



Tommy Wachter

Chef

Wachter came to The Rawls in 2023 as a chef with more than 22 years of experience. Prior to moving to Enterprise, he was the Chef de Cuisine / General Manager of Emeril's Coastal in Destin, Fla., for Emeril Lagasse.

During his extensive career, he has worked in some iconic restaurants. In addition to working for Lagasse in Destin and Orlando, he also worked at Fahrenheit in Cleveland, Ohio for Rocco Whalen. Chef Whalen is known for his Asian fusion dishes. Wachter is inspired by both Asian fusion and rich creole food, and the techniques involved to accomplish those flavors.

The Youngsville, Penn., native's passion for cooking started at a young age growing up near Amish country with fresh baked goods, breads, and jams. He started working for a family-owned bar and grill at 16 where he learned the basics of kitchen work, which inspired him to become a chef.