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The enthusiasm is palpable at 509 Broadway, the address and name of Imperial's newest clothing store and coffee house. Owners Tiffany Reeves and Jacci Brown brim over with ideas and excitement as their opening nears.

509 Broadway offers a wide selection of womens' boutique clothing, from filmy blouses to jeans with bling to warm sweaters and dreamy dresses.

You can find a purse the size of a suitcase or a petite little thing. Jewelry, scarves and Corral boots are also sold.

Want to feel pampered? Scented candles, bubble bath, lotion and solid perfumes are available. In addition, the line of Ariat boots for men, including work boots, can be ordered.

Part of the decor is also for sale, including decorations made by the owners and others with ties to Imperial. Fine rugs can be ordered.

While you're contemplating your purchase, you may want to sit at one of the four unique tables near the coffee bar, manned by barista Laura Terryberry.

Coffees, teas, cappuccinos, lattes, iced coffee and tea, hot chocolate and sodas are the drinks of choice, paired with doughnuts, pastries, bagels and muffins for a morning or afternoon break.

Coffee beans will also be for sale and may be ground on site.

Interestingly enough, both owners worked at the former Cooper Dry Goods at 509 Broadway when they were in high school. Reeves said she actually worked there longer than that.

In addition to Terryberry, Stephanie Rau will be in charge of clothing at the store, and several high school students will be hired.

Opening

509 Broadway will be open to the public this Friday from 5:09 p.m. until it closes. It will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular hours will be 7 a.m. to 5:09 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.