FRIED CHICKEN BREAST

\$8.99

Served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, plus it comes with one side of your choice.

BREADED COD

\$8.99

Served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, plus it comes with one side of your choice.

THREE CHEESE GRILLER

\$8.49

With 3 cheeses of your choice, this is not your mother's grilled cheese. Served with one side of your choice.

★ GRILLED CHEESE

\$6.99

Just like you loved when you were a kid, this classic comes with American cheese standard. Served with one side of your choice.

★ HAM AND CHEESE

\$8.99

Specify hot on a Kaiser bun, cold or grilled on white bread and add a side of your choice.

COWANS CLUB

\$8.99

Turkey breast, ham, bacon and cheese, topped with lettuce and tomato. Everything you could want on one sandwich. Served with your choice of one side.

★ GOOD OLD BLT

\$8.99

Bacon, lettuce and tomato, just the way you like it. Served with one side of your choice.



BURGERS

THE ORIGINAL

\$6.49

Top-grade American beef. Load it up the way you like it with lettuce, tomato pickles and onions. Served with one side. Add bacon for \$1.00 or go all out and add sautéed mushrooms and gravy for \$1.00 too! Served with one side.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

\$8.99

Double the top-grade American beef. Load it up the way you like it with lettuce, tomato pickles and onions. Served with one side. Add bacon for \$1.00 or go all out and add sautéed mushrooms and gravy for \$1.00 too! Served with one side.

THE BIGGIN'

\$8.99

A quarter-pound of top-grade American beef. Load it up the way you like it with lettuce, tomato pickles and onions. Served with one side. Add bacon for \$1.00 or go all out and add sautéed mushrooms and gravy for \$1.00 too! Served with one side.

COWANS BURGER

\$8.99

A quarter-pound of top-grade American beef served with Swiss cheese on grilled rye bread with a special sauce so good you'll never get it any other way. Pickles and tomatoes finish off our finest burger. Served with one side.



PREMIUM FIXINS

FRENCH FRIES

Classic
\$1.99

Cheese Fries
\$2.99

A heaping serving of your favorite, classic french fries.

SWEET POTATO FRIES

\$3.29

Did you ever think to yourself, fries sound great right now, but I just want something different? So did we, that's why we decided to sweeten things up a bit.

ONION RINGS

\$3.29

Don't want just the same old thing, we completely understand. Try our battered onion rings and you'll never get fries again.



NOTICE: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness especially if you have certain medical conditions. Eggs and steaks are cooked to order.

We use large Grade A Eggs.

SIDES

HOMEMADE MASHED POTATO
BAKED POTATO
FRENCH FRIES
FRIED DICED POTATOES
GERMAN POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS
BLACK-EYED PEAS
GREEN BEANS
CORN

BREADED OKRA
COTTAGE CHEESE
PICKLED BEETS
APPLE SAUCE
CRANBERRY SAUCE
STEWED APPLES
HOMEMADE POTATO CHIPS
POPPY SEED
HOMEMADE COLE SLAW

LETTUCE SALAD
CAESAR SALAD
ONION RINGS
CUP OF SOUP OR CHILI
SWEET POTATO FRIES
MAC & CHEESE
SWEET MASHED
POTATOES
SEASONAL OFFERING ONLY

DRINKS



FROM THE FOUNTAIN

\$2.49

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Cherry Pepsi, Sierra Mist, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Mug Root Beer, and Lemonade. Plus they all include free refills.

FROM THE COOLER

Prices Vary

Our diverse selection is constantly improving. Ask your server for available options today. Sold by the can or bottle, no free refills.

TEA

\$2.49

Try it hot or try it iced, we won't judge. Flavors available upon request.

JUICES

Small

\$1.79

Large

\$2.49

Orange, apple or grapefruit, or tomato, we have all the juices you could possibly want.

BOTTOMLESS CUP OF COFFEE **\$2.49**

Regular or decaf, you decide. Add sugar and creamers to make it your own. Served black.

MILK

Small

\$1.89

Large

\$2.89

Quality 2% milk, served original or with chocolate.

MILKSHAKE

\$3.59

Vanilla, chocolate or strawberry, you can't go wrong.

OUR STORY

Our historic building was erected in 1860 by the Kahmann family. Henry J. Dickbrader operated a hardware store in this location from 1869 to 1920. Henry was the Mayor of Washington from 1893 to 1898. In 1922, the building was used by Olympia Candy Company.

In 1930 the building became home to Mealer's Restaurant. Eventually, the name would change to Elm Street Café in 1972, but it wasn't until it was known as Cowan's Cafe, in 1973, that the true spirit of Cowan's Restaurant began.

Oma and Jerry Gildehaus bought Cowan's in 1977 from John Cowan after Oma's many years working at the previous restaurants. Along with their children, Oma and Jerry would expand and become world famous for their homemade pies. It was then that Cowan's first became known as "The Place to Meet."

In late 2006, Jerry became ill, which left him unable to work. Oma continued to keep the restaurant open with her son, Tom, and wife, Rachel, until Oma passed in April of 2009. Tom and Rachel then purchased the restaurant to ensure that Cowan's would stay alive in beautiful downtown Washington.

Tom grew up in the restaurant business. He worked throughout his teen and adult years as stock boy, dishwasher, cook and manager. Oma and Jerry instilled some very basic principles in Tom, like always buying top quality ingredients and cooking every order to-order to ensure the best, freshest food possible. They also taught him to appreciate the customers and employees, because without them there would be no Cowan's.

Rachel began working at Cowan's as a server when she was 16, also her first job. She grew to love the restaurant, the family and Tom. So, after a long courtship, they were united in marriage in 2004. In 2010, Tom and Rachel remodeled the upstairs and made it their home making the term homemade a fact around here.

Debbie Hagedorn is a main ingredient working here all the way back with Oma and John Cowan. This was also her first job and she still continues to work for Tom and Rachel, but not without the occasional tease about her being here before Tom was even born.

Ladonna Garbs definitely adds spice to Cowan's as a long-term employee. Tom and Rachel guarantee your service to be top notch when she has the pleasure to serve you.

When Oma was diagnosed with cancer, there was a major concern about the famous homemade pies. Tom had done just about every job here, but had never baked a pie. Rachel asked to learn and very quickly Oma knew she was a natural. Rachel has now carried on the tradition of Oma and Jerry's homemade fruit and "Mile-High Pies".

It is important to Tom and Rachel to stay in downtown Washington and offer home cooked food at reasonable prices. Although there are things like free wireless internet and bar codes on the tickets, the made-from-scratch pies, specials and family recipes are still used every day.

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