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Operation Our Town Reporter

a monthly newsletter by our volunteers to our volunteers about
our fight against drugs and crime in Central PA

Our Town Times
2018 Annual Report

Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber
Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the
year to local business and community organizations!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!
The 2018 report will include the overall crisis in our community, combating bullying
and other efforts in our community. Additional articles will highlight prevention
efforts by Operation Our Town and its partners, including the new K9 Officer. Hear
first-hand from children in our community, organizational leaders and law
enforcement officials on the successful impact of our programs this year. Readers
will gain insight on our future and ongoing efforts to help continue the fight.

Please help us...

Our Town Times
2018 Annual Report

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All images or 4 color ads must be submitted as final, high-resolution (300 DPI) CMYK files, preferably in PDF format. High-resolution JPEGs are also acceptable. Please convert all text to outlines. Please do not submit ads generated in word processing applications such as Microsoft Word. Ad design can be provided for a nominal fee of $115 per ad. Space is limited. All ads are admitted to the publication on a first-come-first-serve basis. All ads and pre-payment MUST be received by February 5, 2018.

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Please Check One:

☐ (A) Full Page ($900)
☐ (B) Half Page ($500)
☐ (C) 1/4 Page Vertical ($450)
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Name: ___________________________ Company: ___________________________
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Will you be submitting final artwork?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
Use the same artwork from last year? (no charge)  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ No
Weekly

Wednesday's | HOPE Support Group Meeting | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships

Monthly

2nd Saturday of every month | Breaking the Chains Recovery Service | 7:00pm | Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Month of January

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PA 2-1-1 is a comprehensive database that includes information about health & human services.

PA 2-1-1 can be accessed by phone 24/7 or the web at:

https://pa211central.info

To register as an Operation Our Town volunteer go to our website at: www.operationourtown.org
Click on the volunteer tab on the homepage and follow directions to fill out a volunteer application.

814-693-3020

Mission

To facilitate partnerships between community and business to fight drug abuse and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.

Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events

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Operation Our Town is grateful for the support of the following local businesses that contributed monetary donations to sponsor the purchase of Sheetz gift cards for the It Pays to Pass Voluntary Drug Testing Program at the Hollidaysburg Junior & Senior High:

- Ansley RV
- DiAndrea Media
- Roundhouse Harley-Davidson
- Stiffler McGraw
- Value Drug Company
- Ventura Construction Services
- YTI Career Institute-Altoona
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**9th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**The Bavarian Hall 5:30 P.M.**

*Doors will open at 4:30*

Presenting the 2018 Respected Citizen Award to:

**Dr. Zane Gates**

Featuring:

**Eric McElvenny**

Former US Marine Captain

Endurance Athlete

Tickets can be purchased at the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission Office

2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and

Grandview Meats, 1544 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602

For info call: (814) 949-2231 or visit our website www.cbrcparks.org

Cost: $35.00
2017-2018 Grant Recipient Highlight:
2nd Avenue United Methodist Church’s
The R.O.C.K.

By Nicholas Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps
Member with Operation Our Town

The R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Community Kids) began over 20 years ago, in response to a need recognized while 2nd Avenue UMC hosted Vacation Bible School one summer. At the time, Pastor Morgan and church members noticed that a large number of kids lived nearby, and they decided that giving these kids a place to go would allow the church to become more deeply involved in meeting community needs. Since then, The R.O.C.K. has been serving families and children as they come and go from the community.

Today, the program serves children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade and provides a safe environment for them to spend a Wednesday evening, free of cost. Shanda Keith, director of The R.O.C.K. notes, “One of the biggest needs we recognize is that parents are struggling to provide for their families. Whether it is financially, academically or emotionally. So we are doing our part to help parents and families within our community.”

Students who attend The R.O.C.K. are fed a home cooked meal each week and are encouraged to make good choices in life. Each student in the program is valued, and the leaders who help out each week want the kids to know that they have the potential and the ability to pursue positive opportunities that will lead to a future without poverty, drug abuse or crime.

Here’s a snapshot of what a typical evening at the R.O.C.K. looks like (courtesy of Shanda):
1. Check in / register all kids.
2. Kids separate into small groups according to age groups, with no more than 10 kids and always a minimum of 2 leaders.
3. As kids are checking in and arriving, small group leaders do crafts with the kids, talk about their days/week and just work on building relationships with the kids.
4. Through a rotating schedule, the kids are served a home cooked meal, have time in our full sized gym, play games or do activities, participate in a small group time with a relevant lesson aimed to encourage healthy and positive lifestyles.

Throughout the year, The R.O.C.K. also hosts various special events and speakers. To name a few, they have done picnics at Jefferson Park, a field trip to Lights on the Lake, and Family Services has come to speak on anti-bullying and safe touch. One thing students can always look forward to is a great time at The R.O.C.K.