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WOOD YOU BELIEVE IT'S LOCAL?



THE PLACE: The Nichols family has been handcrafting solid wood furniture locally since 1989. Every piece of wood furniture at their **DJ's Handcrafted Solid Wood Furniture Inc.** showrooms in Hanover and Wroxeter is manufactured and finished at the shop in Wroxeter. DJ's is a family endeavour; Dave and Sue Nichols' three children, Rebecca, Tanya and Dave Jr., are an integral part of the team. Tanya and Rebecca are the familiar faces in the retail showrooms, while Dave Jr. works diligently in the shop. "Dave's passion for woodworking and Sue's inspiration and love of home décor is a passion shared by the whole family," says Rebecca. The family's joint creativity certainly has proven to be a dynamite combination.

THE STYLE: Solid wood furniture isn't the only thing waiting to be revealed in the recently renovated showrooms. Both locations carry a wide variety of bedding styles to suit many tastes, along with unique home décor gems nestled amongst the furniture pieces. "We have all your home furniture needs: bedroom, living room, entertainment units, dining furniture, kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities and all types of custom work," explains Rebecca. The showrooms feature a combination of modern and traditional styles, with a little DJ's handcrafted personal flair thrown into the mix.



Tanya and Rebecca Nichols



WHAT'S HOT: Sparking interest this winter is "driftwood," the newest water-based finish, as well as their rough-sawn texture style. DJ's Furniture is also featuring more than nine different styles of bedroom furniture sets this season. "The rough-cut dining set and sideboard are also everyone's 'go-to' item this year," adds Rebecca.

FAVOURITES: Harking back to the company's roots, the first two collections ever offered by DJ's – the Country Lane and Montana Bedroom collections – remain stylish and favoured items with customers. "All of our other styles were originally based off those two collections," says Rebecca. The furniture possesses a unique timeless quality, staying fresh and popular more than 20 years after it was initially designed.

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