

# Small Business Spotlight

| The Black Crow Trading Company – Oswego, Kansas

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The Black Crow Trading Company in downtown Oswego, Kansas is a true story of community commitment and the road to entrepreneurship. The flea market and boutique was opened in 2019 by Tammy and Josh Dickerson who completely remodeled the building located at 518 Commercial Street from a bakery to a retail store.

“We are Junkers at heart and have always loved going to flea markets so it kind of made sense for us to open one,” Tammy Dickerson said.

After establishing the business, Tammy had a desire to return to her career in education and listed the business for sale. A buyer came forward quickly. Courtney Owens is a long-time Oswego resident with a desire to pursue entrepreneurship as a way to provide more flexibility for her growing family. She and her husband, John, have two daughters: Emma (4) and Ava (1 ½).

“It was truly a right time, right place kind of thing,” Owens said. “Someone mentioned to me that the store was for sale and everything just fell into place quickly.”

The Black Crow Trading company offers antiques, home décor, a boutique, jewelry, vintage items and is home to Jean Marie’s Boutique.

“Most of our vendors are local, and there is truly something here for everyone,” Owens said.

Owens hopes that customers will feel welcomed and will leave her store with a desire to return over and over again.

“Oswego is such a welcoming town. The business community has welcomed us as new business owners and I want to pass that experience on to our customers,” she said.

Owens expressed appreciation to the previous owners for all of support through the transition. The Dickerson’s also shared their hope for success for Courtney.

“We are beyond excited that Courtney was able to purchase the store. She is going to do great and we wish her all the success in the world,” Tammy Dickerson said. “We know she is the perfect person to take over.”

Black Crow Trading Company is open Tuesday-Sunday 9am-6pm.