

Cubs Cuddlies good place for shopping

There are only four more shops left open for rent in The Old Bank building in downtown Georgetown.

One of the latest ones rented out is Cubs Cuddlies, a hand-crafts shop and supplier right on the first floor of the building.

Jointly owned by the mother-daughter team of Bernice Webster and Kim Burgoyne, the new shop features crafts by Kim and ceramics by Bernice. The work of other crafts people will also be sold by consignment.

Although the shop opened yesterday (Tuesday), they're holding the grand opening this Saturday.

A good spot for gifts, especially with the holiday season around the corner, Cubs Cuddlies features Christmas decorations and wreaths of wicker and ribbons, dough dolls and soft sculpture.

"We couldn't afford to

buy, so we always made it," Kim laughed, looking over to her mother. "This store is for people who have no time to do crafts themselves and for people who do do crafts."

For those who enjoy doing crafts, the shop will stock supplies. Bernice and Kim have already prepared a short questionnaire to help them ascertain what kind of supplies are locally needed.

The owner of Costumes and Clothing by Cub, in London, Ontario, this is Kim's second business. The London business was closed when she moved two years ago to get married.

The shop will be closed Mondays and Sundays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, it will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Christmas hours may vary.



Downtown merchants stand in front of the Old Bank building in Georgetown, during the re-opening of the building.

Canada Post mailing hints

Aunt Ida's going to love the mugs you bought her for Christmas, but will they arrive in Ireland in one piece?

Canada Post Corp. certainly hopes so and, says Georgetown letter carrier supervisor Steve Matjanec, the load of Christmas parcels flowing in and out of the post office means sorters and truckers are extra careful.

But, he adds, some of that care begins in the home of the sender.

He advises against putting small objects in large packages, and if larger boxes are used, don't spare package fillers like crumpled fillers, foam chips or plastic bubble-wrap. Parcels should be well wrapped in heavy paper and bound with tape or string.

Sending a small box in an envelope isn't advised either.

"Envelopes are simply not made for that purpose," Mr. Matjanec says. "If there are sharp edges on the box, you can almost be certain they'll puncture the envelope. You have to use commonsense."

Another thing people tend to forget, especially if they are sending objects out of the country for the first time, are customs declarations.

"There are some things which other countries will simply not accept," Mr. Matjanec says.

Canada Customs (located at 232 Guelph Street and not at the post office building) can tell you exactly what you can and cannot send and how to properly declare the items. Post office clerks can also help.

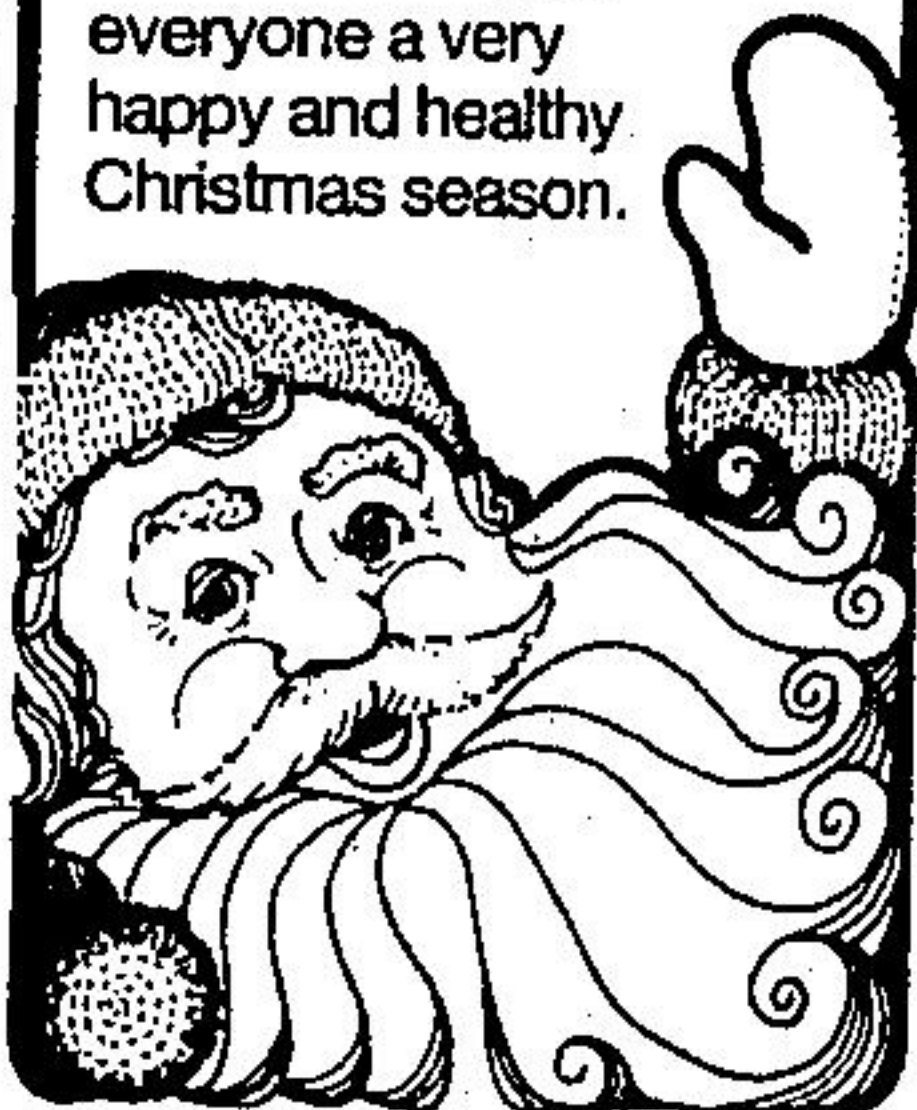
Without those declaration stickers, a package will get stalled and eventually sent back to the sender.

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