

Cafe in the morning

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Jeff High students are benefitting from new JHS PRIDE Cafe

When walking the JHS halls in the morning, there's a sense of grogginess among the students, and even some teachers. There has been desire to resolve the problem with a cafe shop at Jeff for quite some time now.

On Nov. 18, that dream became a reality.

Jeff's new cafe, which is located on the right-hand side of the Pride Store, is known as the Pride Cafe. The cafe will be selling cups of coffee, and hot chocolate with marshmallows, for \$1 per cup on Fridays from 7:10 - 7:45 a.m.

Inside the store, there are three coffee makers, and four flavors to choose from: hazelnut, caramel, pumpkin spice, french vanilla. The Pride Cafe is also having a holiday special in December, so students will have the chance to get peppermint flavored coffee as a choice to choose from.



photo by Evan Garcia

Social studies teacher Steve Cooley, who was a major help in making the cafe a possibility, was in charge of getting the Pride Cafe ready the day before the grand opening. Cooley was excited about the opening, and equally excited for the students to enjoy the cafe for themselves.

"Hopefully we will have a line of kids out there waiting to get in," Cooley said.

Inside the Cafe

The cafe is a PBIS (Protective Behavioral Intervention and Supports) rewards fundraiser. So when students buy a cup of coffee, the money earned will go towards rewards and prizes that JHS will then give back out to students who win them. Some of these prizes include gift cards, trips during school days, and more.

"What we're trying to do is find a way to generate a revenue stream to pay back the kids," Cooley said.

So how did the idea of the Pride Cafe become a reality? According to Cooley, a student-teacher at another school had a Keurig in the classroom, and would reward her students with coffee for good behavior.

That, along with cooling weather, is what prompted JHS staff to implement a



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TOP: Sophomore Haylee Hedrick takes orders from students at the opening of the Pride Cafe.

BOTTOM: Students line up outside of the Pride Cafe, which is located right next door to the Pride store.

cafe at the school.

The expectations for the cafe is that students at Jeff High will enjoy a nice cup of coffee or hot chocolate in the morning to feel more awake, while also being responsible with it and throwing their trash away once they're done.

"We want to encourage our kids (students) to be smart with the coffee," Cooley said.

There has been talk among staff of a lounge being the next step for the cafe so students can go in, relax and watch some television while enjoying a nice cup of

coffee. The Pride Cafe could be the start of a Pride Lounge, potentially becoming the next addition to the many improvements added to JHS recently.

As Cooley wished, the opening of the cafe was a hit, with roughly 60 students waiting in line to get their cup of coffee and hot chocolate.

Unfortunately the cafe was forced to close before everyone could get a cup due to the overwhelming response.

If the Pride Cafe continues with the success it has shown, it could become a well-known tradition at Jeff High.

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A Lost Christmas Angel

The holidays are supposed to be full of joy and cheer. For senior Emanda Gibson, the holiday season is one of the toughest times of the year

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Few things on this earth bring people together more than the holiday season.

For a majority, this means the celebration of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year -- the holy trinity.

A typical American might spend November and December eating ridiculous amounts of turkey and ham, celebrating glorious gifts we receive from that odd aunt we've never met, and going sledding on every slanted surface in town.

But for some, the holidays aren't so magical.

Imagine sitting around the Thanksgiving table with your close family, quietly eating the dry turkey your grandmother makes every year. Everyone is silent, only the noise of forks on plates and loud, open-mouthed chewers break through the stagnant air, making a sallow symphony rhythm.

Everyone watches the empty seat at the head of the table, and notice the empty place setting set down before it.

Imagine waking up on Christmas morning to melancholy faces, and disastrously wrapped presents.

'Dad tried his best' you whisper to your little brother, trying to keep a half-smile on your face. You should be smiling, but you just want Christmas to be over.

This is what the holidays are like for Jeff High senior Emanda Gibson.

This past August, Emandas' mother, Donna, passed due to heart complica-

tions. She was 48 years old.

"My mom had been sick for a long time, but I was still shocked when she passed," Emanda said.

Emanda's mother had struggled for years with a heart condition, and was frequently in and out of the hospital. Despite these issues, she always managed to be home for the holidays.

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- Emanda Gibson, senior

brought out the best in her always," Gibson said.

In the Gibson household, it's a tradition that Emanda and her mom wear matching pajamas the night before Christmas. But this year, that tradition might end because "Christmas pajamas remind me too much of her."

Emanda's father, Mike, and older brother, Josh, didn't share the same passion for the holidays as she and her mother did.

"We weren't going to put up a Christmas tree or even go to Thanksgiving this year, but I knew she'd be upset if we didn't," Emanda said.



As a child, senior Emanda Gibson (left) loved spending time with her mother, Donna. submitted photo

Emanda describes her mom as being "radical about Christmas."

"She always loved putting up decorations as soon as she could. My mom was always bright and happy, but Christmas time

Despite attempts by her father to help bring the family close, Gibson gave a one word response to how her holiday season will feel this winter: "Lonely."

For Emanda, the holidays will never be the same again.

This time of year, students are often occupied with what's under the tree for them. They beg their parents for gifts they desperately want, excitedly hoping, even praying, that they'll be there waiting for them to open on Christmas morning.

But what would Christmas be like for you, without that special person in your life?

In a time with bright-colored commercials begging parents to buy this year's "it" toy, Gibson urges everyone to look past the commercialization of this time of year, and focus on what truly matters: spending time with those you love.

"I hope everyone appreciates their parents, their grandparents, whoever takes care of them," Gibson said. "Love them and be thankful for them, while you can."

Staff Editorial

The city of Jeffersonville has some of the richest tradition in all of Indiana high school basketball history: two state titles between boys and girls, former professional players, fans that rarely miss a game and a gym that's full of historically great games.

Every Friday night, there was hardly ever an open seat in sight within William S. Johnson Arena. If you got there within 30 minutes of tip off, you'd be forced to sit in the nosebleeds. Now, it's hard to find a bad seat in the gym with at least 50-percent of the seats unoccupied.

Red Devil basketball is something that people used to take huge pride in.

All of that seemed to end after the last star player, Darryl Baker, graduated four years ago in 2013. Head coach Chad Gilbert accepted the athletic director position at Charlestown High School and a team that consisted of three all-conference players ended up barely reaching .500 for their overall record.

In 2015, Joe Luce was hired to take the reigns over. After inheriting a roster full of seniors, Luce went 19-13 in his first season.

"I wouldn't have taken the job if I didn't think Jeff could win a state championship again," Luce told *The Hyphen* in 2015.

But more importantly, Luce has shown the passion to revive the once-powerhouse program. This season, the unranked Red Devils opened the season with a win over the seventh-ranked Southport Cardinals in front of a crowd that barely filled up the bottom section of the gym.

The Lady Devils are having a fantastic season. After playing an extremely tough schedule to kick-off the year, they have already posted a win over Bedford North Lawrence, their first win over the Lady Stars since the 2010-11 season -- the same year Jeff won the state championship.

Again, the gym for that game had more open seats than filled ones.

This year officially marks the beginning of a new era of Red Devil basketball. Both teams are succeeding with young talent who show nothing but pride in putting on a Jeffersonville uniform.

They deserve a sold out gym or even 75-percent capacity, but will the fans return?