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WorkBC has moved

The WorkBC Barriere employment office has moved into the Barriere Centre Mall (next door to IDA Pharmacy) as of June 3. Services are now provided by Free Rein Associates Limited and Yellowhead Community Services. Pictured (l-r): Sub-contractor Christine Proulx of Free Rein Associates Limited, and administrative assistant Sherry Siquin packing in file boxes last Monday. The office is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gift 'N Gab Trading Post brings new business to Barriere

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There's a new store in Barriere - the Gift 'N Gab Trading Post. It is located in the log building at the north end of Barriere Town Road, right on the corner of the Yellowhead Highway.

Gift 'N Gab owners, Kathie and John Heard, say they came to Barriere in July of last year from Alberta, where they had lived for many years raising their family. Once the kids were out and on their own, the Heards say decided it was time for a change. The couple say they had travelled through the North Thompson Valley several times on commutes between Vancouver and Alberta, and they liked the valley very much.

After looking at Clearwater and Barriere, they decided on Barriere as it was closer to Kamloops.

This will be their first venture as store owners. "My husband really helped a lot to get things going," Kathie said. "He's been my decorator."

The new store offers a wide array of Aboriginal arts and crafts, gift and novelty items, from moccasins to carvings, jewelry, and also salmon products. They are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., from Wednesday

to Monday (closed Tuesday). Kathie says they may eventually adjust the hours of operation as they get used to the traffic flow.

"I was nervous about moving to such a small town," explained Kathie. "I'm used to the big cities. So far though everyone has been very nice. I love it here."



(Above) Gift 'N Gab Trading Post owner Kathie Heard in front of her store situated on the North corner of Barriere Town Road and Highway 5. The store offers a variety of First Nations gift items, including art, crafts, novelties and salmon products.

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Children aged five to 15 can take advantage of fishing instruction sessions being held around the prov-

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The Learn to Fish program has been running since 2006.

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fishing gear as well as instruction on how to cast and retrieve, identify different fish species, handle fish properly and fish ethically within the regulations.

Locations and registration information for Learn to Fish courses is available at www.gofishbc.com

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. is financed by revenue from B.C. fishing licence sales.

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