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The Verona Festival 2008 kickoff meeting was a roaring success, with 50 or more eager folks chowing down a delicious pot luck supper provided by last year's organizing committee. This is the "Baker's Dozen" year 13 for the event, and the committee is raring to get started. New faces are always welcome at the planning sessions - the third Tuesday of each month from now through July. Call Wayne Conway at 374-3807 for details.

We're just a committed kind of community. The Verona Area Medical Services Committee meetings were also very well attended. Over 60 people came out to hear the what's what and what's next from the likes of Doctors Dempsey & Wilson, Nurse Carolyn Goodberry, Committee chair John McDougall and member Jim Lansdell. (See the article in this issue). We are fortunate indeed to have such far sighted leaders working on the many issues that surround keeping Verona well served in the health department.

St. Mary in Enterprise is a two room school with 25 students, and its school council is raising money to help support literacy. Their only fundraiser this year is a Turkey and Ham Bingo, organised by the school council. Head over to Annunciation Parish Hall on Church St. in Enterprise for an evening of fun and possible profit from the bingos, the raffle and the yummy canteen. Friday, Feb. 29 7:30. Admission \$3.

Don't forget to order your trees from the South Frontenac Environmental Committee - three year old bare root stock of white pine, spruce, cedar and birch, black willow, jack pine, dogwood, butternut and cranberry for \$1.50/tree. For 25 or more, call 613-374-1311 or e-mail [jacq.brown@sympatico.ca](mailto:jacq.brown@sympatico.ca). Smaller quantities are available (first come, first served) at the Market on May 3 "first-come" basis.

Thinking about gardening? How about ordering a little extra seed to plant for the markets that have opened up here in the village? Local Family Farms is usually looking for fresh herbs in season, and if you're thinking about a bigger expansion, drop in at the Farmers Market on a Saturday morning to talk to someone about how you can sell your produce there. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Verona become a bigger hub of locally produced small farm products?