

GRAIN

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The shop’s most popular item, Morris said, is probably their swings. “Both of us believe that a person should get what they paid for,” he said. “And we try our best to make things out of the best quality wood. We handpick it at the stores. We don’t cheap out on the screws or anything like that. We try to get everything coated to withstand the outdoor weather, which is not always the cheapest. Tyler’s taken on the job of sealing the finished pieces, and we put three coats of sealer on just to make sure that it will stand up to the weather. It’s just nice to know that people are going to have a product that is going to last, and they’re going to spread the word for us and that’s what has happened.”

In addition to swings, the pair offers items as small as cutting boards, onion and potato boxes and trash cans, to a variety of swing options, pergolas, what children refer to as “lifeguard” chairs, according to Morris, and they even tackle custom projects and the job of refinishing pieces for clients, too.

“The most popular swing style would be the Adiron-dack-style. We just can’t keep them made up enough for the demand. It’s just crazy to know that people are buying them like that. They take a little longer to make because they have the fan back. But when Tyler has burned them, they’re gone the next week,” Morris said.

Harris said that he enjoys the job because he gets to try new things and be creative with his work. He recently began trying out a technique inspired by the Japanese “shou sugi ban,” a traditional Japanese wood preservation method involving purposely charring clean wood to create a more textured-looking surface on the wood, according to



Dennis Morris’ dog, Luna, relaxes in front of a pub-style table and chairs with a Shou sugi ban wood preservation technique, a traditional Japanese method of preserving wood by charring its surface with fire, on Thursday at 8501 Kentucky 144 in Philpot.

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thespruce.com. “When the technique is executed correctly, it offers practical advantages,” stated the website.

Harris said that he was “just having fun with fire.” “I burned a little test piece and it looked cool, so I talked to Dennis about trying to use the technique on a swing and see how it looks,” he explained. “It looked awesome, and we had it our on display for not even a week and someone came out and bought it. We started doing it on other pieces, chairs, the potato and onion boxes and cutting boards.”

People seem to really enjoy the look of those pieces, Harris said.

And the prices? Both Morris and Harris feel that, for the quality of the products provided, the prices are more than reasonable.

“Prices can range anywhere from \$200 to \$300 for a swing, depending on the specifications. We’ve had people come out and say that they were looking at swings online and the prices were almost double what we sell them. And you’re not getting the same quality that we provide,” Morris said.

“And a lot of times, those swings come in a box that you have to put together,” Harris added. “I believe that you shouldn’t be able to walk out of a store carrying your

swing in a box.”

Morris explained that all of the joints on the pieces are both screwed together and glued together. He said that this technique provides the finished products with more stability.

“But that also makes it more difficult for us to bring some of our larger pieces to craft shows,” he said. “We have a lot of people at the shows ask if items can be dismantled to fit into a car, and we just can’t because it takes away from the stability of the product.”

The duo said that they usually have a booth at the Owensboro Convention Center’s annual craft show, Kraftucky, along with setting up at a variety of local festivals and events such as the Pickle and Strawberry Festivals held at the Cottage Farm Stand on Highway 56 on the outskirts of Owensboro.

Harris said that one of the most fulfilling projects that they do is refinishing pieces.

“The work can be really fulfilling and provide a sense of accomplishment, especially when we are refinishing a project. It’s cool when it’s something that the person hasn’t seen look brand new or close to new in years. When they see the piece refinished, it’s

awesome. We just finished redoing a chest for someone, and it was in really rough shape, but we got it fixed up and it looked brand new. They absolutely loved it and said the finished project exceeded their expectations, which is always a nice compliment,” he said.

But the duo both agree that painting their finished products is something they enjoy doing.

“I will paint things if I have to,” Morris said. “But neither of us likes covering up the look of the wood.”

Harris added that he’s even built custom concealment tables, tables with hidden compartments to store firearms, flashlights or other items that need to be hidden, for buyers.

“I wanted to keep one for myself,” he laughed. “I have pictures on it that I saved, and I wish we had it here. I made two different styles, one with a fingerprint scanner, where the top slide back, and another style with a card scanner, where the entire drawer slid out. It was awesome.”

Morris Finishing Touches is located at 8501 Kentucky Highway 144. More information about the products offered by the due can be found by following the Morris Finishing

Touches Facebook page, by visiting the website, morrisfinishingtouches.com or by calling 270-302-5748.

“We’re here all the time, but if you don’t see us around and want to purchase something or ask questions, just give the phone number a call and I’ll try to be available,” Morris said.

**Estate Sale
Thoroughbred Crossings**

2417 Triple Crown Way
Owensboro, KY 42301

Thursday, July 24, 9am - 4pm
Friday, July 25, 9am - 4pm
Saturday, July 26, 9am - 3pm

This beautifully decorated home is full of traditional furniture in current styles. Items include Maytag washer & dryer set (2019), iron dinette set, occasional chairs, black reeded leg console, iron and wooden end tables, glass top coffee table, area rugs, framed art, mirrors, hanging tapestry, iron queen size bed, rattan tables, maple dresser, decorative lamps, dark pine queen bedroom suite, linen cabinet, mahogany tea cart, painted trunk, patio table and chairs, outdoor tea cart, tool chest, hand tools, Rubbermaid storage cabinets, antique kitchen clock, costume, sterling, and gold jewelry, Bose radio, Hallmark ornaments and holiday decor, sewing machine and supplies, kitchenware, cds and dvds, reproduction pie safe, 2013 Toyota Prius w/36,724 miles (4-door), vintage Boy Scout manuals, vintage local phone books, local advertising calendars, fans, Gabe’s Restaurant menu (signed by Gabe) and so much more. Check out Estatesales.org to view photos of many of the items that will be in this sale.

Cash or check with proper ID, 3% fee will be added to credit/debit card purchases. We also accept Venmo. All sales are final. No returns or refunds. KY sales tax of 6% will be added unless buyer presents a resale exemption certificate. All items purchased are as-is. We are not responsible for accidents.

YOU MUST bring help to move large items as we DO NOT have staff to assist. All items must be removed on Saturday by 3pm. Please bring boxes and paper to pack your items. Call Donna at 270-903-7859 with questions.

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP # 4438
DATA CENTER REFRESH

The City of Owensboro (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to refresh the enterprise network’s primary and secondary data centers. This refresh includes the network infrastructure, structured and non-structured networkable storage, and processing for the virtual environment. Specifications for the above are on file and may be downloaded from the City’s online Bonfire portal at <https://owensboro.bonfire-hub.com>. Proposals must be submitted through the Bonfire portal on or before 5:00 P.M. prevailing local time on Friday, August 22, 2025.

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Kalyn Fox
Purchasing Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

RFB # 4437
SIDE ARM REFUSE TRUCKS

The City of Owensboro (City) is seeking a reputable vendor to supply three (3) side arm refuse trucks for the Sanitation Department, per bid specifications.

Specifications for the above are on file and may be downloaded from the City’s online Bonfire portal at <https://owensboro.bonfire-hub.com>. Bids must be submitted through the Bonfire portal on or before 2:00 P.M. prevailing local time on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting. The Team meeting link can be found on the Bonfire portal.

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EAST

CROSS CREEK TRAIL, 3939
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH; 7AM-?
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH; 7AM-?

Pictures on Facebook

ASBURY PLACE, 2823
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH 8-2

Moving Sale - Household items, tools, lots of fishing equipment, old and new.

FARMINGTON COURT, 4107
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

TONS of boutique and name-brand clothing. Men’s and woman’s, Lululemon, Patagonia ,gym shorts, Ugg, Free People, Anthropologie, American Eagle, Victoria Secret, @ Pink. Purses, retro dining set, home-decor, kitchen items, books, glass-cookbooks, skincare, @ makeup. Teacher items, @ so much more.

HILLBROOKE PARKWAY, 2400
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH; 7AM-12PM
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH; 7AM-12PM

GARAGE SALE! Kids Clothes & Toys and Lots Lots More!

SOUTH

DIXIANA DRIVE, 747
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH, 8AM-4PM
SATURDAY, JULY 26TH, 8AM-4PM
SUNDAY, JULY 27TH, 12PM-4PM

DO NOT MISS THIS ESTATE/ MOVING SALE if you enjoy a wide variety of interesting and well-cared-for items. Start with the unusual items such as Troy-Bilt snowblower (used twice), Troy-Bilt lawnmower, lovely Tom Blue corner cabinet, two-cushion, neutral colored sofa, China cabinet, dining table with leaf and 6 chairs, pair of oak swivel bar stools, Whirlpool refrigerator, Waterford candlesticks and champagne/ sherbets, room full of craft and needlework and quilting items, Brother sewing machine, men’s bicycle, exercise equipment, Logitech wireless keyboard, marble-top credenza, Bombay credenza, old wooden ladders, birdbath, fantastic blue primitive trunk/ toolbox, Christmas decorations, set of Christmas dishes, Haviland Blue Garland China, Vizio TV, recliner, tools (some old), Beverly Hills country club luggage, Biaggi carry on’s, bridge bidding box, boards, electric pole saw (used once), outdoor awning swing, carnival glass, fishing rods, and lures, games, Oh ohooga horn for Model A, Bella Cook triple slow cooker and server, guitar, New Charbroil grill, So much More!!!

“COME BY AND “BUY” A portion of the proceeds is donated to area animals through Spay-a-Stray!

WEST

MARTIN WAY, 122
SATURDAY 7AM-1PM

Huge Home Moving Sale! Commercial Equipment: AvaMix Wall Mount Drink Mixer, Waring 2QT Ice Cream Maker, 35lb Countertop Deep Fryer, 36” Gas Griddle, 12”w gas charbroiler; Flashforge Pro 3D Printer, cornhole boards & bags Power tools, random electronics, small appliances, bakeware, Home/Wall Decor, board games, NordicTrack Commercial x11i Treadmill, Inversion Table, exercise equipment, 7ft Christmas tree, Christmas ornaments & decor. Clothes & Shoes for women, men, young men & girls sizes 6/7-14, handbags & so much More!

GRIFFITH AVENUE, 2333
SATURDAY 7AM - 12PM

Tons of toys, girls size 10/12, women’s plus size, household items.

WEST 4TH STREET, 821
4TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY 8AM-12PM
SATURDAY 8AM-12PM

YARD SALE in the back building. Assorted Items. We Are Cleaning House!

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