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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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Taking Back Our Neighborhoods

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Committed Businesses:

American Eagle Paper Mills
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November Steering Committee Notes

- **Gang Roundtable**
 - Bill Kotz reported they hope to hold the Gang Symposium again in 2012 in the Altoona area. They are also focusing on getting more PAGIA members involved in the planning.
- **CJAB/Judicial Roundtable**
 - Judge Kopriva reported the Central Booking Center is set to open in January located in the jail. She also reported that the video conferencing system has been set up in 3 courtrooms and is used often.
 - Jackie Bernard reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Mary Ann Burger (Blair Co. Children & Youth) and Lauren Jacobson (Penn State Altoona) to plan a showing of the documentary "From Place to Place". CJAB, Penn State Altoona and Operation Our Town will be partnering for this showing.
- **Law Enforcement Roundtable**
 - Mitch Cooper reported the roundtable met on November 16th and discussed requests that were received. They discussed staffing levels and will adjust saturation patrols in 2012 for more effectiveness.
 - In 2012, there will be a push to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program. Dr. Mike Dillon and Dr. Kay Myers have agreed to be consultants for meetings, volunteer recruitment and coordination to various communities. There has already been an expressed interest from police chiefs. The Tyrone Police Department hopes to start their Neighborhood Watch Program by the end of 2011.
- **Human Services Roundtable**
 - Robin Beck reported the Blair County Needs Assessment Steering Committee is starting to plan for the next Blair County Needs Assessment. They hope to use the Faith-Based Roundtable as part of the survey group.
 - Judy Rosser reported she is involved in the Blair County Needs Assessment but will also be doing an assessment on treatment needs. Judy also reported they had a very successful Recovery Month event in September at Legion Park in which 125 people attended and also did community presentations on addiction and recovery.
- **K-12 Education Roundtable**
 - Successful Red Ribbon Week for all elementary schools involved.
 - Four high school students from Bellwood, Tyrone, Spring Cove, and Hollidaysburg will be appearing on the OOT Cable Access Show airing in January and February to discuss issues involving teens such as drugs and bullying.
- **Grant Committee**
 - Shawna reported for the Fall 2011 grant cycle 20 grant applications were received. The grant committee will begin to review the grants on December 12th.

Next meeting will be at the
Operation Our Town office on January 16th at 6:00 pm.

Mission

Facilitating partnerships between community and business to fight drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.

Our Partners & Friends

Blair Countians for Drug Free Communities

Crime Solvers of Blair County

Pennsylvania Gang Investigators Association

United Way of Blair County

People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

- Anonymous

CLICK HERE
to register as an
Operation Our Town
Volunteer



To serve on an Operation Our Town Roundtable, to become a Committed Business or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact Shawna Hoover by email or call 814-296-8730.

Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings & Events

Weekly

Wednesday's	HOPE Support Group Meeting	7:00 pm	Crossroads in Altoona
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Month of December

12/14	Crime Solvers	8:00 am	WTAJ
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12/15	CJAB RT	11:45 am	Blair County Courthouse
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Monday's	K2 and Blizzard Forum	9:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
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Month of January

1/2	Booker T Washington Meeting	4:00 pm	Community Action Agency
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1/11	Northern Blair RT	7:00 am	Bull Pen Restaurant
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1/16	OOT Steering Committee	6:00 pm	OOT Office
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1/18	Crime Solvers	8:00 am	WTAJ
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1/18	Marketing RT	4:00 pm	OOT Office
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1/19	Pharmacy RT	7:15 am	OOT Office
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1/19	CJAB RT	11:45 am	Blair County Courthouse
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1/19	Faith-Based RT	2:00 pm	Juniata United Methodist Church
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Tuesday's	Issues Affecting Teens	9:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
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Saturday's	Issues Affecting Teens	11:00 am	Local Access Channel 14
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*OOT Meetings:

For more information about Operation Our Town meetings, contact Shawna Hoover at oot@lsfiore.com or call 296-8730.

Upcoming Events

Tyrone Youth Christmas Party

Saturday,
December 17th
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Northern Blair
Senior Center

Please Contact
Michele Skarada,
Haty@verizon.net
for more information!

Juniata United Methodist Church Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th
10:45 AM
808 North 4th Street

The Children's Department of
Juniata United Methodist Church
invites the community to this
year's Christmas program, "The
Plane Truth About Christmas".

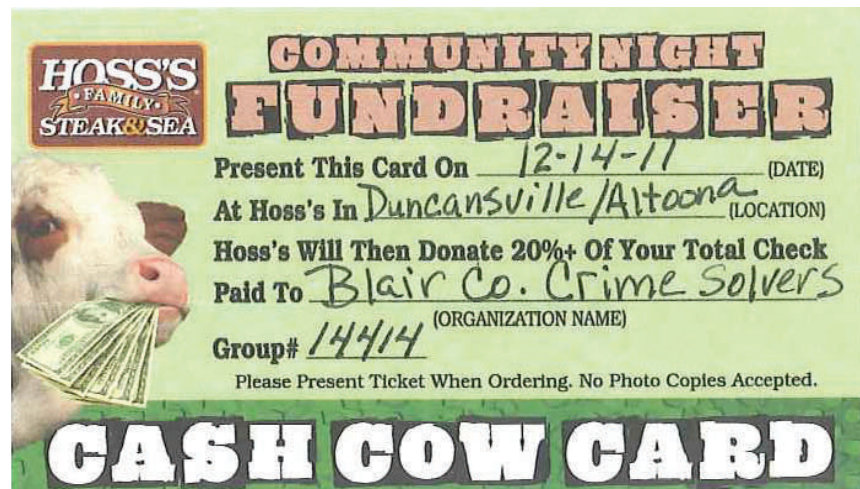
For more information contact the
Juniata United Methodist Church
office at 814-942-6065 or visit the
website at www.juniataumc.net.



Blair County Crime Solvers Fundraiser

We are excited to team up with
Hoss's Steak and Sea House
to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Please consider visiting the Hoss's locations in Altoona and Duncansville on Wednesday December 14th, 2011 to aid us in raising money to benefit Blair County Crime Solvers. Please print the "Cash Cow Card" below and present it when ordering on December 14th 2011 at Hoss's. Applies to single day, single store events only. Hoss's will donate 20% of your total check paid to Blair County Crime Solvers. If the group raises \$1200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%!



HOSS'S FAMILY STEAK & SEA **COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Present This Card On 12-14-11 (DATE)
At Hoss's In Duncansville/Altoona (LOCATION)
Hoss's Will Then Donate 20%+ Of Your Total Check
Paid To Blair Co. Crime Solvers (ORGANIZATION NAME)
Group# 14414

Please Present Ticket When Ordering. No Photo Copies Accepted.

CASH COW CARD



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"Cash Cow Card" above and
present it when ordering on
December 14th 2011 at Hoss's.

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