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nutritional foods, unique gifts to go with your caffeine fix



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- ▶ Left: Kobrick's Manager Ann Witsken whips up a coffee drink during a recent busy lunchtime.
- ▶ Above: Customer LeaAnn Rose chose to create her own salad from the restaurant's salad bar.
- ▶ Below left: Barista Jackie Morrow brews a fresh pot of one of the daily coffee blends.
- ▶ Below right: Daily specials include a main entree and a vegetable and starch as side dishes.

Kobricks Coffee

- ▶ 40 W. Fourth Centre, (corner of Fourth and Ludlow streets)
- ▶ (937) 208-9881, or 208-4800 for specials
- ▶ Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ▶ Closed weekends and holidays

LeaAnn Rose was also part of the lunch crowd. "We just discovered this place three days ago, and we've come here three days in a row," she said of a group of state employees seated at a long table. "I've got a salad today; yesterday I had a pizza. The food is very good and very reasonably priced and a good value."

"Premier Health Partners definitely

wanted to improve employee satisfaction down here," Witsken said, referring to Premier's downtown workers. "And we love our outside customers, also."

That attitude is mutual, judging by the big lunchtime crowds the provider of gourmet coffees, food and atmosphere is attracting.

"Our marketing plan is to make every customer as satisfied as possible," Witsken continued, "and we are accomplishing that with a quality product and friendly service. I know we're attracting a lot of customers from outside, because in the cold weather we had a lot of people wearing coats."

"We offer a nice, clean dining experience with really premium ingredients, and we serve them with a smile. When you're here you won't feel like you're in a cafeteria."

Indeed, customers might feel like they're in a photo gallery. Large, color photographic prints grace the shop's walls, featuring

misty scenes of coffee plantations in Central America and interesting views of other coffee-theme subjects. They are the accomplished work of a photojournalist member of the Kobrick family.

Offerings at Kobricks include espresso beverages, blended fruit drinks, fresh sandwiches, grilled paninis, gourmet pizzas, a salad bar, hot entrees and a grab-and-go area. The \$5 lunch special is the priciest food item. All menu prices include sales tax, to takeout order prices will be less.

A gift shop with cards, gifts and fresh flowers is also located in the coffee shop. Call (937) 208-4800 for daily specials.

