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Jimmy John's Wednesday

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Title: Jimmy John’s Wednesday
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Informant: Hailey Allen is a senior at USU studying History Education. She used to be a music therapy major until she switched majors about two years ago. She is still heavily involved in the music program, however, and she and I met through mutual participation in the Aggie Marching Band. She is a tuba player. Hailey is from Boise, Idaho. She is an enthusiastic and energetic individual, and she is a lot of fun to spend time with. She is a big fan of the musical Hamilton, and she loves to make people laugh.

Context: Hailey commented on a Facebook post of mine where I asked people to share various food related tradition that they had. Later, I directly messaged Hailey through Facebook messenger to ask her more about the tradition that she labeled “Jimmy John’s Wednesday.” This was a tradition that Hailey started while she was working two jobs in the summer of 2016. On Wednesday days she would only work one of them, so she would go eat at Jimmy John’s off of main street in Logan on her day off to celebrate. She started this tradition on her own, but there were times that she invited others to join her. She continues to do it at the time of this submission, and she still sits at the same table by the window.

Text: Hailey responded with the usual enthusiasm that she does when she is talking about anything. She was excited to answer my questions, even if she didn’t have a ton to say. We’ve never talked a lot through electronic means, so I think that may have inhibited some of her usual humor. Oftentimes she will joke or get off topic a lot more, but I think the fact that we were having what felt like a more formal “interview” through a means that we don’t usually communicate made it seem a little stiff.

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