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Falconer Track & Field Invitational Is Friday

The 10th annual Falconer Golden Falcon Track & Field Invitational will take place Friday under the lights of Bill Race Field. The competition is scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m.

Schools entered in the meet are Allegany-Limestone, Brockport, Cassadaga Valley, Cattaraugus-Little Valley, Chautauqua Lake, Clymer, East Aurora, Falconer, Fredonia, Frewsburg, Gowanda, Jamestown, Maple Grove, Olean, Panama, Randolph, Salamanca, Silver Creek, Southwestern, and Westfield.

"The competition in all 17 events has been top-notch in the nine-year history of this meet," said meet director and girls head coach Mike LeBaron. "It seems many athletes achieve personal-best and/or qualify for the Section 6 Championships on this night. The races are always close and the field events decided by inches. I think 2011 will offer the same excitement."

He added, "Also, we are also happy to again honor our friend, the late Joe Paterniti. Joe was the head official for our first invitational in 2002, and was key in helping us get the facility that we have today for the athletes. We will presenting a senior male and a senior female athlete from Friday's meet with the Joe Paterniti Memorial Sportsmanship Award."

Returning Section 6 champions scheduled to compete are: Danielle Anderson of Jamestown (high jump), Mallory Clark of Allegany-Limestone (100/200 meters), Marta McLaughlin of East Aurora (800), Shantell Nichols of Clymer (400 hurdles), Leanne Johnson of Falconer (pentathlon), Shannon Murphy of Falconer (steeplechase), Anthony Schwartz of Randolph (400) and Matt Allen of Olean (110 hurdles and pole vault).

Athletes placing in the top three will receive medals, fourth through sixth will receive ribbons, with the event champions also receiving a T-shirt. The top two teams will be awarded team trophies.

In addition, plaques will be given to the Most Outstanding Field Event Athlete, Track Athlete and Overall Athlete.

A concession stand will be operating and admission to the meet is \$1, which includes a program.

All proceeds benefit the Falconer Track & Field Boosters.

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