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Lead actors for *The Wizard Of Oz* - complete with "Roxy" in the role of Toto

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MUSICAL TO FEATURE SPECIAL PERFORMER

The cast of this year's spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," is working hard to remember lines, learn dance steps and practice songs. For one character, the biggest challenge is learning to answer to the name Toto.

Toto will be played by Roxy, a trained Havanese dog owned by **Mrs. Trisha (Walter '85) Koetter** and trained by junior **Chase Koetter**. Chase (and her dog Tinkerbelle) participates regularly in competitive dog handling events, including the recent Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden. She also works at her mother's dog training school, Flying Feet Agility, teaching private and group lessons in obedience, agility and conformation.

Thanks to Roxy's prior training, she is adept at opening Dorothy's basket, sitting at Dorothy's feet and walking next to her. Chase said Roxy already knew those tricks, so it was just a matter of transferring her training to a new prop. Although Chase will never be on stage, she is excited to be part of her first spring musical. "It's fun to meet a new group of people, and it's good to let people see what I do," she said.

Mrs. Ellen Holifield, the show's director, said it is a blessing to have a trained show dog to play the part, and she is grateful to have Chase and Roxy in the cast. "It's going to really enhance the performance, and it's an awesome way to feature one of our students who would not be featured in any other way at

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school. She's getting to show off what she does, which is pretty impressive."

Mrs. Holifield also is pleased with how well pre-sale tickets are doing, with most of the shows having more than 200 tickets sold already. She expects several sellout performances, so get your tickets early.

Scheduled performances of "The Wizard of Oz" are April 21 at 2 p.m.; April 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.; and April 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.providencehigh.net by clicking on the Buy Tickets Now! button or call (812) 945-2538 ext. 328. Show ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children through grade eight.

The schedule also includes a premiere performance on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. following a pre-show dinner. For information on the premiere dinner and show, call **Mr. Dale Durham** at (812) 945-2538 ext. 309.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

SENIOR WINS ISHAA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to senior **Erin Duncan**, a winner of the C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Award. She is one of only a dozen senior athletes from throughout the state to receive this award and a \$2,500 scholarship for their high school accomplishments. Recipients of the scholarship embody the best in high school sports and are well-rounded, positive role models who have demonstrated excellence in academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship and citizenship.

Erin, who also was a recipient of the ISHAA Class A Girls Soccer Mental Attitude Award, was nominated by Principal **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74**. The scholarship award is sponsored by the IHSAA, Methodist Sports Medicine, the Indianapolis Colts, and Sport Graphics Inc.

DANCE TEAM WRAPS UP SEASON - READY FOR TRYOUTS

By **Coach Kristina (Moeller) Frakes '03**

The Providence Dance Team danced at most of the boys and girls basketball games. The team also participated in several competitive events and placed third at the Presentation Competition in January. In February, we competed at JAMfest Super Nationals in Cincinnati. Despite a great performance from the girls on Day 2, the team placed fifth of six teams.

Overall, we had good year. The team was very young but made progress throughout the year. We said goodbye to two seniors, **Mandy Ross** and

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Ashton Gettelfinger. We are so thankful for their hard work, dedication and leadership shown during their time on Providence Dance.

Tryouts for the 2013-2014 season begin on April 30. Anyone interested in information on upcoming tryouts may email Coach Frakes at providencedancecoach@gmail.com.

STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Four seniors from the Boys Basketball team were selected for the News & Tribune All-Area Boys' Basketball Team. **George Knott** was named to the First Team, **Dalton Duley** to the Third Team, and **Nano Grantz** and **Ryan Pickerrell** received honorable mention.

Dalton and George also have been invited to participate in the Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association annual All-Star Classic for the East team on April 21 at Tecumseh High School.

Two sophomore grapplers were named to the News & Tribune All-Area Wrestling Team. **Matthew Hayes** was named to the First Team, and **Brett Kempf** received an honorable mention.

Two senior Girls Basketball players received honorable mention on the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State: **Meredith Endris** and **Nichole Tucker**. Meredith also received honorable mention to the News & Tribune All-Area Girls' Basketball Team.

SENIOR SIGNS WITH DEPAUW

Senior **Jacqueline Hollkamp** has accepted an academic scholarship from Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind., where she intends to play NCAA Division III women's tennis.

SENIORS RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to seniors **Janelle Marriott** and **Weston Spalding**, who were listed in the most recent First Honors section of *Louisville Business First* for their outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. These two were the latest among a group of seniors recognized by the weekly newspaper.



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FIBER ARTIST CONDUCTS 'BLUE DAY' SESSION

Well known fiber artist **Ms. Penny Sisto**, a native of Scotland who lives in Floyds Knobs, demonstrated her craft with students during yesterday's BLUE Days sessions. Ms. Sisto (at left in photo) has exhibited and spoken extensively throughout the United States. Her work is very spiritual and centers around a mother and child theme, and several pieces have been on display in the Providence Gallery on this floor near the art studios.



HOUSE NEWS

Ice cream sales to benefit *House of Courage*

Today from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Chillers Microcreamery on Allison Lane in Jeffersonville (across from Jeff High) is holding a fundraiser to benefit the *House of Courage* cancer walk. Just mention Providence when you order, and the *House of Courage* will receive 20 percent of sales. The cancer walk is scheduled for April 13.

***Humility* donates spare change**



The *House of Humility* recently collected more than \$730 to donate to St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. The members collected their spare change to fill baby

bottles to benefit the organization's maternity home and programs.

Faith presents Stations of the Cross

Members of the *House of Faith* today presented the Stations of the Cross in silhouette at an all-school assembly. This is the third year the House has presented the stations to the student body during Holy Week.



PIONEER RAFFLE EXCEEDS GOAL

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Pioneer Raffle sales drive. Student sales raised nearly \$29,500, well over the goal of \$25,000. The student top seller was sophomore **Paige Lorey**, second place was junior **Nick Reas**, and third place was freshman **Nicole Kruer**. The drawing for the prizes will be held at JulyFest on July 13, and alumni will have a chance to purchase/sell tickets in June.

SADD MEMBERS SHARE NEWS

Several members of SADD attended a luncheon for the Clark County Youth Coalition to perform a skit and share with the coalition members about Providence's SADD activities. Those attending included senior **Kelsey Haas**, junior **Carolyn Swartz**, and sophomores **Ashlyn Edwards** and **Kendall Powell**.

8TH GRADERS TOUR D.C.



The eighth grade class spent a week touring Washington, D.C., before spring break. At left, they pose in front of the White House.

In early April, the seventh grade class will visit Chicago.

STUDENTS SORT SEVERAL TONS OF CANNED GOODS



About 20 students representing each of the high school Houses and half-dozen alumni participated in a sorting event at Dare to Care Food Bank before Spring Break. After a school-wide food drive, the group donated nearly 400 pounds of canned goods. The participants then sorted and boxed more than 13,000 pounds of food items in 1 1/2 hours. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution of canned goods or their time.

JUNIOR HIGH PLACES SECOND IN ACADEMIC OLYMPICS



Providence and the Quick Recall team hosted the Deanery Academic Olympics before Spring Break. The Providence seventh grade team came in second, and the eighth grade team came in third.

BASKETBALL TEAM HELPS OUT YOUNG FANS

Jason and Jennifer (Neville '95) Folz and their four children are big Providence fans. When their home was damaged by fire last month, they were particularly disappointed to lose all the children's Providence fan wear. To help out, the Boys Basketball team recently presented the family with new Providence gear, much to the family's delight.



PARENT CONNECTION

PIONEER RAFFLE INCENTIVE REMINDERS

The incentive reward period for students who participated in the Pioneer Raffle begins next week. Students who turned in five or more tickets (at least \$100) can take one free day between April 1 and April 26 except for freshmen, who may not take their free day on April 8 or on the day they are scheduled for their Freshman Retreat. Parents must call the attendance hotline (812-206-0375) by 8:15 a.m. on the morning of the free day to be taken or the student will be counted unexcused.

Students who turned in at least three tickets (\$60) may be in spirit wear the week of April 8 - 12. Spirit wear guidelines are listed in the Student-Parent Handbook.

CHILDREN'S "OZ" PRE-SHOW EVENT SCHEDULED

The Providence Players invites children ages preschool through grade six to a special spring musical pre-show event featuring characters from "The Wizard of Oz" on Sunday, April 21, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The pre-show event includes a picture with cast members of "The Wizard of Oz," lunch, drink, treats and crafts. Parents must sign-in students and then are free until 1:30 p.m. \$10 per student. (Price does not include tickets to the performance.) RSVP required. [Click here for registration form.](#)

SENIOR/MOMS LUNCHEON RSVP DUE

A reminder to mothers of seniors: RSVPs and photos for the Senior/Moms Luncheon are due Friday. RSVP cards were included in the invitations, and the link to upload photos for the video montage and DVD was sent via email. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Christa Hoyland** in the Advancement Office at choyland@providencehigh.net. The luncheon is April 14 at 1 p.m. in the Activity Center.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REUNION NEWS

Providence has received word of the following reunion plans:

- 1958 (55 years): Classmate Reunion Dinner, May 10, 6:00 p.m., Tucker's Restaurant party room, State Street at I-265, in New Albany.
- 1963 (50 years): Golden Diploma Ceremony, April 25, 5:30 p.m., Providence. Invitations have been mailed. Reunion, Sept. 21, Covered Bridge
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. See [Facebook page](#) for more info.
- 1988 (25 years): July 21, Horseshoe Casino
- 2008 (5 years): June 8, Wicks

Planning underway: 1968, 1973, 1993, 2003
Committee needed: 1983, 1998

EASTER EGG HUNT THIS WEEKEND



Alumni and Deanery families with children ages 3-9 are invited to attend the second annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30. Free photo with the Easter Bunny starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center, and the hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. on the front lawn. The event is co-sponsored by the Girls Soccer team and the Alumni Association.

JULYFEST SPONSORS NEEDED

Do you own a local business or work for a local business interested in sponsoring the JulyFest? Sponsors of this event and the annual golf scramble are needed. Sponsorships are \$75, \$100 and \$150. Contact alumni@providencehigh.net if you can help. Your support of these events helps fund the Alumni Scholarship.

JulyFest is July 13 at Providence and includes entertainment by *100% Poly*.

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan on these fun alumni events and fundraisers this summer:

- June 8, Texas Hold 'Em at Sacred Heart Church
- June 15, Pioneer Cup Match Play Championship golf scramble at Valley View Golf Club
- July 13, JulyFest at Providence

Your attendance and support of these events supports the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your support in 2012, the Alumni Association will award iPads to two incoming freshmen in the fall.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

SENIOR PERFORMS LIVE

Senior **Jacob Resch** is getting a taste of the music biz. A vocals student at Jimmy's Music Center in New Albany, he has been performing live at the center about once a month. Earlier this month, he played his acoustic guitar

while sophomore **Jordan Reger** sang.

Jacob said he has been playing guitar since age 8, when he first started taking lessons. He taught himself to play piano and in recent years began taking vocals lessons to develop his singing talent and stage presence. His first live performance was his sophomore year when he took part in the spring talent show, and he began playing outside gigs in the winter of his junior year.

Jacob said he is considering majoring in music in college (at either Indiana University Bloomington or the University of Louisville) or at least continuing to perform as a hobby. He is working on recording an album at New Albany Production House and plans to sell copies of the CD. His performances so far have been unpaid, but he hopes to soon begin performing at The Exchange Pub + Kitchen in downtown New Albany on the weekends. His next performance at Jimmy's Music Center will be in May, and students can purchase tickets from him.

Performing has become his favorite part of his music. "I just like interacting with people," he said. "I just feel comfortable."

SOPHOMORE ENJOYS MODELING

Sophomore **Abby Hendershot** isn't sure she will try modeling as a career, but she is enjoying the chances she has to be on the runway now. She did some modeling when she was younger and got back involved when a friend told her about a modeling opportunity for Waterfront Fashion Week last fall.

Since then, she has done modeling through Oxmoor Center/Mall St. Matthews Fashion Council, which sets up fashion shows in those shopping malls as well as charity fashion shows. Most recently, she participated in the annual fundraising Queen's Daughters' Fashion Show at The Olmsted in Louisville.

Abby said she wants to continue modeling through high school and hopes someday to be paid for her shows. After graduation, she plans to attend Ball State University and major in architecture. Her favorite part about modeling is walking the runway. "Once you get out there, it's kind of thrilling, and you feel like a star for a little bit," she said.

WHY PROVIDENCE

FEATURED STUDENT KELSEY RODGERS

*Each month we introduce you to a Providence student who shares how he or she came to choose to become a Pioneer. This month's featured student is junior **Kelsey Rodgers**.*

Although junior Kelsey Rodgers attended a Deanery school, her path to becoming a Providence student is far from typical. Like many Deanery eighth graders, she attended Deanery Shadow Day and other events when a student at St. Mary Catholic Academy and fell in love with Providence. And like a number of prospective students, her family wondered how they would afford it. As a resident of the Portland neighborhood in Louisville, she applied for and received the Mason Family Scholarship through the Community Foundation of Louisville, which paid four years of tuition to any Catholic high school in Louisville.

Kelsey said she and her mother tried to have the scholarship shifted to pay for Providence but had no luck. She visited two Louisville Catholic schools but neither appealed to her as Providence did. The day before school started her freshman year, her family learned she would receive the financial aid needed to allow her to attend here. And Kelsey is sure she made the right choice.

"There are so many options of what you can do," she said. "I'm in theatre - and I used to be awfully shy - and in St. Genesius Society and on the Swim Team.

Kelsey also said she likes the extra help she receives during BLUE Days sessions and appreciates the Learning Support staff. "They really know me and what I need for a test," she said. "It's really nice, and they're all really sweet."

Most of all, she said, "I really like the students here. On Junior Retreat, I could talk to anyone about everything. I feel it really is a family. Even people I'm not close friends with, I can have a conversation with."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By Ray Day '57

Do you remember this painting? If you attended Providence anytime during the 1950s or 1960s, you may recall the large, colorful image of the Holy Family prominently displayed in the school lobby.



Sister Esther Newport, S.P., created the 48" x 52" egg tempera painting entitled "Our Lady of Providence" in 1953 while she was head of the art department at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute,

Ind. According to an unidentified Indianapolis newspaper dated July 24, 1953, "It features the Mother and Child with St. Joseph as protector. Sister Esther has used the skyline of the school itself for the background. Grouped in front are students, teachers, priests and parents."

As school archivist, I am on a quest to find out where the painting is now. In the years following the purchase of the school from the Sisters of Providence in 1973, my personal recollection of the painting is quite uncertain. I suspected the painting may have found its way back to the St. Mary-of-the-Woods motherhouse. Contact was made with Archivist Sister Marie Esther Sivertsen, S.P. (who taught English and Latin here at Providence from 1968 through 1970.) Unfortunately, she has not been able find any evidence of it on campus. She did, however, verify the name of the artist.



Below this photo of the painting, the Class of 1955 dedicated the school's first yearbook *"to the Community of Sisters of Providence, who have built through magnificent generosity this Catholic High School in Clark County.*

"Especially do we the first graduating class wish to pay tribute to those

Sisters who pioneered with us.

"Phillips Brooks has said, 'He who puts his influence into the fountain where the river comes out put his influence in everywhere.' And therefore we seniors ask God to let the influence of our Sisters effectively guide us here and enable us to attain our heavenly goal.

"It is then with these sentiments in our hearts that we dedicate this memory book to be a record for the future that will express our gratitude for the past."

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of this painting, please contact me at rday@providencehigh.net.

"Wizard of Oz" COMING EVENTS

Mar. 28 - Holy Thursday, Tenebrae Service (Liturgy Schedule)

Mar. 29 - Good Friday - 1:30 Dismissal

Mar. 29 - RSVP Deadline for Senior/Moms Luncheon

Mar. 30 - Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 8 - Freshman/Parent Class Ring Orders - Activities Center (3:00 - 7:30 p.m.)

Apr. 14 - Senior/Moms Luncheon - 1:00 p.m. - Activity Center

Apr. 19 - "Wizard of Oz" Premiere Night - 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 21 - "Wizard of Oz" Children's Pre-Show Event - Noon - 1:30 - Auditorium

Apr. 21 - "Wizard of Oz"- 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 22 - ECA Testing Begins, Ends June 5

Apr. 25, 26 & 27 - "Wizard of Oz" - 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 28 - "Wizard of Oz"- 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 30 - Dance Team Tryouts for 2013-2014 Season

*** * PROVIDENCE WAY * PROVIDENCE WAY * ***

And lastly...

The Providence Performing Arts program was deeply saddened this week with the passing of **Mrs. Linda McDonough**. "Grandma Linda," as she was known to student performers and BACKSTAGE Crew members, was an avid supporter of the performing arts and served as costume and prop designer for many shows over the past decade. Linda's giving heart and cheerful spirit touched many of our students and families. The family (which includes her children **Thomas E. McDonough '86** and **Tammy A. McDonough '89**, and grandchildren **Atticus McDonough '07**, **Grahm Stump ex-'08**, and **Haley Stump ex-'14**) requested that memorial contributions be made in her name to: Providence H.S. Theater Program (707 Providence Way, Clarksville,

IN 47129).

We take this opportunity to remind you of the school [Prayer Line](#) and [In Memoriam](#) links on the school website. With your help and input, we support all in the Providence community with prayer during times of illness and death.

AND LASTLY... we wish you a joyous and Happy Easter.



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