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Regional survey changes graduation date

By Joan Garzenik
After polling the parents of 589 seniors within the district, including January graduates, the Union County Regional High School No. 1 Board of Education, which governs Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, unanimously re-scheduled commencement exercises for Friday, June 22, at 3:30 p.m.
The Board rescinded a prior date of Sunday after noon, June 24, for graduation after setting June 22 as the last day of school rather than Thursday, June 21, due to a fourth school day.

The state-mandated, 180-day school calendar provides for three snow days.
The survey of parents' views on the matter was suggested by Board member, John Conlon, a representative of Garwood and the chairman of the education committee, after hearing from a delegation of students bearing a 268-name petition of their peers who objected to the Sunday date.
The petition included seniors from each of the four high schools in the district.

The students' reasons for preferring a Friday graduation primarily were vacation plans as well as travel overseas, according to comments made by each of the four principals in the district.
The survey was tabulated and interpreted by Thomas Baker, the co-ordinator of computer operations at Johnson.
According to his presentation 589 households responded to the poll as of May 1, of which 57% favored the Friday date, 39% preferred the Sunday date and 4% offered an alternative date.

He said 948 questionnaires were sent out, of which 62% were returned. At Johnson 263 forms were sent, while 64% or 168 were returned. The Friday commencement was favored by 95 parents in Clark, while 61 voted for the Sunday date.
According to a school spokeswoman, the Sunday date was originally chosen so as not to conflict with any religious observances of the families of the graduating students.
Despite voting favorably for the new graduation date, Board member, Mrs. Natalie Walsh, said she felt

surveys should "be made before the fact not after."
She referred to the Board's already having made a decision on the graduation date.
She added the school body's changing its stand at this time under student pressure only "undermined the administration."
The Board's Springfield representative concluded she was unhappy with the way the situation was handled.
Board President Joseph Vaughn of Berkeley Heights stressed the Board did the best it could to protect the meaning of the graduation ceremony. He said the education body would make every effort to avoid repetition of this incident.

In other action, the Board:
• Approved on second reading a revision of its present policy on lockers. Under the revised policy students' lockers are considered the property of the Board of Education and all students should accept the use of a locker with the understanding the principal or assistant principal may open the locker and inspect the contents without prior notice to the student.

In addition, the principal or assistant principal will have the right to inspect a student locker at any time when they suspect a locker possesses evidence of illegal activity that would interfere with school discipline and order. The new policy is more explicit in referring to who has access to the students' lockers, namely, the principal or assistant principal. Under the former policy, certificated employees were given the right to open student lockers.
• Approved the employment of a representative of International Teamsters of Westfield, replacing Rob-

ert Barrett, to instruct Spectra, an adult-and-continuing-education course at the Clark school. The full stipend for the instructor will be \$154.
• Okayed the district's participation in the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA). The program would provide basic skills and vocational training activities for the economically-disadvantaged worker.

• Approved the employment of the following bedside instructors at Johnson: Miss Barbara Sutherland, social studies; John Bukavich, business education; and John Aragona, science.
• Accepted the intention to retire of Thomas Faulk, a social studies teacher at the Clark school, effective on Sunday, July 1.

Party committees face seven vacancies

By R. R. Farszewski
Just as in the Primary Elections on Tuesday, June 5, for township-wide offices, there will be little mystery in the Clark races for municipal offices, with the major political parties.

The candidates, listed in ward and district order, with the Democrats first and the Republicans second, and with the male first and the female second in each district, follow:
DEMOCRATS
A. Charles Walano, 265 Oak Ridge Rd., Lillian E. Krov, 51 Woodland Rd., Carmine Giordano, 101 Rutgers Rd., Patricia A. Brandt, 119 Schwin Dr., William J. Clancy, 74 Stonehenge Terr., Patricia A. Clancy, 74 Stonehenge Terr., Jerome Goli, 109 Thomas Dr., Ann N. Murach, 347 Madison Hill Rd., Louis Mezzo, 45 Coldevin Rd., Eileen Mezzo, 45 Coldevin Rd., Rose Mary Petersen, 1817 Dakota St., Sanford Krasky, 191 Gibson Blvd., Harriet Krasky, 191 Gibson Blvd., Bernard R. Hayden, 133 Stonehenge Terr., Carol Hayden, 133 Stonehenge Terr., Joseph A. Foers, 5 Crescent Parkway, Donna Mohyla Femia, 102 Glenwood Terr., Joseph A. Comarria, 27 Colonial Dr., Bernadette Harper, 3 Rose Terr., Richard J. Plata, 56 Lincoln Blvd., Peter M. Campana, 18 Brant Ave., Grace Inacio, 7 Riverside

Dr.; Max H. Schlof, 9 Shetland Dr.; Jo Anne Lemenille, 38 Post Rd.; William C. Hofschneider, 48 Fan St.; Rose M. Tomchak, 12 Ivy St.; Vincent J. Spillone, 2 Rolling Hill Way; and Vera Pecoraro, 15 Rolling Hill Way.

REPUBLICANS
George B. Ebbe, 140 Briarhead Ln., Grace L. Ebbe, 140 Briarhead Ln.; Charles E. Grunder, Jr., 64 Rutgers Rd.; Gloria Ann Kopp, 29 Conger Way; Howard C. Miller, 68 Stonehenge Terr.; Andrew Boynton, 48 Skyline Dr.; Dolores E. Boytos, 48 Skyline Dr.; William J. Burkle, 71 New York Ave.; Carol J. Roe, 25 Sunset Dr.; James A. Smith, 803 Featherbed

La.; Beatrice S. Smith, 803 Featherbed La.; William Anderson, 57 Emerald Pl.; Jean Anderson, 57 Emerald Pl.; Nelson Korstein, 73 Emerald Pl.; Gloria M. Coster, 461 Westfield Ave.; Robert G. Taylor, 319 West La.; Ruth De Luca, 313 West La.; Bernard G. Yano, 21 Linda La.; Carce Sanguliano, 500 Parkway Dr.; John R. Schneider, 1130 Maurice Ave.; Evelyn Kasinger, 28 Colonial Dr.; Paul Okal, 176 Broadway; James E. Keltso, 41 Wendell Pl.; Barbara Bodnar, 622 Madison Hill Rd.; Carmine F. Cristiani, 5 Ivy St.; Gloria Cristiani, 5 Ivy St.; Neil L. Esposito, 625 Madison Hill Rd.; Kathleen Toat, 116 Dorset Dr.

TOWARD BETTER FITNESS - A fifth-grade class from Clark's Frank K. Henley School recently gathered in the Kean Community Therapy Center. Dr. David Kinley and Mrs. Helen Kinley, his assistant, are the parents of Deborah Kinley, a fifth grader. Dr. Kinley is a licensed physical therapist in New Jersey and Florida and is also licensed as an acupuncturist in Florida. The children have been studying systems of the human body. The doctor demonstrated physical therapy, bio-feedback, hypnosis and acupuncture, which are modern holistic approaches to the treatment of patients, he said. In the foreground are James Jordan, Louis Van Bergen and Christine Elbert.

Sports Club ko's Pru-Bache
The Sports Club's Brian Paton hurled a four-hitter to give his team its first victory of the year with a 9-10-1 win over Pru-Bache in Clark Babe Ruth baseball. Big hitters for the Sports Club were McGaha who was 3 for 4 and Chris Raymond who doubled and scored four runs.
In a losing effort Pru-Bache pitcher, Rob Banasiak, struck out eight batters and collected two of the four hits given up by Paton. John Leonard and Brian Power accounted for the other two hits.
Fritz Sales beat the Sports Club 12-9 in a come-from-behind victory. Fritz was down four runs when the bat of Fritz's Mark Henry led the way and the glove of Mike Kelly stopped any rally attempts by the Sports Club.

Kean cites Paul Vella
A Clark student, Paul Vella received his bachelor of arts degree in Spanish cum laude from Kean College of New Jersey in Union on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Clark Cougars kick in Westfield Cup
When hundreds of teenage soccer players, including the Clark Cougars, who will be competing in the boys division, arrive from six states to play in the Metropolitan Insurance Westfield Cup on Memorial Day weekend, more than 350 Westfield-families will open their doors to them.
The tournament is under the direction of Peter Houthan. It will attract more than 1,300 soccer players ranging in age from nine to 19.
The families and coaches of the visiting teams will be staying at the Ramada Inn, Howard Johnson's and the Westfield Motor Inn.
In all, the Westfield Soccer Assn. estimates that the tournament will draw about 2,000 out-of-state visitors.
Adding to the prestige of the tournament is that several of the teams are state and regional champions and includes All-America players and a score of All-State stars on boys' and girls' teams.
The "host families" will pick up players on arrival at the tournament headquarters at the Ramada Inn in Clark on Friday evening, May 25. They are expected to drive the players to the tournament opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, at the Westfield Field House on Rahway Ave.
Once the ceremonies are over, 16 fields in Westfield will be occupied by continuous play for the next three days, with the tournament championship finals on Monday, May 28. Memorial Day. Game schedules and maps of the playing fields will be available to soccer fans at the tournament headquarters at the Ramada Inn.

Miss Kurisko aids commencement

The Clark resident, who is the director of admissions, records and registration at Union County College, Miss Patricia Kurisko, is serving on the college's Golden Anniversary Commencement Committee.
Chairing the committee is Prof. Raymond Daly, a member of the engineering/physics/engineering technologies department.
About 800 candidates for associate degrees, certificates and diplomas are expected to be honored at the

Thursday, June 7, commencement.
The 800 candidates enrolled in the biology, business, business technologies, criminal justice, engineering, engineering technologies, health technologies, human services, liberal arts and physical science programs as well as the cooperative programs in professional nursing and radiography conducted jointly with the Elizabeth General Medical Center in Elizabeth and Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield.

Hopefuls told release dates
ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, JUNE 5, PRIMARY ELECTION.
The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Thursday, May 31.
All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates for that issue must be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J., 07065 NO LATER THAN 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.
In order to give candidates a chance to respond to any changes made by opponents, NO CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER THAN 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MAY 24 EDITION.
FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-HALF A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES, TYPED AND TRIPLE SPACED, PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.
THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE, except in the case of an election cancellation or postponement, in which event the editor will decide which deadlines to impose WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. ALL RELEASES MUST FOLLOW THE AFFIDAVIT RULES PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

REMEMBER MOM and GRANDMOM TOO
To Mom SHOW YOU CARE
Kean cites Valerie Husko
A township student, Valerie Ann Husko, received her nursing degree from Kean College of New Jersey in Union on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Clark schools offer pre-school testing
Clark public schools personnel are looking for children who will be three or four years old by Monday, Dec. 31, for the township's pre-school program.
Do you know of a pre-school child who may have a developmental delay in learning, speech, vision, hearing, motor or a social, emotional area? He or she may be eligible for the program.
If you would like to take advantage of this free screening, please telephone 388-6394.

Kumpf artists 'follow' unicorn
To enhance the creative environment of the art room at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark, approximately 65 seventh-and-eighth-grade students, under the direction of their art instructor, Mrs. Marguerite Bailey, have designed and painted a mural which will remain as a permanent example of their talents and artistry.
The life-like masterpiece, which encircles the room, depicts a unicorn on a journey through the magic meadow to the castle of dreams. On its trek through the meadow its passes assorted woodland creatures and lakes and waterfalls.
This five-month long project, fashioned in multi-colored permanent latex paints, will be co-ordinated with stained-glass nature scenes to decorate the windows.

STROKES OF GENIUS - Carl H. Kumpf School of Clark eighth graders, Ronald Russo, left, and Angela DeLorenzo put the finishing touches on the life-size unicorn which adorns the art room mural.

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