

More than seven years ago we began a journey without having any idea of the route or destination. We wanted to run our own business, and the opportunity presented itself in Old Town Cafe. Tammie Couch, her employees that remained, and the community, took a chance on two 22 year old kids and entrusted us with the cafe. We've been so fortunate to have incredible employees and customers alike. We've forged friendships with our neighbors and watched families grow. It's been a massively rewarding experience and we've learned so much about the industry, the community, and ourselves.

We are incredibly proud of the reputation for quality and consistency that our customers have come to expect from us. When we took over in 2014 we wanted to be a place that people of all walks of life could rely on for a tasty meal at a reasonable price in a welcoming atmosphere, and based on your feedback we feel we have achieved that goal. However, one lesson we learned is that quality, consistency, and dependability comes at a cost. Anyone who has worked in this industry can tell you, there is no such thing as a short day in a restaurant.

With that in mind, we decided to officially list the cafe for sale in February of 2020. Little did we know at the time, but Covid was going to make selling the cafe a lot more difficult than it already would've been. Thanks to you (our customers) we were able to survive despite the countless other restaurants around the state and country not faring as well. Having said that, the pandemic did force us to look at our lives and evaluate what is important. In what one could call an increased awareness of the marching on of time, our priorities have changed dramatically from when we were 22. Given that restructuring, much like we seized the opportunity to get into this business, we are seizing an opportunity to exit.

On April 30, 2021 we closed a deal to sell 8 S Main Street. Unfortunately, this sale is only for the real estate and some equipment, but not for Old Town Cafe. Initially we had little interest in only selling the property, but in the end we decided this was the right move at this point in our lives. This was, hands down, the most difficult decision we've ever made. There were countless hours of conversation with each other and close confidants, and thinking of the hearts we would inevitably break. However, part of the deal was the opportunity for all of us to get some closure by giving us one last summer; we're thinking of it as one last ride. Old Town Cafe will continue to operate until October 3rd, 2021 before it closes down and makes way for what's next.

We want to thank every one of you for your support over the years. This has truly been one of the most meaningful experiences of our lives. We know there may be sadness and disappointment - we understand. Change is (and always will be) hard. We know the importance of Old Town to the community. Olivia has worked here for almost half of her life. It was her first job just as it has been for many of our employees over the years. Trust that this decision was not made lightly. Hopefully these final months will give everyone the chance to enjoy their favorite Old Town dish several more times. And who knows, maybe someday, you will find Old Town soups or treats at the farmer's market. Until then, we hope you remember us as fondly as we will remember you.

With love,
Olivia & Jacob