

An early look at Seneca County's Nov. elections

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WATERLOO — A sheriff, 11 of Seneca County's 14 Board of Supervisors members and dozens of Town Board seats are up for grabs in the Nov. 3 elections.

The sheriff's race is wide open this year. Incumbent Sheriff Jack Stenberg is not seeking re-election after serving the past eight years.

The Seneca County Republican Committee is scheduled to meet May 1 to endorse candidates. They are expected to line up behind the only announced candidate, Tim Luce of Waterloo.

No Democrat has come forward yet, although there is time before petitions are due in mid-July.

Here's a look at town races this year:

COVERT: Positions up this

year are the seats held by Supervisor Michael Reynolds, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Colleen Freese, Town Board members Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann and William Bishop, and Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne. All are Republicans.

FAYETTE: Voters will fill the town justice seat now held by Joseph Sapiro, the town clerk/tax collector seat held by Debra Vanni, and the Town Board positions held by Katie Nelson and Jeffrey Trout. All are Republicans.

JUNIUS: On the ballot will be the seats held by Supervisor Ron Prosser, Town Clerk Mary Serven, Town Justice Brian Laird, Town Board members Ernest Brownell and Elaine Meyers, Highway Superintendent David Fisk, and Tax Collector Linda Cordovani. Serven, Meyers and Cordovani

are Democrats. Prosser, Laird, Brownell and Fisk are Republicans.

LODI: Five offices will be on the ballot: Supervisor Lee Davidson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Nancy Jones, Town Board members Chance VanCleaf and Lucas Latini, and Highway Superintendent Rick Jacot. All are Republicans.

OVID: The town offices to be filled this year are those of Supervisor Walt Prouty, Town Clerk James Vangalis, Town Board members Brian Flood and Mark Beardsley, Highway Superintendent John Wickham Jr. and Tax Collector Catherine Kerns. All are Republicans.

ROMULUS: The terms of Supervisor David Kaiser, Town Clerk-Tax Collector Terry Smith, Town Justice Donald Greule, Town Board members Ralph Walborn and Robert Gerlach and Highway Superintendent James

Williamson expire this year. All except Greule are Republicans.

SENECA FALLS: Offices to be filled in the fall are those held by Supervisor Don Earle, county supervisors Steve Churchill and Greg Lazzaro, Town Clerk Nicoletta Greer, Town Board members Emil Bove and Duane Moore, and Highway Superintendent Donald Wood. Earle, Lazzaro, Greer, Bove and Wood are Republicans. Churchill and Moore are Democrats.

TYRE: The November ballot will include the seats held by Town Clerk Elizabeth Sutterby, Town Justice Larry Mills, Town Board members Joseph DelPapa and James Rogers, and Tax Collector Linda Worden. Only Mills is seeking re-election. All but Rogers are Republicans.

VARICK: Positions to be filled this year are those held by Supervisor Bob Haysen, Town Board members Richard

Peterson, John Saeli and Todd Horton, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Donna Karlsen, and Highway Superintendent Richard McCulloch. All are Republicans.

WATERLOO: County supervisors Keith Kubasik and Bob Shipley have terms that expire this year. Kubasik has said he will not seek re-election. Also up this year are Town Justice Christopher Folk and Town Board members Lisa Hochadel and Herb Meyer. Kubasik, Shipley and Folk are Republicans, while Hochadel and Meyer are Democrats.

Town party committees will begin meeting in May to endorse candidates. Candidate petitions will be available to circulate in June and must be submitted in mid-July.

If there are any primary elections, they would occur in September.

Seneca County Board of Supervisors

Ovid restaurateur seeks loan to rebuild

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WATERLOO — The owner of a Chinese restaurant destroyed by a devastating fire in downtown Ovid more than 13 months ago wants to rebuild. Part of Charley Haug's plan to do that is obtaining assistance from the Seneca County Community Development Block Grant's revolving loan fund.

At Tuesday's Seneca County Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism will vote on Haug's application for a \$75,000 loan.

The CDBG Loan Review Committee reviewed Haug's request April 20 and recommended it for approval.

Haug has said the money will help him re-establish the business and assist in the creation of four full-time jobs at the 7180 S. Main St. eatery.

If approved, the motion will go to the full board for a final vote.

The restaurant was one of three buildings ravaged by the March 18, 2014, fire. It was set by an 11-year-old boy playing with a lighter who ignited trash behind the New Dragon Chinese Restaurant. The Italian Kitchen Restaurant, the five-town assessment office and seven upper apartments also were destroyed.

Planning, Development, Agriculture and Tourism also will consider:

— A motion to hire Liverpool-based Barton & Loguidice to design the proposed Route 318 sanitary sewer system. The cost, which is not to exceed

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What: Committee meetings
When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: County office, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo

Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors. County Attorney Frank Fisher said April 14 that imposing a term limit could make it more difficult to remove a board member without first showing good cause for removal.

The committee will consider a revised motion that continues IDA board appointments at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors, but each member will be reviewed at least every six years by the committee, which will make recommendations on continuing those appointments.

Government Operations will consider:

— A motion to support another bill in the state Senate that would repeal the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, more commonly known as the SAFE Act. The motion states while some aspects of the SAFE Act are "encouraging," it is said to "severely impact the possession, use and registration of personal property for the defense of life, liberty, property and the safe recreation of hunting and proficiency shooting."

Public Works will consider:

— A motion directing county Water and Sewer Department interim

Duck check



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Ducks Unlimited Greenwings, the youth arm of the Seneca Falls Chapter Ducks Unlimited, visited the Seneca Meadows Wetlands Preserve assessing the results of last year's wood duck nesting-box placements. Many ducks have nested and hatched ducklings. The Greenwings, along with members of Boy Scout Troop 75 and members of the local 4-H group, built 14 nesting boxes last spring. Six were placed within the 1,100-acre preserve. The annual partnership between Seneca Falls Ducks Unlimited and Seneca Meadows promotes environmental conservation with area youth organizations. Those interested in joining Ducks Unlimited should contact area chairman Mike Ernst at 568-6710.

E911 switch on housing authority agenda

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GENEVA — Part of the city's switch to Ontario County's E911 dispatch service involves a communication device being placed on the roof of Seneca Apartments, a downtown building managed by the Lake Area

Geneva Housing Authority

later this year. A new antenna is part of that process.

Also on Tuesday's agenda:

— Authority CEO

reduce the cost of the conversion.

— The board will consider adopting policies involving financial management, conflict of interest, whistleblowing and credit cards.

— For the first time, the state Comptroller's Office has selected the authority for a local government and

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What: Board of Commissioners meeting
When: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Meeting Room A, 41 Lewis St.