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The Carlisle Barracks Thrift Shop scheduled its last day of business -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1-- after 3 decades of "business" on behalf of military families.

"It brought many people and good experiences into my life," said Nancy Gibson, Thrift Shop manager since 2001.

The post salutes the hundreds of volunteers who manned the Thrift Shop through the years, raising funds for military family scholarships and donations to organizations in our neighboring community, e.g., Project SHARE and the Salvation Army.

Times have changed, and budget challenges and competition have led to the decision to close.

The Thrift Shop is a private organization authorized to operate on post, as has been the tradition at worldwide Army installations for many decades. Therefore, the decision of the Thrift Shop Board was based on its assessment of diminishing clientele and income insufficient for operating costs. Reduced use of the Thrift Shop reflects a population that relies less on the Thrift Shop than in the past and, in turn, eliminates its ability to donate funds to worthy community causes.

In the meantime -- there are only four shopping days left: Tuesday, Apr. 23, Wednesday, Apr. 24, Tuesday, Apr. 30, and Wednesday, May 1, each day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.