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Tioga County Elections are today

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One thing which sets this country apart is our long tradition of representative democracy. Election Day is today, so go out there and have your say.

Candidates For November Elections 2011:

In countywide races, current District Attorney Gerald A. Keene (R) is seeking another four year term and is unopposed. In the race for County Sheriff, Democrat Corey W. Relyea is challenging current Sheriff Gary W. Howard (R). Current County Clerk Robert L. Woodburn Jr. (R) is unopposed in his re-election bid. Three candidates seek to serve in the two county coroner positions, John S. Drake Sr. (D), Robert P. Williams (R) and Charles W. Thayer(R).

In County Legislative District 1, Daniel E. Sniezek (D) is vying for the seat currently held by Richard L. Huttleston(R). In Legislative District 2 incumbent Martha C. Sauerbrey (R) faces Bridget Kane of the Tioga United (TU) Party. In District 3 incumbent Michael A. Roberts (R) faces Green Party candidate Cecile A. Lawrence.

Three people are running for two seats in the 4th District, incumbents Loretta A. Sullivan (R) and S. Tracy Monell (R) are challenged by Ann Ellis (TU). In District 7, Republicans William H. Standinger III (R) and incumbent Eddie J. Hollenbeck Jr. (R) are running for the two available seats. Unopposed votes for the County Legislature include District 5 incumbent Andrew J. Quinlan(R), and District 6 incumbent Dale N. Weston (R).

In Barton, current Town Clerk Joan C. Richards (R) is running unopposed. In two open-seat races for Councilman, Republicans John T. Tryon and James R. Pratt face Conservative (C) James R. Pratt. Superintendent of Highways James G. Marshall (R) seeks another 4-year term.

Berkshire voters will elect a town Supervisor. Ronald N. McEwen (R) is unopposed, as is Town Clerk Constance M. Liddington (D). In the race for two Councilman seats, Democrat John D. Stoughton faces People's Choice candidate Anthony Marzolino and Sara J. Spoonhower from the People's Party, and Custodial candidate Ronald A. Sharp. Superintendent of Highways is being contested by Karl J. Spoonhower (R and People's Party) versus Citizens Party's George A. Hoffmier Jr.

Candor sees a race for Town Supervisor featuring Joseph E. Doty Sr. (R), incumbent Darlene W. Cobler (C), and write-in candidate Bob Riggs. Current Town Clerk Connie Kulze (R) is unopposed. For two four-year Councilman seats William A. Strosahl Jr. (R) and current board member Joseph R. Bish Jr. (R) are running. Superintendent of Highways Kevin David Noble (R) seeks another two-year term.

Newark Valley Town Clerk Barbara S. Mock (R) and Town Justice Todd E. Smith (R) seek another term unopposed, while two Councilman seats have Democrat Sandra J. Downs running against incumbents Ronald N. Graham (R) and Donald B. Thomas (R).

In Nichols, Town Clerk Karen A. Hunsinger (R) seeks another term. Two seats on the town board are being sought by their current occupants, Barbara J. Crannell(R) and Kevin K. Englebert (R). Ray E. Thetga Sr. (R) seeks to be elected to a two-year unexpired term, and Superintendent of Highways has three contestants, Kevin R. Vought(D), Terry P. Rogers (R) and Citizen's for Change representative David Hazard.

Races in Owego are unopposed and the candidates are incumbents, Town Justice John P. Schumacher (R), and Councilpersons Wayne T. Moulton (R) and Barbara J. Roberts (R).

Current Richford Supervisor Martin S. Wilcox (D) and Town Clerk Judith A. Thurston (R) are unopposed. For the Town Council, incumbents Cynthia J. Herrick (D) and Catherine Schoonover (R) with challenger Ricky L. Brown (D) vie for the two seats. Superintendent of Highways Michael L. Holt Sr. (R) is running unopposed for another term.

Spencer Supervisor Arvo A. Rautine (R) is running unopposed for another term, while the two council seats are being sought by incumbent Raymond C. Bunce (R) and new candidate Randall A. Thayer (R).

Again in the Town of Tioga, current Supervisor Lewis W. Zorn (R) is unopposed, as is Town Clerk Brenda L. Middendorf (R), and Town Justice Paul L. Martin Jr. (R). So are Councilmen Gerald R. Hyatt (R) and Charles L. Farrell (R), and Superintendent of Highways Frank J. Catalano (R); so there will be no surprises there.

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