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Silver Creek, Westfield And Fredonia Have Election Contests.

Eleven of Fifteen Chautauqua County Villages Holding March Elections.

MAYVILLE--- Chautauqua County Board of Elections Commissioners Norman P. Green and Brian C. Abram announce the candidates running in the March 2011 Village General Elections.

Bemus Point: Mayor Bryan Dahlberg and trustees Margaret Richardson and Christine Wight are all seeking new 2 year terms and are running unopposed.

Cassadaga: Ron Dechard and Valerie Culverwell are seeking their first 4 year terms as trustee and will be running on the Taxpayer's Party line, both are unopposed.

Celoron: The village of Celoron has moved village elections to coincide with the November General Elections.

Cherry Creek: Republican trustees Bruce Hendricks and Betty Milspaw are seeking new two year terms and are running unopposed.

Falconer: Mayor David E. Krieg and trustees Louis A. Schrader and Joseph E. Caruso are running unopposed and have been cross endorsed for re-election at recent Democratic and Republican party caucuses. Each candidate is seeking new 4 year terms.

Fredonia: Mayor Michael J. Sullivan is seeking re-election for another four year term. Sullivan will be running on the Republican and Taxcutters Party lines. Stephen W. Keefe is challenging Sullivan as the Democratic and Independence Parties cross endorsed candidate. Trustee Joseph A. Cerrie is seeking a new four year term, and Janel M. Subjack and Marc F. Ruckman are both seeking their first term for trustee. The three unopposed trustee candidates have been cross endorsed by the Democratic and Independence Parties.

Forestville: Republicans have nominated Katherine Bowker and Justin Dix for trustees. Bowker is seeking a new 2 year term and Dix is seeking his first term as trustee. Both are unopposed.

Lakewood: Mayor Anthony C. Caprino and trustee Paul M. Wendel are seeking re-election for another 4 years. Gale A. Denn is seeking his first term as trustee. The Republican candidates are running unopposed.

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Panama: Trustee Gregory Ireland is seeking re-election to another 2 year term and will be unopposed running on the Citizens Party line.

Sherman: Mayor John R. Patterson and trustees William J. Wiggers and Gary Yonker are all seeking new 2 year terms and will be running unopposed on the People's Party line.

Silver Creek: Republicans have nominated Mayor Kurt Lindstrom and trustee Amy Romanik for new 2 year terms. Thomas Harmon has been nominated for trustee and is seeking his first 2 year term. Lindstrom, Romanik and Harmon are also running on the Fiscal Party line. Silver Creek Democrats have nominated Anna Frederickson for mayor and Ronald Duecker and Dennis Palmer for trustee. Duecker and Palmer, both are seeking their first terms. In addition, Frederickson, Duecker and Palmer are running on the Taxpayers Party line.

Sinclairville: Mayor Kenneth France and trustee Patricia France are both seeking re-election to another 2 year term under the Helping Hands Party and running unopposed.

Westfield: Mayor David L. Carr and trustee Chris Jaynes are seeking new 2 year terms as the endorsed Republican candidates. Carr is also running on the Concord Party line. Trustee Robert C. Cochran has been endorsed by both Democratic and Republican caucuses and in addition, is running on the Westfield Now Line. Democrat E. Judson Storms is challenging Carr for the mayoral seat on the Democratic and Westfield Now lines.

The Board of Elections will be conducting the March 15, 2011 elections in the villages of Cherry Creek, Falconer, Forestville, Lakewood, Panama, Sherman, Silver Creek and Westfield. Voting will be from Noon-9:00 p.m. Additionally, the Village of Fredonia Election will be run by the county on March 14, 2011. Hours of voting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All village voters with elections conducted by the Board of Elections will be casting ballots on the paper ballot optical scan voting machines and will find sample ballots at www.votechautauqua.com

The Villages of Bemus Point, Cassadaga and Sinclairville will run their own elections with the chief election officer being the village clerk. The Villages of Brocton and Mayville do not have offices expiring and will not be holding elections.

The Villages of Falconer, Silver Creek, Panama and Sherman will have new village election polling sites, moving to the normal county Board of Elections poll sites. Falconer voters will be voting at the Town Administration Building, 215 S. Work Street; Panama voters will be voting at the Methodist Church, 22 E. Main Street; Sherman voters will be voting at the First Baptist Church, 113 Church Street; and Silver Creek voters will vote at Mt. Carmel Auditorium, 165 Central Avenue.

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The deadline for registering with the Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the Village Election is Friday, March 4th.

Absentee ballot applications for voters whose election is being conducted by the county may be obtained from the Chautauqua County Board of Elections by calling 753-4580 or can be printed from our website at www.votechautauqua.com. The deadline to receive an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a qualified voter is Tuesday, March 8th. For the Village of Fredonia, the deadline to receive an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a qualified voter is Monday, March 7th.

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