

Ardie Besse looks to retirement as a chance to learn how to relax

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Ardie Besse has juggled hair appointments, community involvement, family life and more with much finesse for 51 years.

But life will take on a new look as of Friday, Jan. 24, when Besse retires her scissors.

As with everything she does, Besse's final day in business will be marked with her flair for fun and memory making.

Ruth McMurdy, Besse's first customer in 1963, will be her last client at noon on Friday as McMurdy travels from Corpus Christi, Texas, to add an extra touch to Ardie's last day.

Forty-six employees have worked for Ardie, and any who can are invited to be part of a picture with her at 4 p.m.

From 2-6 p.m. has been set aside for all members of the community to stop by her shop at 235 S. Campbell to enjoy refreshments and reminisce with the soon-to-be retiree.

A windfall phone call from Channel 9News out of Denver Monday, Jan. 20, left Besse breathless as they said they would be making the trip to Holyoke to cover her story Friday.

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