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Congratulations to North Frontenac Little Theatre on their delightful interpretation of The Wizard of Oz. Over 50 cast members from little tots to admitted seniors sang and danced their way through this ambitious show. Among the cast and crew were a number of Verona area folks – Anne Archer, Mary Lou & Leah Quenneville, John McDougall, Janet, Alex & Jack Revell, Carl Sole, Deborah Spaar-Mueller, and John & Shiloh Stephen. Bravo to everyone who made the show such an enjoyable experience.

It's another busy week in Verona. Start off with this Friday's Family Games Night at the Verona Lions Hall - good old fashioned fun for kids and grownups. There'll be two categories of games: Kids 12 and under can choose from crokinole, spoons, old maid, crazy eights and go fish while their older relatives test their skills at 99, cribbage, spoons, euchre, pass the ace or – crokinole. May 9. Doors open at 6:00. Hot dogs, Egg McLions, and refreshments available. Games run from 7:00 – 9:00. Admission \$3.00. Children 12 and under free.

Then on Saturday, head right back to the Lions grounds for the Pancake Breakfast at the market, organized by the Lions, who always share the event with another not for profit community group – this time Frontenac Flyers Junior C Hockey. For \$6 you get three sausages, a drink, and all the pancakes you can eat, and because the event is generously sponsored by Brooks IGA, Rivendell Golf Club and Bravo & MOM Restaurants, nearly every cent collected will go to the Frontenacs and to Lions charitable donations. May 10. 8:00 AM to noon at the Farmers Market. Speaking of which, the Market is following up last week's very successful outdoor opening with a Mothers Day theme this weekend. Check out the specials from 8 – 1:00.

Save Tuesday afternoon for a special treat. Meikle and Margaret Turner present a travelogue through the unspoiled island group of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean and the island of Madeira off the coast of Africa. Meikle is the Frontenac, Leeds Grenville and L & A travel chair for the Retired Teachers of Ontario, and has years of experience leading and travelling with groups throughout the world. This is Meikle & Margaret's sixth presentation – and it's in aid of an organization dear to the hearts of many locals – the Portland Area Heritage Association (the new name for the former Verona Heritage Association). May 13. 2:00 PM Trinity United Church Hall. Admission \$3.