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Fairview switching conferences

By Kevin Kelley

FAIRVIEW PARK

The Board of Education voted unanimously May 4 to move to the Patriot Athletic Conference in two years.

Superintendent Brion Deitsch told West Life that the decision was made to give student athletes in the Fairview Park Schools the best opportunities for success.

Lower enrollment in the district was a major factor in the decision, said Deitsch, who added that athletics in Ohio is based on numbers.

The enrollment in the district is around 1,700 students. Deitsch said. The West Shore Conference, in which Fairview High School now competes, has three districts with enrollments over 3,400, he noted.

The issue of the district switching conferences arose in October when former Fairview Athletic Director Tom Faska and others passed out flyers during the high school homecoming parade stating that the district was planning a switch.

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Prom night

Michelle Chambers and Dave Salisbury are introduced by Fairview High School Principal Kevin Liptrap at the After Prom Saturday evening at the high school. See more photos from the After Prom on page 20. (West Life photo by Larry Bennet)

Former mayors to look at River history

By Allison Pritchard

ROCKY RIVER

The Rocky River Historical Society is helping residents learn about the place they call home, directly from three of its mayors, during a look at the city's past, present and future tomorrow at 7 p.m. All are welcome to the free event at the Rocky River Senior Center

auditorium.

The three living mayors of Rocky River will speak and each will also represent previous mayor Don Umerley who has since passed away.

Society President Phil Ardussi helped coordinate "Witnesses to History, Our Three Mayors," a behind the scenes look at city government.

He has been working directly with Earl Martin, Bill Knoble and current

Mayor Pam Bobst, said Jim Evans of the Historical Society.

At the event, residents can learn about the past or information about city government they probably didn't know, Ardussi said. They "have a chance to meet some mayors that they may have heard of, but never had a chance to

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Kennedy, Lasko reach general election

By Jeff Gallatin

NORTH OLMSTED

For Kevin Kennedy and John Lasko, the race to become mayor moves forward while incumbent Thomas O'Grady and Tim Smith drop out.

Current City Council President Kennedy led the quartet of candidates in the May 5 primary voting with 2,832 votes while North Olmsted School Board member and Municipal Planning and Design Commission Chairman Lasko took second with 1,807 votes. O'Grady, the incumbent who was seeking his second full term as mayor was third with 1,408, while businessman Tim Smith got 670 votes in his first try at political office.

Kennedy said he was pleased with how the vote turned out.



"I am thrilled that our message of change got out to voters in North Olmsted and that they responded positively," he said. "I am thankful to the voters for putting their trust in me."

Lasko said he appreciated people's support in the race and that he was encouraged by the vote.

"We got a late entry into the race in February so I believe we did really well

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Top: North Olmsted School Board member John Lasko and family check election results during the May 5 primary. Bottom: City Council President Kevin Kennedy and his family celebrate his leading the votes in the primary. (West Life photos by Larry Bennet)

