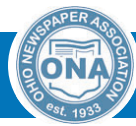


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A COUPLE OF THINGS: Emily Bishop and Nikcole Petkov portray Thing 1 and Thing 2 in Fairview High School's spring musical, "Seussical the Musical." Performances continue Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in the Fairview High School auditorium. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

Four-candidate primary race hits final week

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

Contenders for the mayoral campaign are putting the final touches on their campaigns as they head into the final week before the May 5 primary.

Incumbent Thomas O'Grady, City Council President Kevin Kennedy, school board member John Lasko and businessman Tim Smith all were busy with different parts of the campaign. The top two vote-getters in the non-partisan election will advance to the November general election.

O'Grady said he is getting his yard signs out as well as sending additional campaign literature to voters.

"We've said all along we would put the signs out during the last two weeks for the primary election and in the general election as well," O'Grady said. "We're getting things where we need to be."

He said the campaign also has sent out one piece of campaign literature recently and will send another out in the next few days.

"Our timing was designed to be this way so people have the information available to them and fresh in their minds as they get ready for the primary," O'Grady said.

He said voters will have a very clear view of

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First-ever Emily's Run draws 600 Sunday

By Kevin Kelley

WESTLAKE

Over 600 runners, many who registered late last week, turned out for the first ever Emily's Rainbow Run, a four-mile run, and an accompanying two-mile walk/run in Westlake Sunday morning to benefit pediatric cancer research.

The event is named after Emily Lewis, a sixth-grader at Parkside Intermediate School in Westlake who is battling a rare form of kidney cancer known as Wilms tumor.

Cathy Milowicki, who organized the race, said the expectation for an inaugural race is about 200 participants.

"We more than doubled our



Emily Lewis is greeted by race director Cathy Milowicki as she finishes the two-mile walk at Sunday's Rainbow Run to fund pediatric cancer research. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

race participants in the last week," said Milowicki, whose daughter Cari is classmates with Emily. "This far exceeded our expectations."

Emily, 12, helped hand out medals to top finishers and prizes to raffle winners follow-

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Loan amount increased for motel purchase

By Kevin Kelley

FAIRVIEW PARK

The county will likely loan the city more money to complete the purchase and demolition of the Country Inn Motel, Development Director Jim Kennedy said.

In February, Cuyahoga County Commissioners approved the city's request for a \$292,000 loan from the county's Commercial Redevelopment Fund. Earlier this month, city officials met with the loan committee of the county's Department of Development to request more money to handle environmental remediation of the property, located at 20520 Lorain Road.

The loan committee approved loaning the city an additional \$46,900 on April 8. The three county commissioners will vote on the increased loan at their May 7 meeting.

"I don't anticipate there being a problem,"

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