

Doesn't the village look terrific? We love watching the burgeoning bulbs and flowering trees all along Main Street. A big thank you to everyone who cares about a little beauty in the world. And to you businesses who've stocked up on annuals and hanging baskets, thanks for making it easy for us to spiff up our places.

Congratulations to Eileen Manson, who was recently honoured for her 25 years service with Eastern Star.

Heads up for two weeks away – lots of doins in Verona.

First, on Friday May 23 head over to the Lions Hall for the next in their series of Music Nights, Ken & Linda Willis organize this event for the third Friday of each month, and this one will be extra special. From 7 – 8 you can join a series of beginners' workshops in tin whistle, Irish dance, or bodhran (Irish hand drum). If you can bring a D pitched penny whistle (about \$12 in music stores) for that workshop, it'll be helpful. The other two just need your bodies and your enthusiasm. At 8:00, the open stage begins. Maybe we'll hear some thumpin' and some tootlin' from our new musicians? In any case, bring whatever instrument you want to play and give the crowd a tune. As always, the irrepressible Roger James will host an all Celtic/east coast set beginning at 9:00. Sounds like a terrific evening. May 23, Verona Lions Hall, 7 – 11. All ages. Admission \$5.

The next day on your way to or from the Market, stop in at Trinity United Church's "Whale of a Sale." This popular event features quality used goods of all kinds – furniture, books, games, videos, hardware, jewellery, electronics, kitchen ware, crafts, linens and plant – and "attic treasures. Come to think of it, better stop on the way TO the Market. Last week's Trinity pie sale sold out before we got there! If you've got stuff to donate, you can call Sharon or Carl at 374-3557, or better yet, drop it off at the church hall on Wed. May 21 between 2 and 4 PM. Whale of a Sale: May 24, 8 – 2 at Trinity Church Hall.

There is no longer a Canadian Legion branch in Verona, but there is a dedicated group of veterans. Bill Campsall, Don Brown, Gerald Kerr and Ted Lansdell are organizing a Decoration Service at the Verona Cemetery on Sunday, May 25. They invite everyone to come to decorate gravesites. Bring a lawn chair.

Finally, a longterm notice from Prince Charles P.S. Save Friday May 30 for the second annual Panther Palooza – an extravaganza of music, talent contest winners, food, games, and live and silent auction. It's the Parent Council's big bash fundraiser, it it'll be a lulu. More to come.