

Remember back in late November when the VCA & Revell Ford Lincoln sponsored an afternoon of free skating at the arena? Somebody lost a set of keys there. The Rural Visions folks found them in the box of food donations after the skating was over, and they passed them on to VCA president Marcel Quenneville. So if you're missing a GM key with a remote car starter and a blue "We Care" flashlight, phone Marcel at 374-1923 to claim it. Oh, and thanks for the food donation!

The Trinity Breakfast club continues to grow. Last week saw twice as many people sitting down to either a delicious bacon and egg meal with all the fixings or a tasty bagel or toast snack. 9 – 11 Saturday mornings. \$5 for breakfast. \$1 for coffee and bagel, muffin or toast.

Don't you love how some of our businesses are carrying on a kind of conversation with us through their signs? Verona Hardware, Local Family Farms and Jitterbugs all occasionally share a special message on their big letterboards, and it was the most recent one that took me into Jitterbugs: *Closed till Saturday due to storm damage*. Owner Deb Baergen told us that during the big wind last week her warehouse tent was blown completely upside down onto the top of the chip truck beside the store. Eying the scene and thinking, "Well, I guess a good neighbour would go over and help," neighbours Cindy Hamilton and Larry Moore managed to get the tent off the bus and keep it from any further drastic wanderings – like maybe into the highway. Then Janis Brodie and Hope Zamilda helped Deb clean up the debris of smashed merchandise. The warehouse space is vacant for the time being, but the store is full.

Deb gave us another tent story too: A woman on Rock Lake watched in horror as 40 feet of her tents went airborne, flipping themselves perpendicularly against her deck and onto the shore of Rock Lake. Living alone and not knowing what else to do, she phoned Verona Hardware, and asked. Owners Chad Van Camp and Andrew Asselstine went to her rescue and had the unit disassembled in half an hour. Ah, village life eh?

A relatively new Verona business will offer a special Valentine's treat. Allyson Dickson moved to Genge St. from Barrie with her husband and two kids, and in November she opened Lakeside Wellness Holistic Health Care where she practices, among other things, reflexology. Asked how she got into the field, she told us, "I wanted something that would benefit people's health but be a stress reducer too." She'll be offering mini reflexology sessions at Jitterbugs right around Valentine's Day. Watch for ads.

Jan Pepper loves to do miniature woodworking and fine jigsaw carpentry (Think gingerbread trim). A few years ago she made a magnificent doll house and donated it to Almost Home, where it made \$1800 as a raffle prize. We just had a look at the latest creation – a two story gem with hardwood floors, handmade throw rugs, stunning furnishings and appointments that Jan was taking into Kingston as a prize in the Andy Foundation raffle. It always delights us to see how many ways there are for people to lend their talents to good causes. What's yours?