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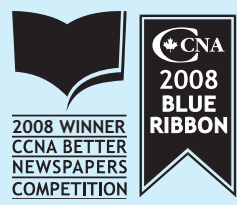
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**Tourism  
Development  
Plan approved  
for Lower  
North  
Thompson  
Valley**

*Council formed  
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**Christmas  
Parade  
Dec. 12**

*and Breakfast  
with Santa  
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**The next  
H1N1  
Vaccination  
Clinic**

**in Barriere  
will be on  
Tuesday, Nov.  
24, 1:30 p.m.  
to 7 p.m. at  
the Barriere  
Ridge School,  
and is open to  
everyone.**



## Three year resiliency study almost complete



By Jill Hayward  
North Thompson Star/Journal

Investigator Judith C. Kulig, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Lethbridge, and graduate student Ainslee Kimmel, were in the Barriere area Nov. 17 to 20, completing digital story interviews. These are the final step in a three year study that Kulig and her team have been working on for the University related to Resiliency in Rural Settlements that have Experienced Wildfires.

Kulig and her team, with on-site members of the Barriere and area community, have already compiled numerous interviews, household surveys, and held several community meetings for the public; they have also provided the community with the preliminary findings from the earlier interviews regarding the 2003 Wildfire. Over the past two years Kulig has also met with area government, service organizations and groups, health professionals, all involved with the 2003 disaster.

Specific research questions being answered are; What are the types of local social dynamics and institutional structures that contribute to resiliency in rural settlements that have experienced disasters; and how is resiliency manifested under these circumstances at an individual, household or collective level?

Now that the digital stories are completed Kulig says the next step will be analyzing all of the data collected. Once the results are available a one page flyer will be distributed in the Spring to each household in the area "with the main messages and lessons learned from the fire. A public information forum on the findings of the study will then be held later in the year."

Go to [www.ruralwildfire.ca](http://www.ruralwildfire.ca) to find out more about the study.

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(L to r) Judith C. Kulig, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Lethbridge, and graduate student Ainslee Kimmel were in the Barriere area Nov. 17 to 20, completing digital interviews with several area residents as part of a three year study.

## H1N1 vac for all

By Tom Fletcher  
Black Press

All B.C. residents are now eligible for the H1N1 influenza vaccine, and the provincial health officer is hoping that available supplies available around the province are used up as soon as possible.

Dr. Perry Kendall said last Thursday the demand for the vaccine was not as high as he expected this week after designated priority groups were expanded, so rolling

the immunization program out to the general public has taken place ahead of schedule.

"While we do not yet have enough vaccine to administer to everyone who is now eligible, given that our clinics are operating at less than full capacity, it is only fair to open it up to the rest of the population so that any and all British Columbians who want to be vaccinated can do so now," Kendall said.

"This may mean clinics run out of vac-

cine and are forced to close until additional supplies are obtained, but it is preferable to have vaccine in people's arms rather than sitting in fridges."

The vaccine is available at local public health clinics, doctors' offices, and from specially trained pharmacists in regions where clinics are not available. To find out the location of the nearest clinic or office, contact your local public health unit, doctor's office or call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1.

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Kathy Dunn (r) and Donna Kibble were happy to meet last Friday with Bert Braybrook, TELUS's regional director. Braybrook brought a cheque for \$1,000 from TELUS to assist the NT Volunteer Centre (NTVIC) in running a Youth Volunteer Recruitment Program spearheaded by Dunn. "TELUS believes in supporting community projects, especially youth. This aligns with TELUS's values," said Braybrook, "We're happy to support this program."