

More great news for downtown Verona! Early in the New Year we will once again have a drug store on Main Street. Pharmacist Hany Girgis will move into the south end of Doug Brown and Lloyd Lee's complex (Think Vaughan's Auto and Local Family Farms) where the Acu-Pump people now are. Minor construction will begin as soon as Acu-Pump moves out, and we will be able to fill prescriptions right here in town soon after that.

In last week's kudos to Christmas for Kids night, we left out Matt Clow, who not only sat in with the bands, but set up and tweaked the sound for the night. No mean feat that, given the interesting baffling that the décor created and the muggy, misty atmosphere – a sound man's nightmare.

What's happened to the beautiful display of Land O' Lakes Artisans Guild stuff that graced the old Three Friends building on the east side of Main Street? Guild President Georgia Ferrell says that the guild has taken its wares out of that space while the building is under renovation. Too bad. The display was a bright spot in the village. Here's hoping they can get back there soon or find an alternative.

Francine Kennedy and Evelyn Snider tell us that Sisters By Heart is hosting a very special evening on Nov. 12. Touched By an Angel will feature guest speaker Judy Skirrow, Director of the Kinston Crisis Pregnancy Centre, which covers our area through its connection with Rural Visions. Sisters By Heart is an ongoing outreach which offers an evening of sharing and community warmth to any woman in the area. In the past, their evenings have often focused on personal growth and understanding, through sharing an evening together. "This is a little different focus," says Francine. "What better way to receive than to give to a small infant?" Francine says the Crisis Pregnancy Centre's clients have an average age of 25 – much older than most people imagine. A special musical treat for that evening will feature Carolyn DeRue and Terena Grice. Nov. 12 from 7 – 9 at Verona Free Methodist Church. Refreshments served. Admission \$5. Please bring a small baby necessity to fill a cradle for donation to the Kingston Pregnancy Crisis Centre. Call 374-1232 to reserve.

Meikle Turner served as principal at Prince Charles P.S. for a number of years in the 1970's, and since his retirement, he has developed a thriving career planning and guiding travel tours. On November 8 he will give a lively travelogue of last spring's tour of England, Wales and Scotland. About 30 people spent three weeks exploring from Cornwall to the Roman remains in Bath, up to the English Lake District, Hadrian's Wall, on to Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and into the Orkneys. This is a fundraiser for the Verona and Area Heritage Society. Thurs. Nov. 8. 2 PM at Trinity United Church. \$3 Admission. Refreshments.

Don't forget Joyce Casement's craft sale this Saturday at Trinity United. 9-2. Sponsored by local crafters.