

# County Corridors

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## Solid Waste Management Division Accepts National Go Green Honor

By Linnett Short, Solid Waste Division

Linnett Short, Communication and Administrative Coordinator received the *Go Green County of the Year* award from Jill Buck originator of the *Go Green Initiative*, in Syracuse at the Go Green Summit on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tompkins County is being honored as the nation's first-ever *Go Green* County of the year, in recognition of the Solid Waste Management Division's innovation and success with getting over half of the Tompkins County schools on board and signed up as a *Go Green* School.

The schools that are currently participating are Enfield Elementary, TST BOCES and BOCES Community School; Dryden Elementary, Cassavant, Freeville Elementary, Middle and High Schools; Dewitt Middle School, Boynton Middle School, Belle Sherman, Beverly J. Martin, Fall Creek, Ithaca High School, Northeast Elementary, Caroline Elementary, South Hill Elementary and Cayuga Heights Elementary, and Alternatives Community School; and Trumansburg Elementary, Middle and High School.

The local *Go Green Initiative* program helps to unite parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators to create a culture of environmental responsibility in all the schools in Tompkins County. The schools must adopt and adopt three of the five initiatives which are **G** for Generate Compost, **R** for Recycle, **E** for Educate, **E** for Evaluate and **N** for National principles of responsible consumption.



Jill Buck and Linnett Short

Jill Buck, founder of the *Go Green Initiative*, says she is very, very proud of the County's commitment to make *Go Green* an integral part of its composting and recycling programs, and she hopes it will serve as an example to other county environmental and solid waste coordinators across the nation. "We've seen schools registering in Tompkins County all year long on a very regular and consistent basis," Buck observed. "We believe that this is because of your county's commitment to make the *Go Green Initiative* part of your plan and process."

Linnett Short said that the day she received the award was her birthday and she couldn't get anything better than that for a birthday gift. Her assistant Stephanie Egan and co-worker Kat McCarthy were companions on this project. Linnett says she would like to see the rest of the schools in Tompkins County on board as *Go Green Initiative* schools before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 and if not; shortly thereafter.

If you have a school, or know of one that is not yet participating in the *Go Green Initiative*, send the information to Linnett Short at 273-6632 or [lshort@tompkins-co.org](mailto:lshort@tompkins-co.org).



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Notes From the County Administrator:

## Looking Forward: Our Challenges for 2009

After a couple of months on the job and a great deal of interaction with department heads, legislators, and employees at every level, my first impression of Tompkins County government still holds: we are very good at what we do. That is a function of several things, not the least of which is the level of dedication I've seen throughout our organization. It is that intangible quality that separates Tompkins County government from many others.

As we begin to look forward to a new year, it is probably with more apprehension than usual. Many of our residents are suffering the direct effects of the national recession, and County government is bracing for the fallout from a State budget that is far out of balance.

As the national economy tries to find its balance, County services will become more important than ever. People facing economic hardships need a helping hand and a friendly face. We will provide both.

We will also face our own challenges as the State works to close a large budget gap. Fortunately, the County's 2009 budget is structured to give us time to develop careful, measured responses to changes that may come out of the process. We also intend to be very active in Albany defending our programs from arbitrary cuts, and have already started meeting with State legislators who represent our area.

The character of any government is most clearly revealed during times of challenge. Based on what I have come to know about Tompkins County government and the people who comprise it, I'm confident our challenges will reveal the things about us of which we are most proud: compassion, skill, innovation, and dedication.

I wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

- Joe Mareane



*County Administrator Joe Mareane with County Clerk Aurora Valenti, after taking the oath of office October 28th.*

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## Emergency Response Sponsors SKYWARN Weather Training

*By Jessica Verfuss, Department of Emergency Response*

On Wednesday, November 5, Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response hosted a Basic SKYWARN course, conducted by Dave Nicosia of the National Weather Service (NWS), Binghamton.

**The objective of the program is to train as many storm spotters as possible to recognize the potential for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash floods and what to report to the NWS and to Emergency Management.**

About 20 participants, including several County employees, Cornell University employees, ARES operators (HAM radio), and private citizens, received information and training on SKYWARN and its goal, the NWS mission and the importance of spotters and "ground truth" reports and examples of how spotters can help forecasters warn the public; recognition of thunderstorms, how they form and differ from other storms, what makes them severe, how to stay safe; tornadoes and how they form, recognition of visual cues and safety; flash flood causes, history and safety. They also learned what to report to the NWS and procedures for reporting.



A Winter Weather SKYWARN Course was also held on December 4 at the Department of Emergency Response. Fifteen people attended to learn about how winter storms and snow are formed; the difference between a blizzard, heavy snow, blowing snow, snow squalls, snow showers and snow flurries; winter flooding and ice jams; the difference between rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow; the Wind Chill Chart; Lake Effect; the difference between an outlook, a watch, a warning and an advisory; and how and what to report to the NWS.

Reports from storm spotters who have been through the SKYWARN training are kept by the NWS and are used to verify what is being seen on Doppler radar and satellite, and is used with other data to enable the NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for severe weather.

Plans for an advanced SKYWARN course for the spring will be announced soon!

For more information, please visit the National SKYWARN homepage at <http://www.skywarn.org>

## Winter Weather Preparedness and Fire Prevention

By Jessica Verfuss,  
Department of Emergency Response

Winter weather is upon us. Here are a few tips to help you be prepared:



### Prepare your home and family

- **Prepare for possible isolation in your home.** Have a supply of non-perishable food and plenty of water available as well as sufficient heating fuel. Prepare for at least 72 hours without services. Be sure to have a battery operated weather radio with extra batteries.

leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall during a storm. Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, cover windows with plastic.

- **Know ahead of time** what you can do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.

### Prepare your car



- **Have a winter weather check done,** which includes such things as antifreeze levels, battery, brakes, exhaust, heater and defroster, lights, and, windshield wipers.
- **Install good winter tires.** Make sure the tires have adequate tread.
- **Maintain at least a half tank** of gas during the winter season.
- **Place a winter emergency kit** in each car that includes a shovel, windshield

scraper and small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio, water, snack food, blanket, chain or rope, road salt and sand, jumper cables and emergency flares.

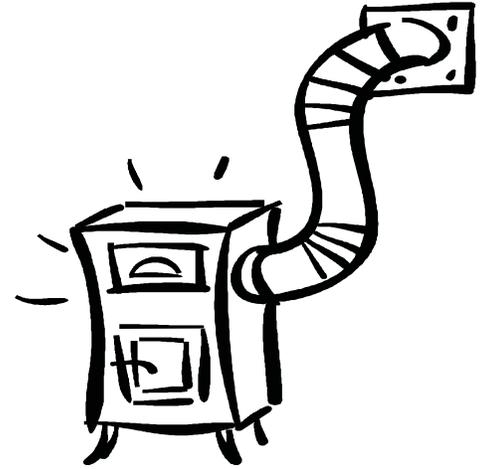
### Dress for the Weather

- **Wear several layers** of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.
- **Wear a hat and mittens,** which are warmer than gloves. Most body heat escapes from the head.



### Focus on Fire Safety

During the winter months, residential fires are more prevalent than they are in the spring or summer. With colder temperatures and the high cost of home heating fuels and utilities, many people resort to using fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters, and other alternative heating methods to keep warm, without taking the necessary safety precautions. All of these methods are major contributors to residential fires. **Many of these fires can be prevented!**



**Keep fire extinguishers on hand,** and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

### Wood Stove and Fireplaces

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly and have it inspected and cleaned annually.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire. Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces.
- Keep a metal screen in front of the fireplace opening.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

### Furnaces

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition. Do not attempt repairs yourself: leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

### Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- NEVER fill the heater while it is operating or hot.
- Keep young children away from heaters – especially when they are wearing pajamas or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

## Tompkins County Step-Up Healthy Competition

By Brooke Kominos, Personnel

The Wellness Committee organized an 8-week physical activity program/competition that started on September 3, 2008 and ended October 29, 2008. The program consisted of three levels, a league leader (Wellness Committee), team captains and team members. League leaders set up and monitored the competition. Team Captains recruited players and managed their team using online tools. Team members participated in the competition and measured their daily steps and daily fruit/vegetable servings.

The Step Up Healthy Competition is set up and tracked online, giving team captains and team members an easy way to participate in the program. All County employees and participants in the program/competition were given pedometers to help track their steps on a daily basis.

In total, the County's League consisted of 18 teams with a total of 151 participants. The team with the highest percent to goal in steps and servings of fruits and vegetables at the end of the competition won a luncheon at their worksite. In addition, in a random drawing, 5 participants won individual prizes for their commitment to be more physically active and eat more fruit and vegetables.

The winning team of Tompkins County's Step Up Healthy Competition was *Bodacious BOBS* from County Office for the Aging.

*Bodacious BOBS* Team Members enjoyed the competition and provided the following information to County Corridors.

**Regina McGriff:** I've been working for the county for 18+ years. A few years ago I went to a dietitian, changed my eating habits and lost 18 lbs. Over the next 3-5 years I had gained back about 10 of them. With my involvement with the Step - Up Program I have started the process of hopefully removing those lbs. In the short program I lost 4 lbs.

**Dianna Schooley:** I have worked for the County for 21 years. I have two grown sons and three stepsons. My husband and I have ten grandchildren between us and have been married 10 years. We are currently raising our teenage granddaughter. I enjoyed the step-up program, there was always talk in the office about how much you did each day and which teams were ahead.

**Katrina Schickel:** I am an Aging Services Specialist with the Office for the Aging. I am a mother of five adult children and the grandmother of one gorgeous granddaughter, Gabriella Grace! I am an avid fan of exercise and the Step Up Program, which helped me to focus my efforts not just on getting to the gym, but also on making sure there were enough fruits and vegetables my diet on a daily basis!

**Susan Martin:** I've been working with OFA for 7 years. As a dietitian I've always been committed to healthy eating and lifestyle. I was eager and excited to participate in the Step Up challenge. It was great fun with the group to realize our healthy (and not so healthy) ways.

**Marge Dean:** I have worked for COFA for more than 20 years, a bit longer than I have married. Participating in the Step-up program was great fun. It makes you stop and think about what you are eating and how much exercise you are actually getting. I enjoy my horse, a 30 year old



Arabian mare, my Siamese/Tiger blend cat, my garden and just being outdoors.

**Marilyn Roberts Chase:** I have been with the Office for the Aging since August '06, as an Aging Service Specialist. I love my job and those I work with. I have always enjoyed quality food and a very active lifestyle. The Step-Up program allowed me to combine those interests with office interaction. It was also an excellent forum for teasing and joking within our team and with the teams we were competing against.

The 5 participants that won individual prizes for their commitment to be more physically active and eat more fruit and vegetables were:

- Gerri Lockwood, Highway Department
- Susan Dunlop, Health Department
- Teresa Linde, ITCTC
- Elizabeth Cameron, Health Department
- Sharon Reagin, Comptroller's Office

The Wellness Committee would like to thank all Team Members for their participation in the competition.

Wellness Committee consists of Barbara Davieds/Mental Health, Theresa Lyczko/Health Department, Stephanie Egan/Solid Waste, Brooke Kominos/Personnel, Jim Strehle/Airport.



left to right: Regina McGriff, Dianna Schooley, Trina Schickel, Susan Martin, Marge Dean, Marilyn Roberts Chase



Introducing....

# THE PUZZLE

By Jackie Kippola

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Beginning with this edition of *County Corridors*, here's a new feature to let you have a little fun, while learning a bit about the County's departments and programs. We challenge you to find the following words, which appear horizontally, vertically or diagonally (backward or forward) in the grid below. (See back page for the answers.)

MAUREEN  
JOLINE  
ELIZABETH  
ALANNA  
RACHEL  
GERI

PATTY  
AURORA  
PIERCE  
CLERK  
PASSPORT  
NINE TO FIVE

DEEDS  
FILE  
NOTARY  
MORTGAGE

If you have comments or suggestions for future puzzles, contact Editor Maureen Reynolds at [mreynolds@tompkins-co.org](mailto:mreynolds@tompkins-co.org) or 274-5431.



# Halloween Contest Competition Individual



Margo Polikoff from CSCN as a scarecrow.



1st Place Goes To:

David Weiner, DSS, as Beetlejuice



Katy Prince, Health Dept. as a Mime



Karen Knapp, DSS, as the One Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater

Andrea Smith, the WIC Director as Bat Girl



*Congratulations to our Halloween contest winners, and to everyone who competed this year – what a great collection of entries!*

*There was a tight competition within DSS in the “individual” category. “Beetlejuice” beat out “The One Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater” by a single vote!*

*Thanks to the Vending Committee for sponsoring this competition again this year.*

# Halloween Contest Competition Group



1st Place Goes To:

Kelly Nickerson, Sue Woodard, Karen Bishop, Jennifer Sutfin, and Darlene Laninger as the circus performers

*(Gail Birnbaum and Katy Prince also participated)*



*Kat McCarthy as Beaker, Linnett Short as Ms. Piggy, and Nicole Stumpf as Jancie and they are all at a Muppets Reunion*



*Jami Breedlove, Debbie Cooper, and Arlene Ace as the WIC Musketeers*

## Employee Spotlight

### Christy Warner

Christy Warner is an Emergency Services Dispatcher in the Department of Emergency Response. Christy has worked for the County for three years, having served as an E-911 Program Specialist for two years.

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

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

*Take 911 calls for police, fire, and medical services, and then dispatch the appropriate agency or agencies.*

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

*Helping people.*

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

Shift work.

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

I enjoy working on home improvement projects with my husband. We are also both volunteers for the Dryden Fire Department.

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

Lower gas prices.



### Sustainability Spotlight:

#### Waste Reduction - Even the little things add up...

*Submitted by Geri Lockwood, Highway*

Have you ever felt that you were doing everything possible to assist with waste reduction? Sometimes, there's more that can be done that we don't even consider or think about.

Our office has discovered a couple of new ways to reduce paper waste. When finished with incoming faxes, prior to recycling the paper, we now save them for other uses. Job costing reports are run daily for verification purposes, and then the paper is recycled. The reports (as well as some draft documents) are now run on the backside of the fax paper, verified, and then recycled.

Since we usually receive more faxes than what is required to run reports, the accumulated stack of fax paper is quartered with a paper cutter, and several of us have a supply near our phones for scrap/message paper.

This use has greatly reduced the amount of Post-it Note purchases, which results in a savings in the office supply budget.

Please look around to find ways that you can help with waste reduction. Remember the 4R's (Reduce, Reuse Recycle, Rebuy). Thank you!

### EPP Vendor Fair

The Environmentally Preferred Procurement (EPP) subcommittee, formed in response to the County's Sustainability Initiative, is in the planning phase of an upcoming EPP Vendor Fair. The event plans to showcase the latest innovations available for products in the areas of office supplies, office furniture and equipment, packaging materials, disposable dinnerware supplies,

cleaning and janitorial supplies, highway materials, vehicle and automotive materials, and building and construction materials. Be on the lookout for further information on how you can participate in this exciting opportunity to green your department's supply cabinet.



- Linnett Short



## Probation Program Supports Cops, Kids and Toys

By Pat Buechel, Probation

The Service Work Alternative Program, a supervised community service program operated by the Tompkins County Department of Probation and Community Justice, has played a key role in efforts leading to this season's "Cops, Kids and Toys" program. "Cops, Kids and Toys" purchases holiday gifts for children in need who reside in Tompkins County.

Through the Service Work Alternative Program (known as SWAP), court-ordered probationers provide supervised community service to repay the community for the harm they have imposed from criminal or errant behavior. SWAP logged in over 900 hours of community service in this year's "Dump and Run" project, operated in conjunction with Cornell University and Cornell Campus Life.

The project involved collecting and sorting 35 tons of food, clothing and electronics left behind by the student population and then re-selling the nonperishable items back to the students (and the community) upon their return for the fall semester, with two tons of food also donated to the local Friendship Food Network. SWAP has been instrumental in achieving the goals of "Dump and Run" – to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste and then donate proceeds of the sale to charity.

"Cops, Kids and Toys" is one of four charities supported by SWAP's involvement in "Dump and Run." This is the ultimate give back to the community that participants can really relate to. How can you not smile and feel good about yourself knowing that you helped a child receive a holiday gift?



While SWAP performs community service at various job sites throughout the county, participation in "Dump and Run" is probably the most visible and rewarding for all involved. We have been involved with "Dump and Run" since it started in 2003 when an e-mail from a Cornell University student came across the list serve asking for help from the community to get this program off the ground.

I knew our SWAP program could assist, but little did I know that 'Dump and Run' and our involvement would grow to the magnitude it has become today. SWAP has been instrumental in that growth and I believe that our participants have grown as well, knowing that their efforts are helping their community.

Participation extends beyond the mandated participants, as Probation Department staff also have spent numerous hours at the job site and have assisted in sorting through countless bags of items to prepare for the sale. The positive benefit of having participants working side by side with Probation staff and other community volunteers cannot be understated. It has proven to be a great role modeling experience for the participants. This project is well respected within the Probation Department and the level of commitment by everyone is astonishing.

This year's "Dump and Run" sale grossed \$42,000 in revenue to support local charities. The program has raised more than \$147,000 over the past five years.

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## Highway Highlights...

submitted by Geri Lockwood, Administrative Assistant

### Changes in Snow & Ice Maintenance:

After contracting to perform snow and ice (S&I) maintenance on some area State roads for several years, Tompkins County has elected not to extend the contract to continue this practice. Since we also contract for S&I maintenance with several Towns in the County, adjustments were made with some of those contracts as well, resulting in Tompkins County Highway resuming responsibility of several County roads.

The new plow routes have been established, and plow drivers have been assigned to cover the changes. As always, we appreciate the crews' efforts to make our commutes as safe as possible. Please do your share and remember to stay back 200 feet from the working plow trucks (the plow drivers sometimes can't see you behind them at closer distances.) For more information and winter tips, visit [www.tompkins-co.org/highway/snow.html](http://www.tompkins-co.org/highway/snow.html).

Please drive safely, using extra caution when driving in winter weather – leave early and slow down. Thank you!

### "Green" Pavement, by Bill Sczesny, Highway Manager:

As you drive about County roadways, you may not give much thought to the pavement that you are driving on. Traditional methods of producing asphalt consume a considerable amount of energy. Suit-Kote, a local producer of asphalt, is producing a new type of "green" asphalt, called Low Emission Asphalt (LEA). LEA is a warm-mix asphalt that is 100° cooler than traditional hot-mix asphalt.

"By reducing those temperatures, we virtually eliminate all the odors typically associated with hot mix asphalt, which makes for a better relationship with the community," said Greg Hunter, Vice-President of McConnaughay Technologies.

In 2008, Tompkins County has paved parts of Warren Road, Stevens Road, and Cayuta Road with the new LEA product. This amounted to approximately 4200 tons. Tompkins County Highway is always looking for a new "green" product.

## Department News

### Office for the Aging



The Office for the Aging enthusiastically welcomes *Amanda David* to our staff as an outreach worker handling our PERS (Personal Emergency Response pendants) program for frail, older adults.

Prior to joining our staff at COFA, Amanda worked at the Youth Advocate program where she worked with teenage girls. She has also been a resident counselor at Lakeview Mental Health. Amanda brings excellent skills to her new position, as she was a caregiver for her grandfather.

"I really like the work that I do here at the Office for the Aging," Amanda says. "PERS is an important benefit for our clients. I love going into people's homes and meeting them in their own space and hearing their stories. It is a privilege and it gives me an opportunity to tell them about other services."

When Amanda is not at work here at COFA, she is home-schooling her two sons, ages eight and two and a half.



### Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Visits

*By County Clerk Aurora Valenti*

### Solid Waste

#### Welcome to:

*Nicole Stumpf* as our new Recycling Specialist  
and to  
*Dee Townsend* as our new Account Clerk Typist



On October 30, 2008, the Tompkins County Department of Motor Vehicles was pleased to host the New York State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, David J. Swarts. Commissioner Swarts spent upwards of an hour at the Third Street facility, talking with the employees, and discussing proposed future plans with the County Clerk and the Supervisor of DMV. Commissioner Swarts was previously County Clerk of Erie County (Buffalo, NY), the largest county in NYS. His office is in Albany, New York.



Congratulations to Geri Lockwood, Highway, on the birth of her granddaughter, Madison Jean Lockwood, born October 1st.

### Kudos Korner...

Congratulations to *Kelly Nickerson*, Senior Account Clerk Typist at the Health Department, for her quick and life-saving response to an emergency this fall.

In September, while attending a family brunch at a Penn Yan restaurant, Kelly responded to the restaurant's call to customers for someone with CPR skills. Kelly responded and delivered the Heimlich maneuver to an elderly customer who had choked on his food, was in distress and who had become unconscious.

According to Sigrid Connors and Karen Bisop at the Health Department, Kelly, fresh from her recertification CPR training the week before, responded quickly and ably. The gentleman revived and Kelly stayed with him until the EMTs took over.

Congratulations Kelly for your quick response in saving this man's life!



# FUNNY BONES

**What do elves learn in school?**  
The elf-abet.

**What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?**  
The Christmas alphabet has no L (Noel).

**What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?**  
Silent Night.

**Why does Santa have 3 gardens?**  
So he can hoe, hoe, hoe.

**What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?**  
Crisp Cringle.

**Why was Santa's little helper depressed?**  
He had low elf-esteem.

**What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?**  
Claustrophobic.

# VENDING COMMITTEE "VENDS"

## Post-Trip Information

Captain Bill's Lunch Cruise, October 5, 2008. This cruise was attended by 25 people, who enjoyed the great food and weather.

NYC Winter Trip, December 6, 2008. Be sure to watch for post-trip information in the March edition of the County Corridors.

## Website:

Don't miss out on a chance to enjoy one of the trips or events being scheduled in 2009. 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.

Please see your Department Representative (names listed on the website) to share other ideas.

## A Christmas Story for People Having a Bad Day

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.



Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple Cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the Cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree . . .



## 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  
http://www.dogdayzinn.com



**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** – 2004 Yellow Chevy Cavalier 2DR Coupe LS Sport, Mileage 24,000, 4 Cylinder, 2.2 Liter, Automatic. EXCELLENT Condition: AC, Tilt Wheel, PS, PW, PL, CC, AM/FM Stereo/CD, Spoiler, ABS, Alloy Wheels, OnStar, MoonRoof. Asking \$8,200 OBO. Please call (607) 277-7029 – will return calls in the evening.

**FOR SALE** – Commercial meat slicer, 12" blade, excellent condition \$300/BO; 4' electrical baseboard heater 1500 watt \$15; Vintage G&E electric refrigerator with compressor on top, comes with original ad, works good \$60/BO. Please call (607) 532-4092.

**FOR SALE** – Sears Craftsmen Table Saw, 10" 1 hp motor, heavy-duty cast iron body, open stand with wheels. Includes miter and universal jig, straight and angle rip fences. \$200. Please call Rosanne Lahr, at (607) 257-3717 home.

**FOR SALE** – Riding shoes – "Tuffrider" – made in Brazil, lace up above the ankle, \$25.00 each:

- women's brown, size 8 – great shape
- men's black, size 11 – new - worn 3 times

Please call Bernice, at (607) 539-6756.

**WANTED: RENT-TO-OWN** – Professional woman with two children, a stable job and steady income looking for a home this July 2009 or sooner to rent-to-own in the Cortland or Groton area, preferably Cortland. 3-4 bedrooms, Internet access via DSL or Cable a MUST, and appliances if at all possible. No washer or dryer needed. Pet friendly. If you have a property that will be coming available and are interested, please call (607) 838-3563 or (607) 342-7039. SERIOUS INQUIRES ONLY PLEASE!!!! Range: \$50,000-\$80,000's.

### DOWN SIZING" SALE – ALL MUST GO!!

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