

## Sustainability Update:

### How to Handle Surplus Equipment

By Leo Riley  
Recycling Specialist, Solid Waste Management Division

As you may be aware, in December 2007, the Tompkins County Legislature passed a revised version of the Surplus Equipment Policy, 01-21. The revisions to this policy are structured to encourage reuse and recycling before disposal.

According to the policy, surplus equipment is reusable, but has no projected use within the originating department. Please note that surplus computer equipment is handled differently from surplus equipment, so contact ITS or your ITS support personnel for further instructions on handling these items.

Reuse is the first step in handling surplus equipment. Unwanted items should be reported to your Waste Reduction Representative. He or she will then post the item on the County Reuse Distribution List. Waste Reduction Representatives will be alerted through this distribution list about items that are available (without cost or for a fee). Check with your Waste Reduction Representative to learn how he or she is sharing this information with your department.

If an item is posted, but no one wants it, you will then have the option to sell, auction, or donate it. Donations can only be made to a 501(c)3 nonprofit, a Tompkins County local government agency, or another reuse program as defined by Tompkins County Solid Waste. The policy also states that surplus equipment should **never** be donated or given to an individual.

Items that cannot be reused should be recycled, if possible. In many cases, recycling can actually save money. Instead of paying a disposal fee to discard metal items and electronics, these materials can be recycled at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center for free.

If an item cannot be reused or recycled, then it may be thrown away. Please remember to always follow guidelines for hazardous and universal waste disposal (for items such as computers, fluorescent tubing, chemicals, etc.) in order to ensure your safety and the health of our environment.

Department Waste Reduction Representatives will provide you with more information about new programs as they develop. For example, a transportation service option will be forthcoming to help facilitate and streamline the movement of surplus equipment. Any comments or suggestions about these programs should be forwarded to Leo Riley, coordinator of the Sustainability Team's Reuse Subcommittee.

## Why Recycle?

Some examples...

### Metal

*Environmental Savings:* For every ton of steel (metal) recycled, we ...

- Use 40 percent less water than used to make virgin steel.
- Reduce air pollution by 86 percent.
- Reduce water pollution by 76 percent.
- Save enough energy to run a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours.
- Save 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone.

### Litter Facts:

It takes steel cans up to 100 years to decompose.

### Paper

*Environmental Savings:* For every ton of paper recycled, we ...

- Save 463 gallons of oil.
- Save 7,000 gallons of water.
- Make 60 pounds less of air pollution.
- Save 3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Save 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy.
- Save 17 trees.
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 850 pounds per year.



### Litter Facts:

It takes paper up to one year to decompose.

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## Reflections on the 25 Year Club

One of the pleasures I have had in my extended time with Tompkins County took place on May 29<sup>th</sup> when the 25 Year Club inducted four new members: *Linda Eva* and *Euguanie Fudala* of the Department of Social Services; *Karen Johnson* of the Health Department and *Suzi Cook* from the County Attorney's Office. The event was held at the Lake Watch Inn on a simply beautiful evening and, as usual, the Personnel Department did an outstanding job creating just the right level of elegance for the occasion as well as flawlessly managing the entire event.

Part of going to this event is taking the opportunity to think back over the past 25 years. In this case, 1983 happened to coincide with the end of my first career with Tompkins County, so I had a somewhat clear memory of the state of the county at that time. As my historic vision came into focus I was struck by how our level of services has improved and the progress we have made. Looking at the back of the program that listed nearly 150 members of this elite club, it struck me that it was the varied leadership contributions of this elite group that made possible the enormous service improvements that have occurred over the last 25 years. I chose the phrase "varied leadership" because, whether one's contribution is just knowing when things were done and why, or if one headed a department, working for the County for 25 years entitles one to be called a leader.

One of the rewards of being the Tompkins County Administrator is traveling to conferences, because wherever I go I know that when I say I am from Tompkins County, I can see the envy begin to grow and my chest begins to swell – since it is generally well recognized that Tompkins County is pretty much number one in all disciplines. The taxpayers, administration, managers and current employees have a debt of gratitude to pay to the members of the 25 Year Club for a job well done.

Speaking of jobs well done, I also attended a party in honor of Tim Joseph sponsored by the Legislature. The event was held at Stewart Park on a Sunday afternoon. It was well attended by sandal-wearing admirers who were there to sing his praises. At one point, a motley group made up largely of County Legislators took the idea literally and, led by Leslyn McBean-Clairborne and Jean Mc Pheeters did their best at singing a medley of odes to Tim. It wasn't pretty, but it was fun. Tim is doing well in his parks job. As he puts it, "They pay me lots of money to walk in the park". Nice work if you can get it! We all wish Tim well and we all expect our offspring will be rewarded with good summer jobs.

- Steve Whicher



*Linda Eva*



*Euguanie Fudala*



*Karen Johnson*



*Suzi Cook*

## Kudos Korner...

### Jerry Stern Day in Tompkins County: May 6, 2008

Submitted by Geri Lockwood

On the pretense of the Tompkins County Legislature requesting information on Highway Permits at their April 15, 2008, meeting, several people were involved in corroborating and conspiring for Jerry Stern, Highway Technician (Permit Agent) at Tompkins County Highway, to attend the meeting "to present/discuss the permits."



In actuality, on behalf of the Tompkins County Legislature, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne presented Jerry with a Proclamation, declaring May 6, 2008, as "*Jerry Stern Day in Tompkins County*", due to his active involvement in the Skilled Trades Diversity Council (STDC), and his influential County involvement in the Annual Central New York Careers in Construction Day. At the meeting, Charade Kittle and Dave Richardson, from the STDC, also presented Jerry with an Outstanding Service Award.



(left-right, Charade, Jerry, Dave)

Jerry is a certified American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) Worksite Traffic Control Supervisor, participating in flagger training at the Highway and at the STDC.

Jerry's wife and mother-in-law surprised him with their attendance for the presentations. We all kept the secret well, and Jerry was very surprised!

Congratulations, Jerry, and thank you for your hard work and involvement with the Council!

### Nancy Zahler Honored With Day Care Council Award

The Day Care and Child Development Council of Tompkins County has recognized County Youth Services Director Nancy Zahler as the 2008 recipient of its June Rogers Early Childhood Award. The award was presented at the Council's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Council praised Director Zahler for her focus on the needs of youth over many years of service, including her role in helping to initiate the Council's Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program, which marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Council Director Sue Dale-Hall called Nancy Zahler a particularly fitting recipient of the award, since she fulfills the commitment established by the Council's first Executive Director, June Rogers, to provide a diverse array of services for children and families at all economic levels.



"Nancy has spent her professional career focusing on the needs of young people in New York State, especially in Tompkins County, and engaging others to join her in her cause," Director Dale-Hall stated.

### Carol Mohler Receives State Public Health Honor

Carol Mohler, BS, RN, a Team Leader from the Tompkins County Health Department was recognized as a *Public Health Works!* Honoree June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Carol was selected for the Honor Roll because of her dedication to the field of public health and her coordination of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in Tompkins County, one of 71 outstanding public health employees from the State's local health departments who were inducted into the 2008 *Public Health Works!* Honor Roll.



Director of Patient Services Sigrid Connors calls Carol "the very definition of grace, dedication, integrity, and professionalism." Carol's supervisor, Karen Bishop, adds that Carol is a role model and mentor to staff and students a skilled nurse leader, a dedicated public health worker, and a joy to work with.

## Kudos Korner (continued)...

### Solid Waste Employees Recognized

Solid Waste Division Communications Assistant *Stephanie Egan* and Assistant Recycling Specialist *Kat McCarthy*, and former project assistant *Amanda Block* were featured in a recent edition of Ithaca College's sustainability newsletter, *Collective Impact*.

Kat was cited for her work coordinating the new Finger Lakes Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Consortium; Stephanie for coordination of America Recycles Day last November; and Amanda for her research support for Finger Lakes Buy Green and other projects. All three are Ithaca College grads.



### Congratulations to...

*Jaycee Smith*, Assessment and *Norma Jayne*, Administration

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jaycee and Norma received their Associates degrees from Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Congratulations for your achievements and hard work!



Come on down – It's not too late to have fun as a member of the 2008 County Dragonboat Team!!



Come on down and join the fun of being a member of the 2008 County Dragonboat Team. The race will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008, along the inlet. We still have some slots available for anyone interested in participating in this fun-filled event. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow employees from other departments/agencies as well as taking part in this unique event, and there is no experience necessary! This year is the third year the County is participating, and although it started out as a race between the County and the City, I have to say they did not attend last year. We are hoping that they once again pick up the gauntlet! A wonderful aspect of the race is that the Community Team winner is able to choose an agency to donate the first prize proceeds.

**If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Karen Fuller at 274-5434 or [kfuller@tompkins-co.org](mailto:kfuller@tompkins-co.org). Hope to see you there!**

## Heat Emergencies

Submitted by Frank Croteau



**Definition** – The three categories of increasing severity are: *heat cramps*, *heat exhaustion*, and *heatstroke*.

Children, elderly, obese people, or people taking certain medications or drink alcoholic beverages have a higher risk of developing heat illness. Top athletes in superb condition may also succumb to heat illness if warning signs are ignored.

If the problem is not addressed, *heat cramps* (caused by loss of salt from heavy sweating) may lead to *heat exhaustion* (caused by dehydration), which can progress to *heatstroke*, the most serious of the three. Heatstroke can cause shock, brain damage, organ failure, and even death.

**Considerations** – Heat illnesses are easily preventable by taking precautions in hot weather.

- Drink more (nonalcoholic/non-sugared) fluids, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warnings: If your fluid intake is limited, or you are taking water pills, seek medical advice regarding additional fluid intake during hot weather. Cold fluids may cause stomach cramps.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Try to rest often, preferably in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (may also keep you cooler) and sunglasses, and by applying SPF 15 or higher sunscreen (the most effective products are "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

**Common Causes** – The following are *common causes* of heat emergencies:

- High temperatures or humidity.
- Dehydration.
- Prolonged or excessive exercise.
- Excess clothing.
- Alcohol use.
- Medications, such as diuretics, neuroleptics, phenothiazines, and anticholinergics.
- Cardiovascular disease.
- Sweat gland dysfunction.

**Symptoms** – The following are *common symptoms* of heat emergencies:

*Early symptoms of heat illness:*

- Profuse sweating.
- Fatigue.
- Thirst.
- Muscle cramps.

*Later symptom of heat exhaustion:*

- Headache.
- Dizziness and light-headedness.
- Weakness.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Cool, moist skin.
- Dark urine.

*Symptoms of heatstroke:*

- Fever (temperature above 104° F).
- Irrational behavior.
- Extreme confusion.
- Dry, hot, and red skin.
- Rapid, shallow breathing.
- Rapid, weak pulse.
- Seizures.
- Unconsciousness

**First Aid:**

1. Have the person lie down in a cool place and elevate their feet about 12 inches.
2. Apply cool, wet cloths (or cool water directly) to the person's skins, and use a fan to lower their body temperature. Place cold compresses on their neck, groin, and armpits.
3. If alert, have them sip beverages (such as Gatorade), or make a salted drink by adding a teaspoon of salt per quart of water, and give them a half cup every 15 minutes. Use cool water if salted beverages are not available.
4. For muscle cramps, give them beverages as described in #3 above, and massage the affected muscles gently, but firmly, until they relax.
5. If signs of shock appear (bluish lips and fingernails and decreased alertness), or they begin to have seizures or loss of consciousness, call 911 and administer first aid accordingly.

**DO NOT:**

- underestimate the seriousness of heat illness, especially if the person is a child, elderly, or injured.
- give the person medications that are used to treat fever (such as aspirin or acetaminophen), as they will not and may be harmful.
- give the person salt tablets.
- give the person liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine, as they will interfere with their body's ability to control its internal temperature.
- use alcohol rubs on the person's skin.
- give the person anything by mouth (not even salted drinks) if they are vomiting or unconscious.

## Employee Spotlights

### Erica Gifford

Erica Gifford joined Tompkins County government In March as Assistant Director of Facilities.



Erica responded to the following questions from *County Corridors*:

**What do you do here (your job duties)?**

I coordinate projects for our facilities staff.

**What do you like best about your job?**

Problem solving.

### Shanovah Moodie

Shanovah Moodie has worked for Tompkins County for two-and-a-half years, and recently assumed the position of Personnel Assistant Trainee in the Personnel Department.

Shanovah responded to the following questions from *County Corridors*:

**What do you do here (your job duties)?**

In my current position I will be leading the Staff Development and Training initiatives. I will also assist with community outreach, diversity and inclusion efforts, recruitment, civil service examination administration and helping our customers to access employment by serving as a resource - informing them about the process and various career opportunities available.

**What do you like best about your job?**

I really enjoy interacting with people and learning new things.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?**

My favorite thing to do outside of work is spend time with family and friends.

**What do you like least about your job?**

I have not found anything as of yet. I'm sure I'll come across something in the future.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?**

Any outdoor activity – gardening, tending to my flowers, etc.

**If you ran the world, what is the first thing you would do?**

Well, I would first like to level the playing field. No more need for power and control. I would like to see people have the same opportunity in life to follow any type of education that pleases them.

When a person is faced with just providing the basic needs of life, such as food and water to survive and having a shelter over their heads to protect them from the elements, and it proves to be a struggle just to barely provide this, with today's economic environment how can they shift their thoughts to higher education? It just is not a priority.

If we could have every person involved with the bettering of our lives, we would not have one person to run the world, we would together collectively protect and guide our world. We should be looking at solving major problems like keeping our planet Earth a habitable planet, and not how we can line the pockets of the already wealthy. But this ideal is just a fantasy, so I admit I'm a dreamer. But without our imagination and dreams what do people have to look forward to?



**What do you like least about your job?**

Working in a new position is challenging and I am confident that I will excel.

**If you ran the world, what is the first thing you would do?**

If I ran the world I would work on ending worldwide hunger and establishing world peace. I would also create a college scholarship account for low-income families because education is one the most important values we receive in life

## T-Free Zone Program Enters Third Year

By Ted Schiele, Health Department

In July 2006 the first T-Free Zone stickers were mailed out to Tompkins County businesses in order to promote smoke free entryways at worksites and stores. Since then, hundreds of stickers have been posted at workplaces all across the county, and the familiar red and blue "zone" logo is becoming a standard request for smoke free outdoor areas and entryways.

Even as the T-Free Zone logo becomes more familiar, it is important to be reminded of the whole picture behind the smoke free movement, because it is more than protection from the real health risks associated with exposure to secondhand smoke. It is also a chance to support smokers who really want to quit, and help our kids learn that nonsmoking is the model to grow up with.

Most adult smokers took up the habit before they turned age 18, as a way to fit into a social group, present a certain "look", or leap-frog into adulthood. But nicotine addiction can happen very quickly in the adolescent brain, so even a fashionable flirt with smoking can lead to a very long term habit. If adults model social behaviors that do not include smoking in public areas, then teens may be less likely to turn to cigarettes as a way to show they're ready for the adult world.

For smokers who are trying to quit, the strategy works much the same way. To a certain extent, we all see ourselves as we see others. We see someone doing something we commonly do, and the view seems familiar to how we picture ourselves. For smokers, one of the tricks to quitting successfully is for the individual to learn how to be a nonsmoker, and that includes picturing him- or herself going through the day without a cigarette in all the places that person normally smokes. Watching people take on everyday activities without the prop of a cigarette can help a smoker make the mental transition to being a nonsmoker.

The recent sharp increase in New York's excise tax on cigarettes, now at \$2.75 a pack, provides a new motivation for smokers to quit, and a major deterrent to youth starting. But it often takes more, and when the urge to light up strikes the community "norm" can play a big part in making the most healthy choice. As county employees, we can help set the pace for supporting smoke free public areas as a healthier choice that contributes significantly to a healthier community.

Resources for quitting smoking:

- NYS Smokers' Quitline. 1-866-NY-QUITS (toll free 1-866-697-8487). Free starter kit for eligible smokers who are ready to quit. Free telephone counseling service 9am-9pm weekdays, 9am-1pm weekends. Motivational tips available 24/7. Also online, [www.nysmokefree.com](http://www.nysmokefree.com).
- Nurse Direct cessation counseling. 1-800-295-8088. Free telephone counseling service provided by UHS Healthy Living Center, Johnson City.
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network. 1-800-231-0744. Free cessation program for pregnant and parenting women and those caring for young children.

## Office for the Aging Annual Luncheon

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging Advisory Committee held the Annual Luncheon for 2008 at the Clarion Hotel on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

John Krout, Director of the Ithaca College Gerontology Institute was the keynote speaker for the luncheon. His comments focused on "Creativity and Aging: Paradigm and Possibilities". Two area seniors were also awarded certificates of appreciation for their contributions to our community.



*John Krout*

William Eisenhardt received the award for Senior Citizen of the Year. Bill has worked tirelessly for seniors in the Enfield community for many years. He is President of the Enfield Senior Citizens and has also worked with the Enfield Volunteer Fire Department since 1983. Additionally, Bill leads the Enfield Fire Company's Highway Clean Up program. Though retired, he continues to respond with the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company to emergency calls and perform the duties of the Fire Police, controlling traffic and providing a measure of security at the scene of emergency and non-emergency fire and medical incidents. Bill's contributions help to make Enfield a great place for seniors to live.

Nancy Bereano received the Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen. Nancy exemplifies the criteria for this award because of her involvement in assisting senior citizens with unique support services and activities through the Working Group on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Aging. The focus of the group is to provide community training to local agencies that serve elders. This includes cultural competency training to assist agencies in addressing the unique concerns of LGBT elders. The group created a curriculum of training materials and offers training to human service and home care agencies in Tompkins County. Nancy has contributed countless hours to the well being of many hundreds of seniors from an undeserved constituency and she continues to be instrumental in bringing our community to a better understanding of the issues of seniors in the LGBT community.

Congratulations to both recipients!

*- Submitted by Trina Schickel*

## Welcome to Will Burbank



Will Burbank is the newest member of the County Legislator, elected in a special election on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to succeed Tim Joseph as the representative of District 12 (Town of Ithaca).

Will says he will work hard to use his skills, experience and temperament to serve effectively, addressing the challenges that lie ahead. Will's priorities include:

- working to see that County services and programs are of high quality and efficiently-delivered
- striving to keep County government processes open and accountable
- supporting neighborhoods and protecting the environment
- promoting equity, social and economic justice
- working to keep taxes down while preserving and enhancing our quality of life.

*Welcome to the Legislature, Will!*

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# Blood Drive

Tompkins County Public Library,  
August 26th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Has anyone in your family ever been injured or had surgery and needed blood? The blood that they were given came from donors. The American Red Cross needs your donation of blood too. Here's your chance to give back to your family, friends, and neighbors.

You can help by participating in one or more of the following activities:



- Join the Recruitment Team -

At least 1 person from each County Office Building will lead the campaign and promote participation. This person (or people) will sign donors up and remind donors the day before their appointment. The most common reason people report for not donating blood is that nobody asked them!

- Work for an Hour at the Blood Drive -

We'll need volunteers to work in 1 hour shifts to either help register donors or be the "Canteen" person - that's the person who hands out cookies and juice to those who have just donated blood.

- Donate Your Blood -

Take an hour off from work to help your community. A donation of one unit of blood equals a little less than a pint. The body replaces the fluid donated within 24 hours. Red cells are replaced in about six weeks. An individual may donate a unit of whole blood every 56 days (eight weeks).

If we all pull together and give a little, we can make this a huge success. If you are interested in helping out, please call Cheryl Nelson at 274-0302 or e-mail me at [cnelson@tompkins-co.org](mailto:cnelson@tompkins-co.org).



## A recipe to try!

*Submitted by Shanovah Moodie*

I thought it would be nice to give readers something that they could try over the summer. I thought a meat and potatoes recipe was a little too much to think about due to the summer weather. I hope you will try it, too. Have a wonderful day.

### Viennese Almond Crescent

*(From the Ithaca Bakery's Cookbook, A Gourmet Deli in Your Kitchen)*

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 ¾ cups almond paste or macaroon paste (available in grocery stores) | 3 large egg whites         |
| 1 ¼ cups sugar  | ½ lb. slivered almonds     |
| 1 large egg yolk  | 4 oz. semi-sweet chocolate |

- In mixer, beat almond paste and sugar together until mixture is in the form of fine crumbs.
- Add yolk and egg whites, mixing on medium speed until it has a smooth consistency.
- Place almonds in small pan with low sides.
- Form 2" round pieces of dough with your hands.
- Roll rounds in slivered almonds and then form a crescent shape out of each almond covered round.
- Lay crescent shapes on well greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees, 20-25 minutes. Cool.
- Melt chocolate over very low heat. Dip tip of each cooled cookie in chocolate. Lay on waxed paper on clean cooking sheet; chill.



Hint: Can brush on light coating of melted apricot preserve before dipping in chocolate for extra touch.

*(Unsolicited endorsement from Marcia: I love these! I bought this cookbook when it came out years ago, primarily because this recipe was in it!)*



# If, Golf, Golf, Golf....

## Circle your Calendar for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Golf Tournament Friday, September 5, 2008

Contact [jthomas@Tompkins-co.org](mailto:jthomas@Tompkins-co.org) for details

*Also remember...*

### Jackie Yoder Memorial Golf Tournament

*Submitted by Bob Slocum*

The Kiwanis Club of Dryden is proud to host the Second Annual Jackie Yoder Memorial Golf Tournament on Sunday morning, June 22, 2008 at Stonehedges Golf Course in Groton, NY. Shotgun start at 9:00am. The net proceeds will be split equally between the Kiwanis Club of Dryden and the Caring Community Hospice of Cortland.

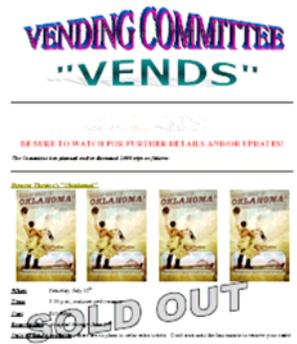
For those of us who knew Jackie, there is probably not a better way to pay tribute to her than to engage in one of true loves, the game of golf. Stonehedges was her favorite course. She played daily when she could. The Caring Community Hospice of Cortland was chosen as the charity beneficiary by the family of Jackie Yoder, whose battle against cancer was eased by their caring efforts.

The format is Captain and Mate teams. The entry fee of \$60 per golfer covers 18 holes of golf, cart, Chicken BBQ, and prizes. For more information, call Dottie at 844-4429. Registrations will be accepted on the day of the event.

## Vending Committee "Vends"

### Website:

Please remember to visit our website, on the employee Intranet (click on the link under "Events/News"), or [www.tompkins-co.org/employee\\_only/VendingCommitteeNews.pdf](http://www.tompkins-co.org/employee_only/VendingCommitteeNews.pdf). Be sure to visit regularly for updated information on all trips, news, etc.



### 2008 Trips:

#### Scheduled:

- New York City, June 14<sup>th</sup> (winter trip, December 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Hangar Theatre production of Oklahoma!, July 12<sup>th</sup> – **SOLD OUT**

#### Tentative:

- *Darien Lake, tentatively August 16<sup>th</sup>*
- *Captain Bill's Lunch Cruise, date TBD*

## Department News

### Probation Department

The Probation Department welcomes *Linda Hubert*, Senior Typist in the front office and *Gladys Larsen* (from Cortland County Probation), Probation Officer in the Family Court unit.

We also welcome Kylie Atkinson, born to *Jennifer Atkinson* on February 16, and Kara Curione born to *Karen Curione* on March 21.

We welcome back *Susan Robinson* and *John Beach*, who are temporarily filling in for the new moms. Susan will stay on in *Pat Galbraith's* position as part time Probation Officer. Yes, Pat has re-retired and we wish her all the best.

The Probation Department is sponsoring a Relay for Life Team. Please consider purchasing 50-50 tickets or raffle tickets for the quilted tabletopper seen below. Contact Karla Brackett, Robin Chernow, or Faith Newkirk.



### County Clerk



On May 8, 46 individuals were sworn in as citizens of the United States of America, at a moving ceremony held before Hon. Robert C. Mulvey, Justice of Supreme Court, at the Tompkins County Court House.

Maria Coles, a member of the City of Ithaca Common Council, who was naturalized before Judge Mulvey in the same courtroom several years earlier, gave the welcoming speech to the new citizens. "America the Beautiful" was performed by the violinists of Ithaca Talent Education School, and refreshments were provided and served by the Kiwanis Club of Ithaca/Cayuga Chapter.

This ceremony was supervised and produced by the employees of the Tompkins County Clerk's office. Three such ceremonies are held here each year.

### Highway Highlights...

*Submitted by Geri Lockwood*

#### 2008 Major Construction Projects:

Please be sure to visit the website, <http://www.tompkins-co.org/highway>, for monthly updates on road and bridge projects.

#### Careers in Construction Day:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Central New York Careers in Construction Day, hosted by The Skilled Trades Diversity Council, was held on May 6, 2008, at The Field in Lansing. As in the past, the Facilities, Highway, and Solid Waste Divisions of the Tompkins County Public Works Department participated in this event.

**Facilities Division:** Dana Dexter, Carpenter, displayed several tools used in his trade, as well a hands-on demonstration of a "break" (equipment used to bend aluminum). Mike Merchant, HVAC Technician, displayed several HVAC-related tools and equipment.

**Highway Division:** Displaying equipment outside were: Rick Baker, Wayne Lauper, and Willie VanDeMark, Heavy Equipment Operators. Set up inside, were: Ryan Sherry, Engineering Technician, displaying a computerized overview of Tompkins County; Geri Lockwood, Administrative Assistant, with job applications and job descriptions; and Jerry Stern, Highway Technician (Permit Agent), with a popular hands-on demonstration of applying thermo-plastic material to the pavement (i.e. stop bars, arrows, etc.), as well as the division's radar traffic counter. Jerry is also a member of the Skilled Trades Diversity Council, and recently instructed a Flagger Training Course sponsored by the Council.

**Solid Waste Division:** Paul Cowles, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer, and Linnett Short, Communications and Administrative Coordinator, with several displays that included handouts of bumper stickers, pencils, bracelets, magnets, bookmarks, etc., made from recycled materials.

#### National Public Works Week:

May 18-24, 2008 was National Public Works Week. The Public Works Division includes Airport, Facilities, Highway, Solid Waste Management, and Public Works Administration.



## FUNNY BONES

*Assistant District Attorney Gary Surdell took St. Patrick's Day to heart, celebrating the holiday as Gary O'Surdell! Kari Stamm of the D.A.'s Office sent in this picture for all of us to enjoy.*

*Way to go, Gary!*



## Bus Pass Program Renewed

Our popular TCAT bus pass program has been renewed for July through December 2008.

All county employees are eligible to receive a free pass for TCAT bus service. **New bus pass applications are required for that phase.** The application form is available on the employee intranet (in the Forms section, Personnel Dept.) or via interdepartmental mail from the Personnel Department.

Use of the pass is free to you, though the county pays for each ride. For that reason, a bus pass may be used only by the employee to whom it is issued, and only for commuting to and from work or for work-related travel during your regular work hours.

Nearly 100 employees are using the TCAT passes.

We also offer partial reimbursement for out-of-county bus passes, including Tioga Transit and the Chemung County bus system. Information about that is available from the Personnel Dept., 274-5526.

If you have any questions, give me a call.

Anna Smith, Personnel

## Thank you...

To all of the County employees that sent cards or messages or attended services at the time of my mother's (Elizabeth Rhodes) death. Your words and thoughts are greatly appreciated and a source of comfort for me and my family.

Cheryl Nelson

## Foster Care/Adoption Information Meetings

Submitted by Ellie Arnold

To anyone who may be considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent and wants more information, Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold informational meetings at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State St., Ithaca, NY on the 2nd Thursdays of each month. The upcoming meetings will be held July 10 and August 14, 2008 from Noon to 1PM.

Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District and for families who will foster teenagers.

Please call 274-5266 for more information.

Thank you.



## Classified Ads

### Dog Dayz Inn

A place where your dog feels  
"at home".

Located in North Lansing  
**Sandy Strehle, 315-497-3467**  
[dogdayzinn@yahoo.com](mailto:dogdayzinn@yahoo.com)  
<http://www.dogdayzinn.com>



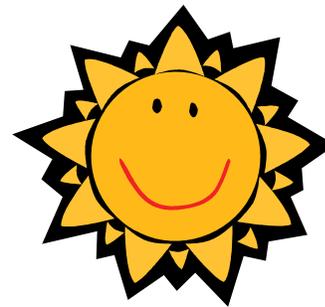
**FOR SALE** – 2000 Volvo S70 GLE, power heated leather seats, moon roof, CD/Cassette AM/FM premium sound system, A/C, automatic, with 120,000 miles, in very good condition. Asking \$6,000.00. Please call (607) 351-0535.

**FOR SALE** – 1995 31' Challenger 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel camper. Features include two slide-outs, basement, full-size bathroom, and a queen-sized bed. Excellent condition. Must sell due to health reasons. \$11,000.00, complete with hitch. Please call (607) 898-5196.

**FOR SALE** – 1987 29' Nomad tag-along camper. Features include front kitchen, rear twin beds, bunks (can sleep eight), with a newer water heater and lots of storage space. Good condition. Must sell due to health reasons. \$3,500.00. Please call (607) 898-5196.

**FOR SALE** – 1972 Sportscraft 30' Cabin Cruiser, Inboard with twin 225 engines. Sleeps 6, with room for blow-up mattresses. Includes kitchen sink, cupboard, stove, gas grill, refrigerator, dinner table, toilet, fly bridge with 36" ship wheel, compass, 2 radios, GPS, 7 life jackets, depth finder with speed water temperature, auto anchor, 100 gallon gas tank, 220 A/C, and 12V D/C electrical service, TV with antenna and cable hook-up, AM/FM Cassette, water hook-up, ≈ 100 gallon water storage tank, hot water tank, 2 bilge pumps, battery charger, swimming deck with ladder, extra propeller, fully canvassed, with new carpeting and steering cables. 30x50' winter cover, roof-covered in winter. A **STEAL** at \$13,995.00 (**could make a 10% commission for finding buyer at this price**)! Please call Paul, at (607) 564-1088, or e-mail at [plcowles@yahoo.com](mailto:plcowles@yahoo.com).

**FOR SALE** – Reese brand Trunnion bar weight distribution hitch (1,200 lb.) with hitch bar and sway control. Was used to pull a 5,000 lb. trailer with a Tahoe (Class 3 hitch). In good shape – will e-mail photos, if interested. Originally \$700.00, selling for \$300.00. Please call Diane, at (607) 708-4044.



Forward classified ads to Geri Lockwood at the Highway Division,  
[glockwood@tompkins-co.org](mailto:glockwood@tompkins-co.org)



~ \* \* **SAVE THE DATE** \* \* ~

CSEA Local 855 – 2008 Employee Recognition  
Day (Picnic)  
Date: Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Stewart Park (near the small pavillion)

(Informational registration forms to be mailed  
at a later date.)

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