Child care grant application period begins Sept. 1

BY NANCY DOOLITTLE

Applications for Cornell’s 2011 child care grant subsidies for faculty and staff members will be available online beginning Sept. 1. The application period will run Sept. 1-Oct. 1.

The university’s Child Care Grant Subsidy Program helps faculty and staff pay for child care expenses by granting awards of up to $5,000 a year tax-free. The grant covers legally recognized infant and toddler day care, preschool and prekindergarten programs, child care for school holidays, school-age summer day camps or programs, and before- and after-school care.

To receive grant funds on a tax-free basis, applicants must be eligible to participate in the Select Benefits Dependent Care Reimbursement Account. Certain other eligibility requirements must be met and are outlined in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the child care grant Web pages noted below. Cornell Cooperative Extension county association employees are not eligible for the program.

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For detailed information on the application process, eligibility and program, see hr.cornell.edu/sites/support/child_care_grant.html or contact the Benefit Services Resource Center at 607.255.3936 or by e-mail, childcare@cornell.edu.

New York state health insurance premium rates to change

BY NANCY DOOLITTLE

Contract college faculty and staff members enrolled in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) have recently received a letter from Benefit Services announcing a special option transfer period Aug. 2-31, held in response to changes in NYSHIP premium rates that will become effective Oct. 1.

These rate changes are a result of recent New York state changes in how Medicare Part B premiums are reimbursed. In addition, the customary option transfer period for 2011 in NYSHIP premium rates that will become effective Oct. 1.

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Employee Assembly kicks off fall semester meetings on September 1st

The Employee Assembly (EA) meets the first and third Wednesday of each month and will resume their regular meeting schedule beginning on September 1st. The EA consists of thirteen members committed to providing employees with a means of continuous involvement in the governance of the affairs and life of the University. Working closely with members of the administration, the EA encourages a higher visibility for employees as community members, more equal participation with faculty and students in the policy-making process, and an increased sense of community among all constituencies through shared responsibilities.

The committees of the Employee Assembly are focused on specific areas of interest and importance to staff. Membership in committees is generally open to employees who are not members of the assembly and express an interest in supporting initiatives generated by the EA. Much of the work of the EA is accomplished through the dedication of these volunteers and your support is needed. A brief description of the committees and their objectives are stated below. Please feel free to contact the chair of each committee with any inquiries and also visit assembly.cornell.edu/EA/Committees for further information.

Communications - The Employee Assembly Communications Committee promotes higher visibility for employees as community members, provides a sense of a united employee body, and helps to create heightened sense of community among all members of the Cornell community. Chair: Leslie Morris, i660@cornell.edu.

Awards & Recognition - The Staff Recognition and Awards Committee administers all aspects of the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service and investigates other staff award and recognition opportunities to present for consideration to the EA. Chair: Tanya Grove, d4@cornell.edu.

Internal Operations Committee/ Elections - The Employee Assembly Internal Operations Committee facilitates the nomination and selection of employee members to both elective and appointive positions administered by the EA. The Employee Assembly Elections Committee oversees elections conducted to fill regular vacancies that occur in the assembly each year. Chair: Kathryn Coldren, ke24@cornell.edu.

Employee Education - The Employee Education Committee supports employee development, goals, and opportunities. Chair: Cill Phillips, c4x@cornell.edu.

Finance - The Employee Assembly Finance Committee (EAFC) manages the administrative finances and annual budget of the Employee Assembly. Chair: Gemma Osborne, g220@cornell.edu.

Save the date!

United Way of Tompkins County’s 2010 Stephen E. Garner Day of Caring Food and Personal Care Items Drive on Thursday, September 16

Our Annual Stephen E. Garner Day of Caring Food & Personal Care Items Drive will be held on Thursday, September 16th at Stewart Park, Ithaca, NY from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the large pavilion.

For the eighth year, we will be conducting a food and personal care items drive. All donations will be given to local food pantries and community organizations for distribution throughout Tompkins County.

There will be a brief 12:00 Noon Program at Stewart Park and we invite you to join us on September 16th! More details about this special community-wide drive will be forthcoming soon. Thank you for your support.

A NEW way to keep informed

Check out and join the new the Pawprint facebook page for up-to-date information, events, photos, and more. You can keep up on the events that occur between editions simply by clicking the LIKE button and become a fan. Go to www.facebook.com, and do a search for Pawprint Staff Paper, it’s as easy as that. A facebook account is required.
Summer fun on the Cornell Campus
Research Division Honors Staff and Hosts Summer Carnival

By LESLEY YORKE

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Among the top corporations at this Mardi Gras party, the final two spellers, including current staff and former students and staff, proved the importance of the Ph.D. in the legal world.

Time to celebrate and enjoy our staff members’ hard work throughout the past year.

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By NANCY DOOLITTLE

For the first time, workshops focused on such career-specific topics as skill interest assessment, Cornell training, and career development. "Still a drop in the ocean," says the state of New York. And then, it was all over.

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Through volunteers in the local area.

A new resource, the Phish Bowl (www.cornellconcertseries.com) can help. It’s by no means a cure-all and within the competition moves to the final two spellers. The

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Calling all shutterbugs
Pawprint announces its annual photo contest

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Lunch buffet for two at Baint’s
One year family membership to the Johnson Art Museum
The season passes for the Schwartz Center
Cornell Cinema passes
Golf for two at the annual CFA golf tournament in 2011
- - - and lots more!

For Sale
Daycare staff, craft supplies, books (most new), childrens step-two chairs, double stroller, educational posters. $75. 315.730.8557. Brandy or hunter4brook@yahoo.com. 2001 Audi S-4. Black, beautiful condition. 85,000 miles. Asking $9,000. 5.1216 or JR04.

Slate pool table, Kasson Bentley, Mother of Pearl Inlay, 8 ft oak, leather drop pockets, disassembled, $850 OBO. 883.36.

TomTom One GPS w/case, windshiled mount, car and home chargers, excellent condition. $75 OBO. Paula. PAIS.

03 Chevy Tahoe Z71, V8, 4.8 liter, automatic, WD, 100,000 miles, leather, towing package. Southern vehicle. $12,300. 6.35.7575.

New HP printer ink cartridges (bargain prices) HP 23(color), HP 96, HP 97. AA6. 5.30. 5.4308 or VV82.

Spinet piano $150, 4’ x 9’ mirror $150, Joan Roberts, 607.659.5097 or jacamp22@yahoo.com.

Wood bunkbeds, oak, new mattresses. Can be separate twin beds. $300. 5.0218, KDS.

TONS of childrens clothes, jackets, shoes, brand names, excellent condition, sizes infant/NB to 14 kids. Reasonable prices. Must come see HSS3.

For Rent
Two bedroom house in Lansing, $850+/ month, on bus route. 287.4155 or CN2.

Wanted
Verizon cell phone to help mom and teenager keep in touch. 237.3240 or CN03.

Participants Needed
Interested in losing weight? The Caloric Traction Method internet program is being tested by Professor Levitsky. CRP65 for details.

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