Ice cream and sunshine brighten High Five recognition

Members of the Employee Recognition Team distributed more than 1,000 Cornell ice cream cups, popsicles and seasonal fresh fruit items at the mid-summer High Five Employee Recognition Event, August 7. The distribution points were located at Kennedy, Carpenter and Stocking Halls; the East Hill Office Building; and Cornell’s offices in New York City and Geneva, NY.

Many employees approached the tables offering a “high five” to the team members, thanking them for the recognition and expressing appreciation for the offer of ice cream on a sunny summer day. The next High Five event will be held later this Fall, 2014.

Summer fun for Research Division

The Weill Hall Courtyard resembled a small town fair July 24 at midday, as the Office of Vice Provost of Research (OVPR) held its annual summer carnival. Complete with such classic fair games as ring, ping pong and bean bag tosses, frog jump, golf putt, pitch burst, basketball throw and duck pond, employees earned tickets for attempting each challenge. Tickets could then be used for chances on various door prizes supplied by local vendors. The smell of hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy filled the air as staff enjoyed free snacks while listening to music provided by a two-man band.

An idea conceived in 2010 by Deb Shigley, human resource director, as a way to appreciate staff, the celebration was originally one event – a formal recognition followed immediately by the carnival. Now more than 200 staff attend two separate celebrations, all from the Research Division, including reporting centers and administrative offices.
Tech Talk Spotlight
Shaley DeGiorgio

Take your Cornell phone number with you

Have you ever found yourself wishing you could get your Cornell phone calls even when you’re not at your desk, without having to publicize your personal cell number? Thanks to “My Extension Everywhere,” a service of IT@Cornell, you can.

With My Extension Everywhere, calls made to Cornell phone numbers will ring simultaneously on your cell or other phone you choose. It’s a great solution for Cornell faculty and staff whose jobs have them constantly on the go.

The service can easily be turned on and off, so you can control when calls made to your Cornell number will ring on your alternate phone. To make it even easier, if your Cornell desk phone is a digital or “voice over IP” set, you can request that one of the buttons be programmed as an on/off switch for My Extension Everywhere.

Don’t have or need a Cornell desk phone? You can still take advantage of My Extension Everywhere. Your department can choose to pay for a virtual Cornell phone number and My Extension Everywhere, at a cost of less than $15 per month. Plus, it’s still easy to turn on and off, so no one will ring your personal line off-hours.

Find out more about My Extension Everywhere at: it.cornell.edu/services/myext

Tech Training Spotlight

Would you like to see some of the new features and advanced functionality in Microsoft Office 2013 Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook? Or learn how to be more organized with Outlook Email? Or how to leverage the new capabilities in Outlook Web App to manage your mailbox? Register now for the following upcoming 2-hour workshops this Fall: Office 2013 Sneak Peek, Outlook Email Tips, Tricks & Shortcuts, or Outlook Web App – New Features.

To receive training announcements, send an email with the subject: join to IT-Training-L-request@cornell.edu.

For a complete listing of technical training resources, see www.it.cornell.edu/training. Email questions to workshop-info@cornell.edu.

Child care grant applications now accepted

Cornell’s Child Care Grant Program helps faculty and staff pay for child care expenses by granting awards of up to $5,000 a year, tax-free. The application period for the 2015 Child Care Grant Program begins Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 30.

The grant covers eligible child care, including infant and toddler day care, preschool/preK programs, school holidays, school-age summer day camps/programs and school-age before/after school care.

To receive grant funds on a tax-free basis, faculty and staff must be eligible to participate in the dependent care flexible spending account each year. Cornell Cooperative Extension County Association employees, for example, are not eligible to apply for the grant program.

For more information, read the frequently asked questions (FAQs) at https://hr.cornell.edu/life/support/ccgsp_faq.pdf, or contact the Resource Center at Benefit Services at (607) 255-3936 or by email: childcare@cornell.edu. Undergraduate and graduate/professional students can find child care grant information, guidelines and applications posted on the Cornell Students with Children website at http://studentparents.dos.cornell.edu/ or email: Laura Weiss at lbw26@cornell.edu.

Check out “Discovery”

Check out Cornell’s newest digital magazine on Flipboard (https://flipboard.com/section/cornell-university%3A-discovery-b3ZrGr) – Cornell University: Discovery. Find stories about Cornellians who conduct basic and applied research, get the details about what inspires them and learn about the difference their work makes in the world.

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Organizational development leader Burkgren honored by national association

NANCY DOOLITTLE

Kathryn Burkgren, right, receiving the 2014 Brent Ruben Award

Kathryn Burkgren, director of organizational development for faculty and staff at Cornell, recently was recognized for her leadership of the Network for Change and Continuous Innovation (NCCI), a national organization of higher education institutions. During her 2011-13 tenure as NCCI president, Burkgren helped the association rebound after the economic downturn of 2009, initiating efforts to increase the value of NCCI membership by offering online programs and rebranding the association.

Burkgren received the NCCI’s Brent Ruben Award this past July during the 2014 NCCI Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington. This award is not given annually, but only when there is a deserving nominee who has demonstrated leadership in advancing excellence in higher education.

“At Cornell, Kathy has continued to build on our legacy of leadership development and organizational development services, advancing improvements to performance management, supporting unit strategic planning all across campus, and promoting innovative and effective approaches to leadership development and process improvements,” said Mary Opperman, Cornell’s vice president for human resources and safety services. “I am pleased she was able to share her Cornell successes and apply her tested methodologies through such an influential organization as the NCCI. This is yet another example of Kathy’s personal effectiveness and leadership skills,” she said.

Burkgren’s supervisor and senior director of Organizational Effectiveness, Chris Halladay, offered his congratulations, saying that Burkgren demonstrates the leadership traits she promotes. “I am not at all surprised that her collaborative skills were welcomed by her peers at NCCI,” he said. “That is her leadership talent: to pull great minds and great ideas together, overcome obstacles and create something new.”

“We are pleased to honor Kathy, whose commitment and leadership were major factors in turning around NCCI and positioning our association as the premier organization for change leaders in higher education,” said NCCI President Catherine Lilly, senior adviser to the executive vice president and chief financial officer at the University of Michigan.

Planning for religious observances

Faculty and staff are reminded to take religious observances into account when planning events, meetings, programs, meals and travel.

“From the university’s founding, and exemplified in our beautiful Sage Chapel, religious diversity has always been part of Cornell’s commitment to diversity and inclusion,” said the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clarke, Sr., director of Cornell United Religious Work.

Cornell United Religious Work has posted a list of religious holidays for the 2014-15 academic year at http://dos.cornell.edu/dos/cms/curw/Religious-Holidays.cfm, along with such restrictions as fasting (with implications for event planning), limitations on working (absences from work should be reasonably accommodated) and other practices.

Widely observed holidays during the upcoming academic year and their potential workplace impacts include:

- Rosh Hashanah** (Sept. 25-26 – absence)
- Eid al Adha* (Oct. 4 – absence, flex schedule)
- Yom Kippur** (Oct. 4 – absence, fasting)
- Diwali (Oct. 23 – absence, flex schedule)
- ‘Ashura’ (Nov. 2 – fasting)

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- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18 – flex schedule)
- Passover** (April 4-11 – offer matzoh as alternative to bread)
- Good Friday (April 3 – absence, fasting) and
- Easter Sunday (April 5 – absence).

Planning for religious holidays and observances includes practices as:

- planning meetings and events for days other than widely observed religious holidays and avoiding or modifying banquets and other meal events during fasting times (e.g., Ramadan, Yom Kippur, Easter);
- allowing flexible schedules to accommodate religious observances (see http://www.dfa.cornell.edu/dfa/treasurer/policyoffice/policies/volumes/humanresources/flexibility.cfm);
- allowing use of vacation, unpaid, or health and personal leave to accommodate religious observances (http://www.dfa.cornell.edu/dfa/treasurer/policyoffice/policies/volumes/humanresources/flexibility.cfm);
- consulting the religious accommodation process (http://www.hr.cornell.edu/policies/all/religious_accommodation.html) to resolve conflict between an employee’s request for religious observance, e.g., head covering or facial jewelry, and the business needs of the department. An FAQ on the religious accommodation process is at https://www.hr.cornell.edu/policies/all/religious_accommodation_faqs.html. Questions? Contact the Office of Workforce Policy and Labor Relations at 254-7232 or equalopportunity@cornell.edu.

For guidance on make-up examinations, study or work requirements due to students’ religious observances, see the Cornell University Faculty Handbook (p. 88) or consult with the Dean of Faculty.

For questions regarding religious observances on campus, contact Cornell United Religious Work at (607) 255-4214 or see http://dos.cornell.edu/dos/Religious-Holidays.cfm

* Actual sightings of the crescent moon may mean these dates are one day earlier or one day later.

** All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the night before the date listed.
CALS Scoop lets colleagues chill

About 1,200 faculty and staff from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) enjoyed seven flavors of Cornell Dairy ice cream at the 14th annual CALS Scoop July 10. For the second year, the event was held in the atrium of the renovated Stocking Hall, and at times the line of participants extended the length of the space and out the door.

Dean Kathryn J. Boor, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, welcomed the college’s staff and faculty to the event and thanked them for their work at CALS throughout the year. She also thanked those who volunteered to organize and serve at the gathering, which continues to grow in popularity.

Approximately 30 gallons of ice cream were served; among them was Dean Boor’s Honey Crunch, made of ice cream, local honey and hempseed with granola.

Growth and well-being focus of Staff Development Day

AMY LAYTON

Opportunities abound on campus and, on July 23, employees were given a glimpse of what Cornell has to offer at the 16th annual Staff Development Day (previously known as Staff Education Exploration Day). More than 400 employees attended this year’s event at the Biotechnology Building, gathering information on professional development, wellness and furthering education.

More than 40 exhibitors were on site, from both inside Cornell and within the local area. For many employees, gaining knowledge was essential. “I wanted to get some information on how to better my career at Cornell … I was made aware of a lot of different places I can get information, so that inspired me a lot,” said Teresa Troy of Transportation Services. Exhibitors benefited as well. “I really enjoy having a table at the event because I have the chance to interact with so many people who have detailed questions about the Wellness Program and its offerings,” stated Kerry Howell, assistant director of the Cornell University Wellness Program.

Ever popular, more than 20 workshops were offered throughout the day, covering such topics as cover letters and application tips; investing and retirement; managing your career and networking; pursuing a degree while working; using Outlook and Power Point and handling stress. “Cornell offers opportunities for employees to hone their skills in resume writing, interviewing, connecting professionally with social media, etc. Everyone wins – the employee can seek diverse job opportunities with improved skills, and Cornell retains talented individuals,” noted Ruth Merle-Doyle, health and wellness specialist.

For more information, contact Organizational Effectiveness at careerplanning@cornell.edu.
Wellbeing

Living with COPD and/or Asthma: Sept. 9, noon-1 p.m., G01 Biotech. Covers the medical causes and symptoms of COPD and asthma, respiratory medications, tobacco cessation and a smoke-free environment, nutrition tips, and the importance of staying active. Speakers will include Cayuga Medical Center respiratory therapist Carrie Westlake and Susan Dunlop R.N., Tompkins County Health Department. Register at https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_0IHFFskArCPmtn.

Diabetes Straight from the Doc: Sept. 11, noon-1 p.m., G01 Biotech. Local endocrinologist, Dr. Adam Law, owner of IthacaMed, will discuss diabetes and how to create a plan to manage your blood sugars. Dr. Law will demystify diabetes and explain how diet and medications work together to minimize complications. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Register at https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_dgxqYlIztwOKDw.

What to Expect When You’re Expecting in Ithaca: Sept. 12, noon-1 p.m., 163 Day Hall. Being pregnant often feels like navigating 100 different options. This class is designed to help you understand the different care models available to you during your pregnancy. Register at https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_bEHh-h0R01Nmq06h.

Caregiver Support & Education Network – Welcome Back lunch: Sept. 18, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 221 Weill Hall. Come whether you’ve been here before or this will be your first time. Lunch is provided. Register at https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_8HJporQTRXKf.

Financial planning

The Fundamentals of Retirement Income Planning: This seminar will help you decide when you may be able to retire; estimate how long your money may last; prepare for challenges you might face in retirement. Sept. 30: lunch at 11:30 a.m., session at noon, dessert at 1 p.m., G10 Biotechnology Building. Spouses welcome. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. is required. Reserve your seats by calling (800) 642-7131 or visit www.seeuthere.com/Cornell2014.

TIAA-CREF economist and investment expert to discuss investments: Daniel Morris, TIAA-CREF’s chief economist and global investment strategist, will speak at Cornell Sept. 18, 11:45 a.m., at the James Law Auditorium, Schurman Hall. He will provide insights on the global economy, investment directions, low interest rates, geo-political instability and the U.S. budget deficit and will provide a broad overview of stock and bond markets. Lunch will be served prior to this free talk. To attend, RSVP: https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=WEIL12E.

Career development

Management Institute for Academic Professionals: This certificate-based program is designed for academic professionals who supervise or manage programs, laboratories, staff, students or volunteers. The program focuses on respectful and inclusive human dynamics in the academic context. Eight sessions, each 3.5 hours, and an additional online requirement, taking approximately 60 mins. to complete. Sept. 11-Dec. 11 at Olin Library. See https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/academic_org_develop.html#Managent:

Communications Certificate Program: 12 classes; Thursdays 9-11:30 a.m., Sept. 4-Nov. 20 in either the Physical Sciences Building room 401 or in 701 Hans Bethe (Seminar Room). This certificate program provides participants with a baseline competency in today’s most critical workplace skill – communication. Cost: $450. See https://www.hr.cornell.edu/life/career/staff_development_workshops.html.

Wellness teacher publishes ‘Joy of Yoga’

SUSAN LANG

Every week, some 150 Cornell students, faculty and staff do downward facing dog, cobra, lizard and other poses under the guidance of Cornell Wellness teacher Emma Silverman. Now, anyone in the world can do likewise, with the publication of Silverman’s first book, “The Joy of Yoga: 50 Sequences for Your Home and Studio Practice” (Skyhorse Publishing).

The 198-page hardcover – already translated into Dutch, German, Italian, Chinese and Spanish – offers yoga sequences ranging from five minutes to an hour long for:

• Specific places, including planes, bus stops, subways, office chairs, before bed or even just waiting for water to boil;
• Concerns – heartache, headache, backache, stomachache, sadness, menstruation, wrist pain, hangovers or sinus pressure;
• Well-being – for balance, “glowing skin,” anger management, gratitude, muscle toning, bone strength, arm strength and even “tushy toners”;
• Sequences for bikers, hikers, gardeners and runners; and
• Yoga “for a midday pick-me-up,” “for people who type too much,” “for busy people” and even poses “that are awkward to do naked.”

“The incredible thing about the practice of yoga is that it can soothe so many physical mental and emotional ailments,” says Silverman, who’s been teaching at Cornell for about four years and practicing yoga for about 15. “In these sequences, I tried to address the concerns I hear regularly from my yoga students.”

Each sequence includes a brief introduction or anecdote by Silverman, a list of poses forming the sequence, simple cartoon illustrations of each pose, and benefits and modifications of the poses.

The style of yoga presented?

“The book – as well as my classes – are based on what I call progressive vinyasa [breath-synchronized movements used to transition between held postures] yoga,” explains Silverman, where poses are simple to start and get more difficult as the sequence progresses.

Silverman, whose blog offers more sequences and discussions, teaches several Cornell Wellness yoga classes a week. Her book is available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Walmart and locally through Buffalo Street Books.
From the desk of . . .

KyuJung Whang, vice president for facilities services

Vice President KyuJung Whang sent the following memo to the deans, directors and department heads in early August; it is printed here for the entire Cornell community.

Dear University Community members,

Several staffing changes have taken place during the past few months within the Division of Facilities Services (FS). These changes were necessitated by departures of some of my leadership team who found new opportunities elsewhere, as well as recent announcements by University Engineer Randy Lacey and Director of Real Estate Tom LiVigne of their intentions to enter into phased retirements at the end of the calendar year.

Ben Kuo has been appointed senior director of Facilities Management, succeeding Maria Cimilluca, who has left the university. Ben recently served FS as interim director of Transportation Services while we conducted the search that brought Bridgette Brady to Cornell as director of Transportation Services.

I am pleased to welcome Bill Sitzabee, director of Facilities Project Administration, who is working on various administrative functions within the division to improve our project initiation, project management and project closeout processes. Bill just concluded a two-year stint with the Cornell University Air Force ROTC as department chair and professor of aerospace studies.

With the departure of David Howe to become associate dean of administration for the College of Veterinary Medicine, I have asked Elisa Springer to step in as interim director of Finance while I conduct a national search for the senior director of Finance. I hope to announce a new senior director by the end of September.

I also will commence a national search for a senior director of University Real Estate, in preparation for Tom LiVigne's retirement.

We welcome Leslie Schill, who joined FS in July as our new University Planner. Leslie previously worked in Alumni Affairs and Development as the director of volunteer programs. She has an extensive planning background from her experiences in the Tompkins County and Washington, DC, planning departments. Leslie reports to Gilbert Delgado, senior director for Capital Projects and Planning and University Architect.

These changes have given me an opportunity to look at the division to see where opportunities exist for process improvements and streamlining, and to make the organization more service-friendly for our customers. I have started by initiating a change in the Project Management (PM) unit. Randy Lacey's upcoming retirement has offered me the opportunity to expand upon his current role and create a new associate vice president for Facilities Project Administration (AVP) position, reporting directly to me, for the purpose of consolidating all PM centers that are within FS. The search to fill the AVP position will commence shortly.

The consolidation of PM centers was one of several recommendations that came out of the Bain Administrative Streamlining Initiative. We have made significant progress by reducing from 19 centers to 4; however, we continue to experience confusion when it comes to project initiation, management and closeout. My goal is to complete this consolidation by shifting all FS project managers into a single department headed by the new AVP. I believe these changes will have positive impacts on our operations and make FS a stronger and more effective organization, providing both our internal and external customers with a consistent set of guidelines, metrics and expectations for the services they are requesting.

-KyuJung Whang, vice president for Facilities Services

Bio labs, cell phones don’t mix

The latest of several short YouTube videos on laboratory safety by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) demonstrates the safety concerns that arise when people use cell phones or earphones while working in biological laboratories. See http://news.cornell.edu/eials/2014/08/bio-labs-cell-phones-dont-mix

Other EH&S videos address such chemical safety, waste management and biosafety topics as moving chemicals through public areas; maintaining situational awareness and facial protection; fume hoods and biosafety cabinets; and the importance of wearing lab coats.

Subscribe to the Cornell Environmental Health and Safety YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/CornellEHS for more videos.

History Center happenings

Celebrating the Moog Synthesizer

Three movies and a live concert will show at Cornell Cinema in conjunction with The History Center in Tompkins County’s exhibition “Switched-On: The Birth of the Moog Synthesizer” through May 31, 2015. The exhibit tells the story of Bob Moog, Ph.D. ’65, and the development of the groundbreaking electronic instruments bearing his name.


“The Eric and Mary Ross Ultimedia Concert,” a special live electronic music performance with composer and master thereminist Eric Ross and his Avant Ensemble, including Trevor Pinch (Cornell) and Peter Rothbart (IC), will show Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., 104 Willard Straight Hall. The event is co-sponsored with the Cornell Council for the Arts and the Rose Goldsen Lecture Series.

Tickets for the Eric and Mary Ross Ultimedia Concert are $12 general, $10 for students and seniors, and are available online at CornellCinemaTickets.com.

For more information see: http://cinema.cornell.edu/ or welcome@TheHistoryCenter.net. Done in partnership with the Bob Moog Foundation: http://moogfoundation.org.

New Erie Canal exhibition

The History Center in Tompkins County will open a new exhibit, “Captains, Commerce and Community: The Impact of the Erie Canal on Tompkins County,” with a reception Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m., at 401 E. State/MLK Street, Suite 100. The artifact-based exhibit will explore the lasting effects of the Erie Canal on Tompkins County.

A series of themes will be explored over the course of the 12-month exhibit, including commerce (Sept.-Dec. 2014), boats and their builders (Jan.-April 2015), and travelers and community folk (May-August 2015).

This exhibit has been made possible through a grant from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. For more information, contact Catherine Duffy, Curator, at (607) 273-8284 ext. 0 or see welcome@TheHistoryCenter.net.
Plantations lecture series

The Cornell Plantations Annual Fall Lecture Series opens Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, and will be followed by a garden party in the Botanical Garden of Cornell Plantations. The series, free and open to the public, will be held every other Wednesday until Nov. 12 in Statler Hall Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless indicated otherwise below.

Visit cornellplantations.org for more information and to register.

Sept. 3: William H. and Jane Torrence Harder Lecture, “You’re the Bee’s Kinesis; Poetry and Coevolution,” by Cornell Professor Joanie Mackowski, poet, 5:30 p.m. in Call Alumni Auditorium, Kennedy Hall. Followed by a garden party in the Botanical Garden of Cornell Plantations.

Sept. 17: Audrey O’Connor Lecture, “The Drunken Botanist,” by author Amy Stewart. Cocktail Party 4:30-6:30 p.m., Botanical Garden; pre-registration required; followed by lecture at 7:30 p.m., Statler Hall Auditorium.


Nov. 12: William Hamilton Lecture, “An Introduction to Classic Bonsai Art,” by William N. Valavanis, bonsai master. Bonsai workshop will be offered Nov. 13; pre-registration is required.

“Walkin’ the Country” benefit

For the third year, Q Country morning host Chris Allinger is strapping on his backpack to walk for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier’s BackPack Program™. His “Walkin’ the Country” event is set for Sept. 8-12 and will take the DJ to every town in Tompkins County, raising funds for the program that helps children at risk of hunger on weekends and holidays during the school year. Allinger will begin his walk from the front of the Friedman Wrestling Center on the Cornell campus Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. For more information, see http://1037qcountry.com/2014/08/10/walkin-the-country-3/.

Reminder: Submit photos by Sept. 26 for the 2014 annual photo contest

Antonia Ruppel, senior lecturer in classics, won “Best in Show” at the judging of the 175 photographs submitted to the 2013 Pawprint Photo Contest for her landscape/ photo, “The Octopus and the Ants.”

The deadline: September 26, 2014.

To encourage new entrants, an additional category has been added for those faculty and staff who have not submitted any photos to this contest in the past three years: New Entrants. Entries in this category can be in any subject.

Cornell staff, faculty, students, alumni and retirees can submit up to four entries, one in each of their choice of nine categories: Animals, Cornell (any location), Humor, Landscape, Nature, Special Effects (digital enhancement), Structures/Buildings and Unspecified. Of their maximum of four images, new entrants can choose to submit one entry to the New Entrants category and the remaining three digital images to the other nine categories (or all four images to the other nine categories).

The first-place winners from each category will then be evaluated as a group by the judges, who will select one image as “Best in Show.”

Send photos by Sept. 26 via email to vsr1@cornell.edu, with the subject line: Pawprint Photo Contest.

Contest rules

- Each person may submit one photo per category in as many as four categories (i.e., four photographs per year per photographer).
- Photos must be submitted digitally; the file must be named by the photographer’s Cornell Net ID and category, “dot”, name of photo (for instance: njs3Animals.AViewFromAbove).
- Except for the Special Effects category, do not digitally enhance or alter your photographs beyond the basics for realistic color balance and sharpness.
- Cornell staff, faculty, students, alumni and retirees are eligible. Family members of Cornellians, Cornell’s professional photographers, their support staff, student photography majors and contest judges are not eligible.
- Photos entered in previous years’ contests are ineligible.

How to enter

Name your photos for submission as indicated above. Send by email to Valerie McMillen, vsr1@cornell.edu, with the subject line: Pawprint Photo Contest, through Sept. 26.

NOTE: entries will not be posted online until AFTER the deadline is past.

By submitting a photograph to the Pawprint Photography Contest, you are giving permission to Pawprint to produce that photo in Pawprint in hard copy and digitally online, for the purposes of promoting the contest and showing viewers the winning photographs. Pawprint is not responsible for any copyright violations that web visitors may incur.

To view last year’s winners in each category, see http://pawprint.cornell.edu/?q=photo-gallery/2013-pawprint-photo-contest-winners. 

For more information, see http://1037qcountry.com/2014/08/10/walkin-the-country-3/.
**WVBR’s Bound for Glory early Fall 2014 lineup**

WVBR’s Bound for Glory has announced the 2014 Fall schedule, the start of the 48th year of this Central New York folk musical tradition. It opens Aug. 31 with Andrew and Noah Vannorstrand.

Bound for Glory broadcasts live from the Cafe at Anabel Taylor Hall Sunday nights, 8-11, with live sets at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. and on WVBR-FM, 93.5 and 105.5. Concerts are free and open to the public. Kids are always welcome; refreshments available. For more information, contact Phil Shapiro, (607) 844-4535 or e-mail pds10@cornell.edu, or see http://wvbr.com.

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**Cooperative Extension workshops**

**Tenant/landlord rights, responsibilities**

Mike Danaher, New York State assistant attorney general, will discuss the benefits of a well-written lease, how security deposits are managed, when and how evictions occur, what to do about needed repairs, and how to avoid or resolve tenant-landlord disputes, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE-Tompkins), 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca. Information pertaining to the landlord-based paint disclosure law will also be available. Following the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to consult individually with Attorney Danaher on any consumer topic. Individuals interested in a consultation must arrive by 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Consumer HelpLine at 272-2292 weekdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This program is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not necessary.

**Interested in Food Preservation?**

A hands-on class in “Boiling water bath canning” will be held Sept. 3, 1-4 p.m., at CCE-Tompkins, 615 Willow Ave, Ithaca. For beginning canners. Learn the science of home food preservation and how to can tomatoes, fruits, and other acidic foods safely in a boiling water bath canner. Cost: $15 per person per class. Space is limited. Register online at http://preservation.peaksmaker.com/champions, or call CCE at (607) 272-2292 with credit card, or in person at CCE-Tompkins. (Payment required at time of registration). See more at: http://ccetompkins.org/nutrition/food-preservation.

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**NYC Fall 2014 trips**

The Cornell Recreation Connection (CRC) is offering trips to New York City on the following Saturdays: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

The discounted fare for all CRC trips is $50 per person for Cornell faculty/staff and up to four guests. Tickets are non-refundable.

Contact Swarthout Coaches at http://www.goswarthout.com/tours/cornell-faculty-tours-31.html to make a reservation. Full payment is due at the time of reservation.

**Itinerary for “Day on Your Own in NYC”**

- 6:30 a.m. – bus leaves Cornell’s B-Lot (you must have your boarding pass to board the bus).
- 11:30 a.m. – bus arrives at NYC with drop offs at Bryant Park and Macy’s (34th Street and 7th Ave).
- You will spend the day on your own in New York City.
- 8 p.m. – The bus leaves from Bryant Park ONLY at 8 p.m. sharp, returning to Cornell at about 12:30 a.m.