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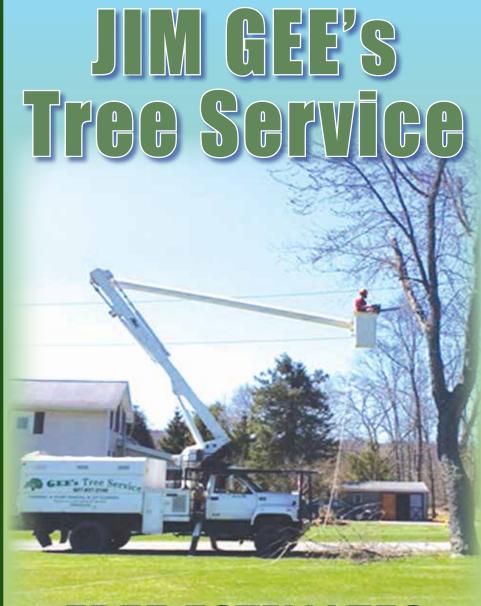


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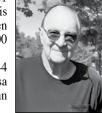
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Obituary

FRANCIS LOUIS KOTMEL, age 81 of Montour Falls, NY, passed away in his home, surrounded by his three children on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 5:00

Francis was born on April 22, 1944 in Montour Falls to his mother Elsa (Sniszek) Kotmel and his father John Kotmel.



He grew up in a house filled with love and laughter where he was the youngest child of the family, with two older brothers, John and Vincent. He often spoke of the other children he grew up with as well; the many foster brothers his parents took in over the years. Regardless of his companions on any given day, he spent most of his youth hunting, fishing and enjoying the many acres of land surrounding his home "up on the hill."

Even when he almost lost his leg in a hunting accident that left beebees from a 12 gauge shotgun shell in his leg, he never gave up his love for nature.

He attended Odessa-Montour Central High School, where he was the last of the "four lettermen" having run track as well as having played football, basketball, and baseball. In 1985 he was inducted into the OMCS Sports Hall of Fame and often happily reminisced about his years as a star athlete.

Upon graduation, he earned a scholarship to Ithaca College where he earned a BS in Physical Education. After that he worked as a teacher, and athletic director at Whitesville High School where took a rag tag basketball team well into the state championship tournament.

For years after that Fran worked as the recreational coordinator at Sampson which was a state institution for adults with special needs where he was able to help people who had been left and forgotten to live meaningful lives filled with music, games, and love.

Fran held many positions after that in a wide variety of fields. He worked as a carpenter, a salesman, and businessman. For ten years he also worked as a property development director for the Seven Lakes Girl Scout Council, building countless unique campgrounds for girls across New York to enjoy, including a treehouse camp.

At around the age of 40 he left the stability of a full time position and ventured into entrepreneurship. He founded two companies. One was Overview Construction and the other was The Family Tree Company. He owned several properties in NYS as well as one in Florida. Even then, he took on new challenges and responsibilities by helping to start a Physical Rehabilitation Center in Lakeland, Florida where he worked as a consultant and a kinesiotherapist. He did similar work in Dublin, Georgia at the VA as well.

When he finally retired he moved back up from Florida to live on the land where he and all his children were raised.

While he held many occupational positions over the years, the titles most important to him were son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a family man through and through.

Francis was also a devoted friend and would gladly lend a hand to anyone in need.

He carried on his parents' legacy by taking in and caring for children within the community, and always providing a warm bed and an abundance of food and love for those in need. His grandchildren called him "Super Poppy" because of his many heroic feets and narrow escapes from injury and death throughout the years. But sadly, even our heroes must pass from this earth eventually.

Francis was predeceased by his wife Carol, father, John, his mother Elsa, and his brothers John and Vincent.

He is survived by his daughters, Kelly Andrea Kotmel-King and Karen Elizabeth Sherrard; his son, Michael Francis Kotmel; and his nine grandchildren, Aaron King, Joshua King, Jacob King, Nicholas King, Kason Sherrard, Adison Sherrard, Krislyn Kotmel, Maddux Kotmel, and Ryker Kotmel, and one great-grandchild, Roselyn May Langlais-King. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Lovina Kotmel and her four children, Vince Jr., Moe, Brian, and Kathy as well as his eldest brother's son John Kotmel.

Francis has left a legacy of love, joy, compassion, acceptance, and a deep reverence for this miraculous thing we call

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Francis's name to the American Cancer Society.

A celebration of life will be held around Thanksgiving at the family home. Details will be shared ASAP. Online condolences may be share with the family at www.RoyceChedzoy. com. Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home of Watkins Glen is assisting the family.



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A big thank you to Oak Hill Manor in Ithaca, NY where she was living until she passed. Rest In Peace Mom!

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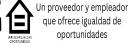


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NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the regular Town Board meeting on October 8, 2025, the Town Board adopted Resolution # 63, which authorizes the Town Supervisor to negotiate an agreement with Schuyler County for assessor services and is subject to permissive referendum thereon as required by New York State Real Property Tax Law § 1537(1)(c) and New York State Town Law §§ 90 et seq.

Abstract of Resolution # 63

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange previously contracted with Schuyler County for assessor services and that contract is about to expire; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County has presented the Town with a proposed contract for assessor services which would run through 2030.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract for assessor services with Schuyler County; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1537(1)(c) and New York State Town Law §§ 90 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Clerk is authorized to publish and post a Notice of permissive referendum containing this Resolution in compliance with the aforesaid requirements of New York State law.

Date: October 9, 2025

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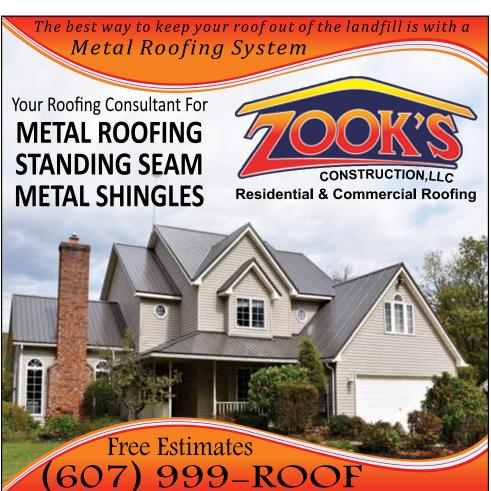
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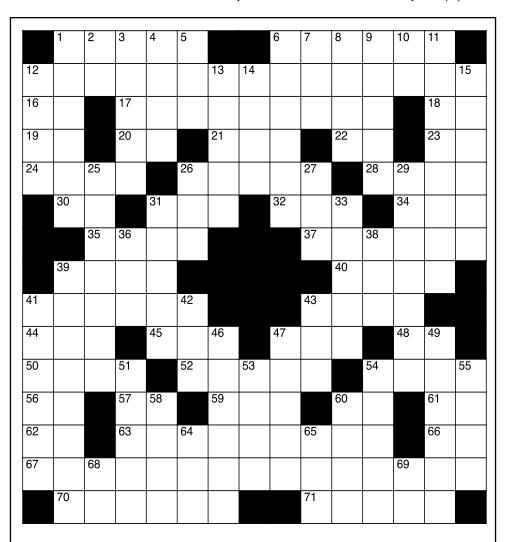
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- 12. Nevertheless
- 16. Sportscaster Michaels
- 17. A firm believer
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. One's bestie
- 20. Of I
- 21. Hamburger accessory
- 22. Thus
- 23. Partner to Pa
- 24. Scottish tax
- 26. Cuts away
- 28. Require
- 30. Government lawyer
- 31. Own (Scottish)
- 32. Body cavity
- 34. Brew
- 35. Young woman (French)
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Pair of points in mathematics

- 40. Attack suddenly
- 41. Aviators
- 43. Make perfect
- 44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 45. Neither
- 47. The center of a city 48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
- 50. Singer Redding
- 52. Dragged forcibly 54. Puncture with a knife
- 56. Belonging to me
- 57. Expresses surprise
- 59. Haul 60. The Golden State
- 61. Biblical Sumerian city 62. Integrated circuit
- 63. Opposed to certain principles
- 66. Sodium
- 67. Qualities
- 70. Walk
- 71. It awaits us all

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ate quickly
- 2. Peyton Manning's alma mater
- 3. Moves through water
- 4. Run away from
- 5. Utah resident
- 6. Natural objects
- 7. Children's game 8. Obligation to prove
- 9. Ancient Greek building for performances
- 10. Soldier
- 11. Decorated
- 12. Catches
- 13. Russell , author
- 14. Speak indistinctly
- 15. Students get them
- 25. Japanese warrior
- 26. Dessert 27. Doleful
- 29. Most cushy
- 31. Moon crater

- 33. Small evergreen Arabian tree
- 36. Something fugitives are "on"
- 38. 007's creator
- 39. Paintings on hinged panels
- 41. Type of bomb
- 42. Japanese classical theater 43. U.S. gov't department
- 46. Flightless bird 47. One who cuts wood or stone
- 49. Buttock and thigh together
- 51. A way to gather
- 53. Body part
- 54. Argentinian city
- 55. Undergarments
- 58. Jai ___, sport
- 60. Container for shipping
- 64. Type of screen
- 65. Get free of
- 68. Indicates position
- 69. Business department

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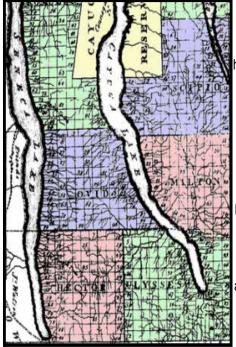
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The Backbone Ridge History Group Presents a special program on the

MILITARY LOT SURVEYS

Sunday, October 19th

Burdett Fire Hall at 2:00 p.m



A final presentation by Keith Jenkins who nas entered data transcribed from the field books recorded by the original surveyors who laid out the military tract on the Hector Backbone. The online map will include the towns of Ovid, Lodi, Covert, Hector, Ulysses and Enfield.

Keith works at Cornell University, where he is the GIS and Geospatial Applications Librarian at Mann Library. He helps students, faculty, and staff at Cornell find geospatial data and to use software such as QGIS and ArcGIS to analyze their data and make maps. This project was conceived and started by Allan Buddle and Bob Kibbee, and executed by volunteers for the Backbone Ridge History Group.

If you've wondered about the military lot surveys, how they were created and how to access the information, join us! Judy Wickham Butterfield and June Szabo have some new information to share and if you've attended one of these before, join us again for some new twists!

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Dear Schuyler County Voters,

It's that time again- You all helped me to succeed in the June primary and now we are on to the general election.

I am running for the county legislator position in district 4, which is currently held by Jim Howell. This district includes Montour Falls, part of Odessa, and part of Burdett.

If elected in November, I hope to be the start of the next generation of leaders for this great county. There will be many new legislative positions filled in the next three years as term limits will expire for the people currently in those positions.

I hope to bring to the table my knowledge of this community. My past experience as a General Manager at Ithaca College prepared me for personnel and budget decisions used for large-scale catering and dining services. This later served me as I became co-owner of Bleachers Sports Bar and Grill and currently Art and Nancy's Restaurant.

As I have stated in previous letters, my focus remains Community First. If elected, I will prove my dedication to all of you, the hard-working families of Schuyler County. I am a proud NRA member, as well as a member of the

WG Elks club. My family and I have been longtime supporters of local veterans and worked with Dewayne Butler at the Schuyler County Veteran's Service Agency to serve vets Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Our family supports local agencies including Spirit of Schuyler, Gorges Givers, The United Way, local law enforcement and first responders including the Burdett, Montour Falls and Watkins Glen Fire Departments. I am a former Little League, Small Fry and Varsity coach. I truly have an investment in the county that I live and work in.

I would love the opportunity to meet with anyone who has questions for me. I enjoyed meeting members of the community at the Moose Club on October 2. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the recently planned Meet the Candidate Night at the Watkins Glen Elementary School. I invite anyone who has further questions to feel free to stop in to see me at Art and Nancy's or call at (607) 857-1664.

In closing, I thank you for your time and ask you to please get out and VOTE on November 4th . Early voting begins October 24 - November 2 at the Schuyler County Courthouse Building on 105 9th Street, Watkins Glen. Sincerely, *Jeffrey Fazzary*

