

VACT to present kids shows Nov. 15-17

Hundreds of children will take the stage next weekend for two different Verona Area Community Theater productions.

The shows, Annie KIDS and Legally Blonde, Jr., will run from Nov. 15-17 at the Verona Area Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St. Each show will have four productions, with Annie KIDS, featuring children in grades 1-4, being performed at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 16, and at 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Legally Blonde, Jr., featuring students in grades 5-8, will take the stage after Annie KIDS each day at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 16, and at 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Annie KIDS features 136 actors split into two different casts, and is based off the 1977 Broadway musical about an orphan girl who escapes the orphanage in the 1930s in search of her birth parents and finds a new home in the process. The show is produced by directors Sara Ward-Cassady and Joanne Rash, producer Dee Baldock, music director Anya Holland-Barry and choreographer Katie Monk.

Legally Blonde, Jr. has a cast made up of 119 children. The show is based off of the 2001 movie featuring Reese



Photo submitted

Children in grades 5-8 rehearse for the upcoming show "Legally Blonde, Jr.," which will run from Nov. 15-17 at the Verona Area Performing Arts Center. The Verona Area Community Theater will also produce the show "Annie KIDS," which will run on the same dates.

Witherspoon, where a college undergraduate works her way into Harvard Law School as an attempt to win back the boyfriend who dumped her. The show is produced and choreographed by Alyssa Dvorak, with the help of

producer Elizabeth Kraemer, music director Brett Wagner and Lydia Benz as associate choreographer.

Each show has separate tickets. Admission for Annie KIDS is \$5, and Legally Blonde, Jr. is \$8. Tickets can

If You Go

What: Legally Blonde, Jr.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 and Friday, Nov. 16; 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

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

Cost: \$8

Info: vact.org

If You Go

What: Annie KIDS

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 and Friday, Nov. 16; 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

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

Cost: \$5

Info: vact.org

be purchased in advance at vact.org, or at the door, depending on availability. For more information, visit vact.org.

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Winter Market debuts this weekend

Veronans will have another Farmers' Market option once a month starting this Saturday.

The Winter Market, put on by Mona Cassis, will take place on the second Saturday of the month through April at the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce, 120 W. Verona Ave. Cassis organizes the weekly Verona Artists and Farmers' Market at Hometown Junction during the warmer months.

Cassis decided to start the winter market due to demand from a few of her vendors who regularly participate in the weekly market. The chamber offered up the location and the second Saturday each month was chosen because of how it aligned with the artist market already held just a few blocks away at the Purple Goose, 101 N. Main St.

"I wanted something central," Cassis said. "I know Halley (Jones) over at The Purple Goose is having second Saturday markets as well, so I thought with being at the Chamber building ... you jump across the street at you're at The Purple Goose."

If You Go

What: Winter Market

When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

Where: Verona Area Chamber of Commerce, 120 W. Verona Ave.

Info: facebook.com

There's only Walgreens in between us."

The market will feature vendors selling food products such as sauces, salsas, sweet and savory jams and honey, along with soaps and pine boughs for the first two markets in November and December and dog toys and other canine-friendly products just after the New Year.

While Cassis said she's not sure what to expect, with this Saturday's market being the first one, it'll just require Veronans to get used to another market.

"It's a matter of training the community that this is what's going on," she said. "They don't have to leave Verona to get what they need."

Honoring Verona's veterans with senior center program Monday

Veterans Day commemorations set for Monday

With Veterans Day falling on a Sunday this Nov. 11, Verona Veterans Day ceremonies will be held on Monday, Nov. 12.

The programming begins at 11 a.m. with

a flag-raising ceremony downtown at Hometown Junction, 531 E. Verona Ave. That will be followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St. Lunch reservations should have been placed by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

After lunch, programming continues at 12:30 p.m. with a

presentation of flags and guest speaker Charlotte Jerney, a retired U.S. Army colonel who lives in Verona. At 1:30 p.m., there will be a Quilts of Valor presentation.

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If You Go

What: Verona Veterans Day ceremonies

When: Starting 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12

Where: Hometown Junction, downtown Verona and Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St.

Info: 845-7471

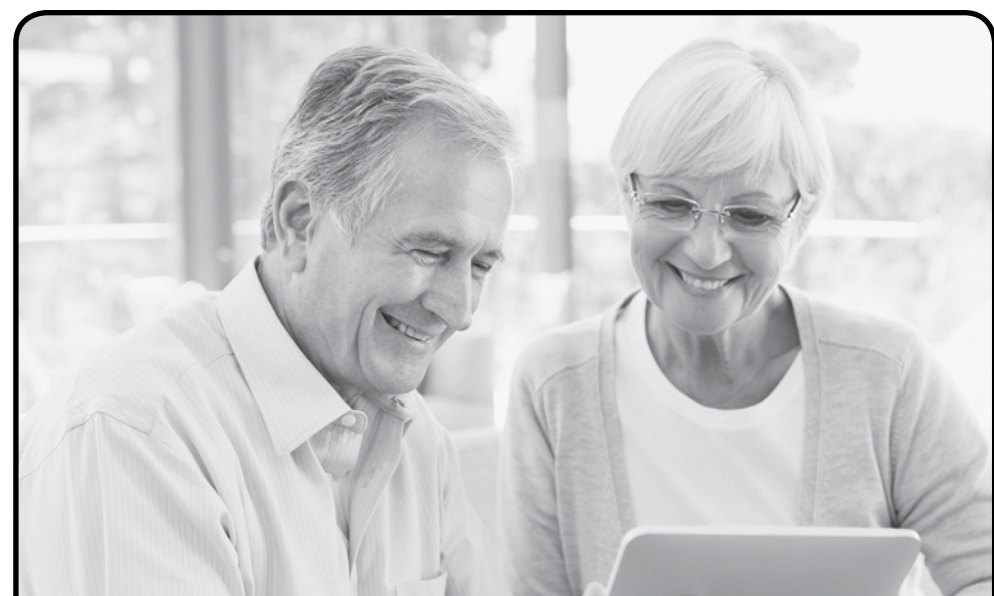
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