



Right, VACT founder Dee Baldock leads children in a rehearsal.

Photo submitted by Melissa Cary

Verona youth take to the stage

VACT youth show next week

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Almost 300 children from grades K-8 will present three youth shows from Thursday, April 12 through Saturday, April 14, at Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St.

The three productions, "Bye Bye Birdie YPE," "A Race to the Finish" and "The Jungle Book KIDS," will feature 274 children from kindergarten to eighth graders.

A Race to the Finish and The Jungle Book KIDS will start at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 12-13, and at 12 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Bye Bye Birdie YPE will follow each of these performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday.

"A Race to the Finish" is a "mini-musical" based on famous fable "The Tortoise

and the Hare" by Aesop. The performance features 44 kindergartners and first-graders. Lasting 20 minutes, it will be followed by the 30-minute-show, "The Jungle Book KIDS," which features a cast of more than 110 children from second to fourth grade.

The Jungle Book KIDS is a rousing story of a boy named Mowgli and his panther friend Bagheera. The two meet friends and foes on their journey and must rally their friends to fight the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan, in order to bring peace to the jungle, according to a press release released by VACT.

"Bye Bye Birdie YPE is set to follow, lasting 60 minutes and featuring 44 kids from fifth to eighth grade. The charming Conrad Birdie, after being drafted, seeks to find the right girl for his farewell kiss before he leaves his hometown that is set in the 1960s.

Due to the shorter run times of "A Race to the

If You Go

What: Verona Area Community Theater youth shows

When: 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 12-13; 12 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14

Where: Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St.

Info: vact.org/tickets

Finish" and "The Jungle Book KIDS," the two performances will perform one after the other and are on one ticket. Viewers need to purchase the ticket for "Bye Bye Birdie" separately. Tickets cost \$8. No food or drink is allowed in the PAC. Alyssa Dvorak, producer of "Bye Bye Birdie YPE," said the tickets are going quickly and about 3,000 tickets have been sold. To purchase tickets, visit vact.org/tickets.



Photos by Helu Wang

Graciella Caulkins, 9, showcases her research about Native Americans at the New Century School.

NCS Native American showcase

New Century School students showcased their research related to Native Americans in the state or nationwide Feb. 26 and displayed what they have learned on individual boards. Students from other grades came to visit and discussed the displays.



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Quilt of Valor

Former Marine Carroll Grambsch was awarded a Quilt of Valor for his services during the Korean War at Noel Manor by the Verona Quilts of Valor Feb. 28. After his military service he started working for the UW-Madison. His Marine cook training and preparing meals for a large number prompted the UW to have him complete two years of dietician training to become one of their food center chefs. He retired after 20 years with the UW. He went on to multiple other jobs that included caretaking for a large estate.

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