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Supervisor, clerk seats on this year's township elections ballot

With the slate of candidates in this year's Rice County township elections finalized, there looks to be a real race in both Bridgewater and Northfield townships.

The race for a supervisor's seat in both townships are the only two contested in the county. Only one candidate filed for each office in the remainder, though no affidavits of candidacy were filed for the open supervisor's seat in Webster Township or the clerk's seat in Northfield Township.

In Cannon City Township, the vacant treasurer's seat is also on the ballot

This year, township elections will be held Tuesday, March 12.

One seat on each township's boards of supervisors will be on the ballot, except in Bridgewater Township where two three-year supervisor's seats are up. Clerk seats are also open in townships where they remain an elected position. In Bridgewater, Forest and Webster, the clerk is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Northfield Township voters will also have two questions on their ballots. One seeks authorization to appoint rather than elect the town clerk. The other asks whether the county should be permitted to issue Sunday sale intoxicating liquor licenses to township establishments.



Absentee voting for the March 12 Township elections begins Feb. 9 and runs through March 11.

Supervisors' terms all are three years. Clerks' terms are two years long.

Each township also holds elections and its annual meetings on Tuesday, March 12. Meeting times vary by township, as do poll hours. Both are listed below along with the names of the candidates.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 is the last day to pre-register to vote for the 2024 township elections. Paper applications must be delivered to the Elections Office at the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault, or mailed to that address by 5 p.m. Feb. 13. Voters registering online through the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State's secure website -- bit.ly/33cMK5X -- have an 11:59 p.m. deadline.

Residents can also vote absentee from Friday, Feb. 9 through Monday, March 11 at the Rice County Government Services Building. The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Monday, Feb. 19, when county offices close for Presidents Day. Voters can also cast an absentee ballot from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 9 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the Government Services Building.

Running in this year's township elections are:

Bridgewater

Supervisor Seat A: Glen Castore

Supervisor Seat D: Larry Alderks and Michael Little
Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 500 Railway St., Dundas
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Cannon City

Clerk: Marilyn Caron
Treasurer: Anne Engen
Supervisor: Preston Bauer
Vote from 4-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4490 Crystal Lake Trail, Faribault
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Erin

Clerk: Sharon Kaisershot
Supervisor: Jim Cihak
Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 12378 Independence Ave., Lonsdale
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Forest

Supervisor: William Malecha
Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 3625 Millersburg Boulevard, Faribault
Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Morristown

Clerk: Dawn Nuetzman
Supervisor: Kevin Kubal
Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 402 Division St. S, Morristown
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Northfield

Clerk: No affidavits for candidacy were filed
Supervisor: Matt Estrem, Josh Malecha and Jerald Studsdahl
Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 10901 Jacobs Ave., Northfield
Annual meeting: 8:10 p.m.

Richland

Clerk: Robert Sommers
Supervisor: Stevan Johnson
Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 9985 240th St. E, Faribault
Annual meeting: 4 p.m.

Shieldsville

Clerk: Susan Cephlecha-Novak
Supervisor: Joseph Pesta
Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 7250 154th St. W, Faribault
Annual meeting: 2 p.m.

Walcott

Clerk: Kourtney Spitzack
Supervisor: Rick Heiderscheidt

Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4020 240th St E., Faribault
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Warsaw

Clerk: Debra DeGrood
Supervisor: Ron Wegner
Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 22955 Dalton Ave, Faribault
Annual meeting: 4 p.m.

Webster

Supervisor: No affidavits for candidacy were filed
Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 4175 Delano Ave, Webster
Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Wells

Clerk: James Zahn
Supervisor: Kevin Loken
Vote from 2-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 18400 Roberds Lake Boulevard, Faribault
Annual meeting: 1 p.m.

Wheatland

Clerk: James Duban
Supervisor: Diane Johnson
Vote from 3-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 9641 50th St W, Veseli
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

Wheeling

Clerk: Rebecca Vergin
Supervisor: Ronald Keller
Vote from 5-8 p.m. at Town Hall, 8492 Nerstrand Boulevard, Nerstrand
Annual meeting: 8:15 p.m.

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