

Kings Coffee Shop offering more than just coffee, Owner offering place for youth to hang out, family fun

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Walking into Kings Coffee Shop in Sellersburg you are immediately greeted by a smile and a friendly hello. The atmosphere in the new business is hospitable and even homey.

"I have always liked coffee and love this type of atmosphere. I just love the atmosphere. Coffee is real popular, my kids are here (in Sellersburg). I knew it was a big risk but Sellersburg doesn't have anything here like this," stated Kings Coffee Shop owner John King after being asked why a coffee shop.

King is living his life-long dream of owning his own business. He recently gave up his supervisor's position at a local manufacturing company to pursue his dream. He has always dared to dream of opening his own place and after a recent visit to Colorado knew he wanted to own his own coffee shop.

The coffee shop offers so much more than just coffee. The menu board is filled with many varieties of coffee, lattes, espresso, milkshakes, Chai tea and even sugar-free flavors including vanilla, caramel and chocolate.

King wants the business to be more than just a coffee shop. He wants it to be a place the local youth can come and hang out and be comfortable. He is organizing events on Friday and Saturday nights when Kings Coffee Shop is staying open until 11 p.m.

"This Friday (August 31) will be the first Family Movie Night. We will show Toy Story 3. Then on Saturday (September 1) we will have live entertainment with local talent offering a variety of music," King stated. "I am just trying to have a place where teens can go."

Although this weekend will be the first Family Movie Night, Kings Coffee Shop has already hosted a successful Karaoke Night and Game Night.

King plans to have some type of event every Friday and Saturday night.

"I don't have a set schedule now but it will be karaoke, movies or games or both. We will have something going every Friday and Saturday night. We always have board games and video games. They can just come in and grab a game off the shelf and play," King added.

King continued, "I want to challenge the older generation and parents to come support local business and see where their kids hang out."

Kings Coffee Shop, which opened in late June, offers 17 flavors of coffee, hand-dipped milkshakes with chocolate, white chocolate and caramel being the most popular flavors. Some of the other more popular flavors include hazelnut, mint, amaretto, butterscotch, pumpkin spice, brown sugar cinnamon, tiramisu and Irish cream. The coffee is fresh roasted from Hobknob in Floyd Knobs.

You can even add breakfast, lunch or a snack to your favorite beverage. Kings Coffee Shop offers biscuits and gravy and breakfast sandwiches for the morning meal plus ham and cheese subs, barbecue sandwiches and pepperoni rolls from Great Harvest Bread Company for lunch and dinner options.

"We really have something for everyone," stated Cody King, the oldest son of John.

Cody and his siblings, Catie and Conner, have worked to help launch the new business, along with many of their friends, Robert, Jenna, Josh, Adi, Kelsey and Sean.

Kings Coffee Shop is open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Kings Coffee Shop is located at 406 Popp Avenue in Sellersburg.

King is offering a 20 percent discount to students, teachers and faculty and emergency personnel including fire, police and EMS.

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For the always on the go coffee lover, Kings Coffee Shop also offers a drive thru.

The walls of the coffee shop are decorated with local art and photography. King feels he can help the local students promote their talent and allows the students to display their photography and artwork for sale.

King is very appreciative of the support he has received from his regular customers and the other local small business owners.

The barber next to the coffee shop has been one of King's biggest supporters.

"Archie has been great. He brings in his customers and tells them how great it is. He has even bought something for them. And, then they (the customers) come back in after that. Archie has been one of our biggest supporters, Archie and his son Gus," King added.

King concluded, "I hope they will support local business. There is only one way to keep us here and that is to support us."

For more information on Kings Coffee Shop or to stay up to date with the events offered on Friday and Saturday evenings, like them on Facebook or call 812-748-9448.