

## Sunday Ski Program at Elk Mountain

The 2017/2018 Elk Mountain Ski resort SSS program will begin Jan. 7, 2018, and will feature six visits to the mountain from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sundays (pay attention to blackout dates on the calendar). There are also scheduled makeup times in case you miss any of your regular visits.

The cost for a lift/ski lesson is \$184 or for a lift/ski lesson/rental is \$214. Rentals include skis, boots, and poles. Helmets are available for an additional cost of \$8 in the Rental Department.

Again this season is a Student Program (Night) Season Pass! This pass allows you to ski or ride Monday-Saturday from 4 PM to 10 PM. The pass is valid from the first night of Night Skiing up until the end of Night Skiing (TBA). The cost is just \$269. A completed season pass application is required as well as proof of school enrollment. Parents and siblings are welcome to purchase a School Program Season Pass as well.

Elementary and High School students are encouraged to participate as well as established church and community groups. Parents and siblings are welcome to join.

Cash, check, or credit card payments are accepted through Elk Mountain's Main Office. Credit card payments can also be made over the phone at (570) 679-4400.

The absolute DEADLINE to join the program is December 14, 2017. If payment and application are received on or before DECEMBER 7, 2017 you will receive (1) complimentary lift ticket voucher valid for the date and time printed on the voucher. RENTALS and LESSONS are not included with the offer. COMPLIMENTARY VOUCHER HAS NO CASH VALUE AND CANNOT BE UPGRADED.

PHOTOS for your I.D. Card will be done at Elk Mountain. You can come to Elk Mountain any time the Main Office is open to get your photo taken. Please make time to take care of your photo before the program starts or be prepared to miss time on the slopes. You will have to wait in line if you wait until the last minute.

Elk Mountain's (offseason) Office hours are Monday-Friday 9 AM to 3 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Beginning in November, they will be open on Sundays from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Blackout Dates are Martin Luther King Weekend: Sunday, Jan. 14; President's Weekend: Sunday, Feb. 18. There will be no program on these dates. Monday, Jan. 15, will be a make-up day. There will be no make-up day for President's Weekend.

Last Day of Lessons: The last visit for lessons is Sunday, Feb. 26. The last 2-7 p.m. visit is Feb. 27. No lessons will be given on this night.

Make-up period begins February 26 and lasts until the end of night skiing (TBA). No Lessons will be given at this time. If you have visits left on your card, you can come any night (4-10 p.m.) during the week or weekend, so long as night skiing is still available.

Release forms are available in the Forest City Regional Elementary School Office or The Forest City News office.

Please call the Elk Mountain Main Office for more details 570-679-4400.

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**Classic Country Cooking**  
by The Country Cook  
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Since this is the time of year for pumpkin spiced EVERYTHING, let me do my part to add to the confusion!

**Spiced Pumpkin Butter**  
1 - 29 ounce can pumpkin puree  
¾ cup of light brown sugar  
¾ cup of honey  
¾ teaspoon each of ground ginger and cardamom  
1 teaspoon cinnamon

In saucepan, whisk all ingredients until combined. Bring to simmer, stirring occasionally. Stirring more often as it thickens to prevent scalding. Continue simmering for about 30 minutes or until thick enough to hold its shape in a spoon. If you wish to can this, put into sterilized jars and seal. Otherwise can be kept in fridge for up to a month, sealed in a container. Makes about 3 ½ cups, which might last until this year's pumpkin craze is over.



Pictured are some of the children at one of the orphanages in Haiti



Joe Woody and Jim Spano are shown with just a few of the children they met while in Haiti.

## Cornerstone Mission to Haiti to help the children

by Art McLain  
Recently four local men traveled to Haiti bringing food, clothing, toys and Bibles. Jim Spano, Logan Droppa, Joe Woody and Pastor Tim Madden from the Cornerstone Bible Church spent several days visiting orphanages and attended several conferences.

This week Tim shares his eyewitness account of the living conditions in Haiti.

One of the agonizing parts of the trip was watching the children. It wasn't that none of the children were happy. In a way many of the children are happier than ours.

Scott Bonnell, Director of Hope to Haiti, noted that one in five children don't survive until their fifth birthday. That is not a typographical error, 20% of small children die on the island. This means that almost every single family has watched one of their small children die or at least in their neighbor's or extended families, a child died.

The poverty is so extreme; the lack of food, clean drinking water, and even basic healthcare needs turns into a fatality for many. There are no government agencies to look out for children to make sure basic needs of survival can even be met.

Food distribution had to be done stealthily. Villages were not told when we were coming to hand out food to them out of fear many would show up and not enough would be had to go around.

While out in town, one of the guys tried to hand a couple packs of crackers to some hungry kids at the market. The host stopped the transaction for fear of inciting a riot. There are times when someone is just trying to be charitable and dozens or even hundreds of starving children will circle around to attempt to get a bite of food from people who don't have enough to give.

At one point while driving to an area a group of kids came up pounding on the car lifting their shirts and pointing to their stom-

achs begging for food with their arms stretched out hoping for a bite. Because of safety concerns the vehicle could not stop and we only were allowed to throw a couple packs of crackers out of the window and onto the road to let them scoop them up.

Everywhere children were seen with open toed flip-flops or bare feet running through garbage. These were not mischievous children, the garbage never ended. Rarely was there a safe place to play. Some were seen digging through makeshift landfills just looking for scraps of food.

Due to the earthquake in 2010, the extreme poverty, and the hurricanes, there now is an estimate that one million children are orphans in Haiti. With an estimated only 760 orphanages in Haiti it is estimated 30,000 of these children have somewhere to call home. The other million orphans are living on the streets. Many are dying, not in some state of the art hospital with constant care, but behind someone's house or in the market or on the street.

These children are not being fostered or placed somewhere by Children and Youth Services. Their neighbors and community cannot give them attention because people are trying to feed their own kids so that they can survive to the next day.

While the orphans who were taken into orphanages would

consider themselves lucky as opposed to starving to death on the street, some of the orphanages were in a state in which many Americans would not leave their pets there for the day. It is not that the orphanage is not trying, it is the lack of funding and even finding resources to buy once funding is provided.

For most of them, rice and the beans were the daily diet and to get a chicken leg added to the meal would be a special treat. To have a clean cup of water was a joy as so many had water tainted by disease and sewage out in the streets.

Each of the four men who went from Cornerstone Bible Church in Browndale (Pastor Tim Madden, Logan Droppa, Jim Spano and Joe Woody) had moments where they had to walk away to emotionally compose themselves or felt physically sick from what they saw. All four of the men being fathers could never imagine their children having to live in the orphanage, let alone on the street.

The children at the orphanage in Saint Marc seemed happy. "As we watched a children's church service held at the orphanage, if you close your eyes and just listen to the children sing and didn't know where, you would think you are among the most physically blessed children in the world." said Pastor Tim.

With hands up, clapping,

**Forest City Codes**  
by Stephanie M. Reisch

### FOREST CITY SNOW REMOVAL DID YOU KNOW....

This will be one of many articles that will appear in the Forest City News. The articles are informational about the ordinances within the Borough of Forest City. There is an ordinance about Snow Removal, the amount of time to do so and the penalties incurred if the ordinance is not followed.

After the snow has fallen and has stopped falling, the ordinance states that snow removal must be done in a certain amount of time. The time is 48 hours after the snow has stopped falling. The ordinance states that the use of rock salt or sodium chloride is prohibited on Main Street sidewalks. If the snow is not removed the business or residence will be cited. The penalty for "the violation is subject to a Two Hundred Fifty Dollar and no cents (\$250.00)

a day fine, including costs, for each and every day that said violation continues unabated" (being at full strength or force).

Every few months a new ordinance will be addressed. Upcoming codes and ordinances that will be addressed are: Junk Cars, Pets, Sanitation. Just completed was the placing of door hangers on residences and businesses informing them that the identifying numbers must be visible from the road and a certain size.

When a complaint(s) is received action is taken. If you want to know more about the codes and ordinances you can make an appointment to meet with me. My hours are usually: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the hours of 9 am to noon.

Stephanie Reich,  
Code Enforcement Officer  
(570) 785-3326

## School Board approves field trips

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year:

High School Band students to Blue Ridge SD for Susquehanna County Band on October 26th at a cost of \$698.76.

Grades 4 and 5 to Wayne Highlands SD (Benjamin Franklin) on November 3, 2017 at a cost of \$200.

Grade 2 students to the Forest City Personal Care Home four to six times throughout the school year at a cost of \$100.

High School Spanish classes and club to Nanticoke High School on November 7, 2017 at a cost of \$343.40.

Mrs. Moran's, Mr. Pope's, and Mrs. Bollinger's classes to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport on November 13, 2017 at a cost of \$132.

Grade 9 students to CTC, Scranton on November 13, 2017 at a cost of \$427.52.

Student Council to deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets on November 17, 2017 at a cost of \$315.

Grade 12 students to the NEIU Academic Challenge Competition on November 20, 2017 at a cost of \$235.50.

FBLA tree distribution to local businesses on November 22, 2017 at a cost of \$60.

Grade 12 NHS and CHOPS students to the Scranton Cultural Center for the Family-to-

Family Food Basket distribution on November 22, 2017 at a cost of \$489.76.

From the Students in the Workplace Program to visit the Himalayan Institute on December 1, 2017 at a cost of \$235.50.

Mrs. Moran's, Mr. Pope's, and Mrs. Bollinger's classrooms to the Scranton Cultural Center on December 8, 2017 to see the Nutcracker at a cost of \$123.76.

From the Students in the Workplace Program to visit JJ Bridges on December 15, 2017 at a cost of \$355.50.

FBLA students to Keystone College on December 19, 2017 to compete in business workshops for the state leadership conference at a cost of \$498.

Grade 6 students to Camp Watonka, Hawley, PA on May 24-25, 2018 at a cost of \$4,000.

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