

**SHAWN O'DONNELL'S AMERICAN GRILL & IRISH PUB  
CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>  
Family Owned and Operated Northwest Restaurant Group Completes  
Renovations of The Farmhouse Restaurant.**

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“What a year it’s been” says Shawn O’Donnell Sr., founder of the family-owned and operated restaurant group. The family purchased The Farmhouse Restaurant in January 2022, and has recently completed renovations of their newest locations of Shawn O’Donnell’s American Grill & Irish Pubs. The restaurant will celebrate its official Grand Opening this weekend, March 3<sup>rd</sup>-March 5<sup>th</sup>. Featured specials for the Grand Opening weekend include Live Irish Music from local Irish groups (Murphy’s Lawyer and Carrigaline Irish Band), traditional Irish dishes, imported Irish draught products, an Irish Whiskey Tasting Event, Blessing of the Pub and a ribbon cutting with Mayor Boudreau on Friday at 5:30pm.

The Farmhouse Restaurant of Skagit Valley has been a regional favorite, endeared by many as a long-time staple in the community, with 40 years of successful operation. With that in mind, the family took their time in renovations, staying open throughout the process and proudly retaining all previous, long-standing staff. Prior owners, Terry and Wendy Brazas shared their thoughts, “We would like to congratulate Shawn O’Donnell for a successful first year of operation, the completion of the overhaul of the restaurant and concept, the continued employment and opportunities presented to our staff, and the vision and drive to continue the long run of success that the Farmhouse Restaurant has enjoyed. Thank you for being a good steward of the restaurant and we wish you nothing but success in the future.” The entire staff has been incredibly welcoming of the change, and an integral part of the success of the transition. Current General Manager, Teresa Roberts, remained the manager from the Farmhouse through the ownership change and has been a great partner. Teresa shared her thoughts on the renovations as, “a whirlwind of change from the rafters to the floors! Still very much a welcome home feel but with new life that has breezed through the door with O’Donnell’s”.

Renovations included a full remodel of the interior with dark wood finishes, granite countertop bar counter, updated tables and booths, banquet spaces and bathrooms. “Each day we uncovered new

challenges and projects along the way, but it's been an absolute blast" says Shawn Sr. The guests have enjoyed being part of the process as well, coming in to see the progress and continuing to come in amidst Shawn laying new tile while they enjoyed lunch a few tables away.

The menu introduces 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. While keeping some Farmhouse favorites such as the Turkey Dinner, Prime Rib, Breakfast items and Homemade Seasonal Pies.

\$11.99 Lunch Specials are offered daily, and happy hour is available every day from 3-6 PM with a wide variety of drink and food specials. The bar is custom built in the previous space of the lunch counter, representing a traditional Irish Public House feel. The bar offers an impressive whiskey and beer selection along with updated TV displays, making it the perfect place to enjoy a game. Other events will include traditional Irish Music sessions every Wednesday and Thursday at 6pm, along with extended weekend hours to 10pm.

Shawn's niece and long-time partner in the business, Kristen Nannery, has been running the restaurant alongside him. Kristen and her family moved to Mount Vernon for the position and have been settling in nicely. Kristen has become active in the community through the Chamber of Commerce and various activities with her family. It is truly a family affair with this restaurant group. Shawn's wife, Tina, 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.

"We are proud to welcome the community in to see the impressive changes. Like so many things in life, a perfectly poured pint of Guinness in a proper pub is worth the wait." says Shawn O'Donnell Jr.

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