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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

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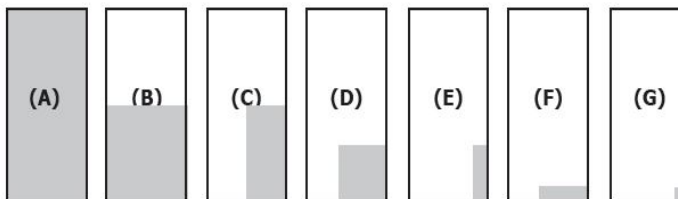


Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the year to local business and community organizations!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!

The 2018 report will include the opioid 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!

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



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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.



Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events

Weekly

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

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

1/4	Early Childhood Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair Co. Chamber
1/8	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Blair Co. Community Action Agency
1/9	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Green Home Solutions, Tyrone
1/17	Blair Co. Crime Solvers meeting	8:00am	WTAJ
1/17	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
1/18	Criminal Justice Advisory Board meeting	12:00pm	Blair Co. Courthouse
1/18	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	2:00pm	2nd Avenue United Methodist Church
1/19	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	OOT office

IT **PAYS** TO PASS



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:

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 DiAndrea Media
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 Stiffler McGraw
 Value Drug Company
 Ventura Construction Services
 YTI Career Institute-Altoona

Community Events

Family Valentine's Dance

Saturday,
February 10, 2018

5:30 - 7:30pm

Hollidaysburg Area
YMCA

Bellwood-Antis Public Library Community Health Fair

Saturday,
February 17, 2018

9:00am - 1:00pm

Mom's Club of Hollidaysburg/ Altoona 2nd Annual Family Fun Festival

Sunday,
March 4, 2018

12:00 - 4:00pm

Blair County
Convention Center

9th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction

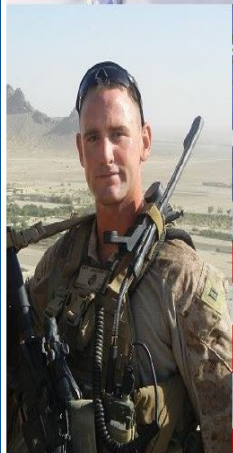
Saturday, February 17, 2018
The Bavarian Hall 5:30 P.M.

Doors will open at 4:30



Presenting the 2018 Respected Citizen Award to:

Dr. Zane Gates



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Park Commission Office
2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and
Grandview Meats, 1544 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602
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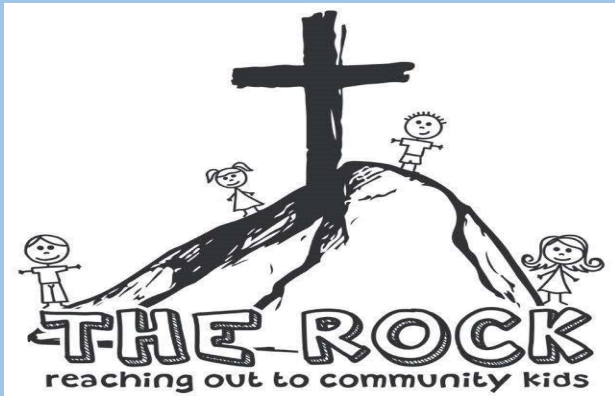


Cost: \$35.00



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.

