



NATURE'S FINEST



STORY **TAMARISK MCNALT** STEPHENS
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THE PLACE: At the top of a rural lane just south of the lights at Rockford, a century old barn houses a showroom brimming with quality, solid wood furniture and country and modern-inspired home décor, lighting and accessories. **Country Charm** has been a go-to destination for handcrafted wood furniture since 1996, when they renovated a historic shed on the property and opened their doors to the public. Quick growth required more square footage and the retail area was moved into the renovated barn in 1999. Recently, they've expanded again and returned to their roots with the reopening of the original building, which is now home to a specialized display of one-of-a-kind live-edge pieces.

THE STYLE: Every piece is constructed by skilled craftspeople with the highest attention to quality, built to last a lifetime and authenticated by their lifetime guarantee. There is a wide variety of wood, materials and finishes available to offer complete control and customization of your design. Whether you prefer clean cut and modern lines or more traditional forms and details, the possibilities are bound only by imagination.

THE GOODS: Specializing in live-edge furniture means every piece has a story. Owner Wayne Datema's passion for these unique pieces of timber is evident – from a desk comprised of a slice of walnut in



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its natural and organic shape showcasing its triple heart, to a burl maple coffee table with the gorgeous swirly-graining and contrasting colouration, to a live-edge table top boasting 54 inches in width with a rare and stunning display of bird's-eye maple. Country Charm prides itself on transforming these remarkable finds into functional pieces so you can experience the beauty of the natural world in the comfort of your own home.

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