

SHAWN O'DONNELL'S AMERICAN GRILL & IRISH PUB COMES TO SKAGIT VALLEY Beloved Northwest Restaurant Group Completes Purchase of The Farmhouse Restaurant, a Skagit Valley Icon

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“We are so excited to join the Skagit Community” says Shawn O’Donnell Sr., founder of the family-owned and operated restaurant group. The new restaurant is officially transitioned as of Friday, January 28th and will be the family’s fifth restaurant. The restaurant is open and currently operating as The Farmhouse Restaurant of Skagit Valley. This will be the companies’ first time taking over a fully operating, open-for-business restaurant. The Farmhouse Restaurant of Skagit Valley is a regional favorite, endeared by many as a long-time staple in the community, and with 40 years of successful operation. The restaurant was previously owned and operated by the Brazas family who have provided a smooth transition to the new ownership of the O’Donnell family.

Shawn plans to complete a soft renovation, adding Irish touches, while preserving the mementos displayed in the restaurant honoring the rich history of the Skagit Valley. The renovation plan will not disrupt daily operation. The family is excited to keep on all current, long-standing staff and to not have a pause in operation. The entire staff has been incredibly welcoming of the family and transition.

The menu will keep some Farmhouse classics and introduce several Shawn O’Donnell’s favorites; Corned Beef and Cabbage, Shepherd’s Pie, and their famous Fish and Chips. There is also a variety of specialty burgers, salads, sandwiches, and a welcoming kids’ menu.

\$10.99 Lunch Specials are offered Monday-Friday and happy hour is available every day from 3-6 PM with a wide variety of drink and food specials. The bar will be custom built in the current space of the lunch counter, representing a traditional Irish Public House feel. The bar will offer an impressive whiskey and beer selection along with updated TV displays, making it the perfect place to enjoy a game. Other events will include Tuesday night trivia, Irish music sessions and multiple private banquet rooms perfect for your next event.

Shawn's niece and long-time partner in the business, Kristen Nannery, will be running the restaurant alongside him. She is well-known in Snohomish County for her unmatched, friendly, and accommodating catering services, working with the family since 1999. Kristen and her family will be moving to Mount Vernon for the new position. It is truly a family affair with this restaurant group. Their children, Shawn Jr and Sophie Taylor work in the business, along with Shawn Jr.'s wife, Molly O'Donnell and long-time childhood friend, Chase Van Cotthem.

"Through the pandemic we've tapped into the best qualities of our Irish ancestors – adaptability, perseverance, and optimism – keeping all 4 locations afloat and are looking forward to the next adventure in the beautiful Skagit Valley." says Shawn O'Donnell Jr.

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