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Co-owners Beverly Armstrong (from left), Kim Kendrick and Amina Anderson have combined their business experience to create the pleasant atmosphere at Ahmire's at 1452 N.E. Alberta St.

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## Career Paths Join to Open Charming Shop

Ahmire's pampers the soul on Northeast Alberta

Ahmire's startles your senses from the moment you enter the charming shop on northeast Alberta. A warm aroma leads you around the colorful and Afro-inspired gift items, intended to pamper your soul.

The shop opened only five weeks ago by friends and business partners Beverly Armstrong, Amina Anderson and Kathy Kendrick. Each woman brought unique talents from side-projects and previous business opportunities to the store.

Ahmire's has already drawn large crowds on Alberta's "Last Thurs-

day" event.

"People have come in to tell us they live nearby and are coming out to support us," said Armstrong.

The cards, pillows, quilts, soap, shea butter products, candles and toys are crafted with the community in mind. Many items, such as jewelry, are made locally. Even some imports benefit charities.

The store is planning to add workshops on journaling, readings, jewelry making, massage and topics incorporating the items they sell.

"We want people to build on what's in the store, to empower themselves," said Anderson.

Ahmire's, at 1452 NE Alberta St., will have a grand opening patio event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, with door prizes, product samples, live music and special in-store offers.

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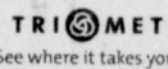
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