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Marissa and MacKenzie Moore of Ellettsville leap into the renovated pool at A Summerhouse Inn as developers celebrated an open house Tuesday at the remodeled motel on East Third Street in Bloomington.

# Old hotel, new vibe

Summerhouse Inn welcomes visitors at former site of Best Western

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Anyone looking for a hotel room on Bloomington's east side may be pleasantly surprised by the renovation work at an old hotel.

A Summerhouse Inn has gone through renovations to remove traces of the old Best Western Inn and create a new vibe.

The three owners — Tim Henke, Doug Jones and Steve Bodi — are hoping to return the hotel to the type they remember from childhood.

"It's just a family-friendly spot," Henke said. "That's our priority."

Under the shade of a tall tree, the renovated pool area is complete with a sandbox made from an old boat and a fire pit for guests to roast marshmallows.

## Check in and check it out

A Summerhouse Inn is at 4501 E. Third St.

For more information, check the Web site at [www.asummerhouseinn.com](http://www.asummerhouseinn.com).

Jones said renovations included replacing the bedding and mattresses and deep cleaning the 40-year old property.

The adjacent Fisherman's Dock restaurant was demolished.

The new lobby has a vintage summer house feel with family pictures displayed on one wall.

"Those are pictures of us as children and with our families," Bodi said.

The hotel, with its lush, grassy areas, has been a real selling point for large groups, such as sports teams, who like to congregate.

"The grounds," Henke said. "That's really what we highlight."