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Irwin's Taco and Tequila Restaurant Gato Expands Downtown Revitalization

GREENSBURG (March 6) – Residents of Irwin should prepare themselves for a new flavor in town. Gato, a new taco centric restaurant located at 207 Main Street plans to open its doors later this month, continuing the small business growth in the area.

The three story structure, built in the 1900's originally provided fine dining and overnight accommodations. In more recent times, it became a nuisance property to the downtown Irwin area, promoting disinvestment. Aligning with their mission, the Westmoreland County Land Bank purchased the structure from Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau to address the blight and re-position the building for a productive re-use. The property since sold to a developer in 2017, undergoing significant improvements. Five spacious residential apartments have already been successfully constructed and leased, leaving the retail space on the first floor – Gato's new home.

The eatery will be serving up a variety of nachos and specialty tacos, providing a fresh take on traditional Mexican street fair. Patrons can also expect a wide variety of tequila to sip on while admiring the eccentric atmosphere.

Businessman David Caruso, who owns Burgher Burgher on Fourth Street and dO wood-fired, featuring pizza, on Fifth Street, is excited to expand his presence in Irwin with the new venture. "Gato will bring something exciting to the area, our vision was to provide something unique, yet popular to restaurant goers. We look forward to opening our doors in the near future."

According to Irwin Borough Manager, Shari Martino, "The growth of small business within downtown Irwin has been a plus for economic development. She continues, "Gato is joining the many establishments that will continue to spark life into our beloved community."

Gato has not set an official grand opening date, but will begin to open its doors mid-March.

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