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# Operation Our Town Reporter

A monthly newsletter about our efforts to help prevent and reduce drug abuse and crime in Blair County

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**Video Entry Deadline - March 2, 2026**  
**Click here to view - Video Contest form**

**"I Don't Do Drugs, I..."**

**YOU SHOW US!**



**Operation Our Town**

**Video Contest**

**Middle & High School Students — Show Us How YOU Stay Drug-Free!**

**Video Topic:**

**"I don't do drugs, I..."**

Tell us what you do to stay active, positive, and away from drugs—and inspire others to do the same!

**Entry Deadline: March 2, 2026**

**Video Length: 30-90 seconds**

**Who Can Enter: Students in grades 6-12 (ages 11+) in**

**Blair & surrounding counties**

**Awesome Prizes:**

**Winner: DelGrosso's Park Basket & \$100 Sheetz gift card**

**(\$186 value)**

**Runner-Up: Altoona Curve Fan Pack & \$50 Sheetz gift card**

**(\$125 value)**

**Email your mp4 video (720p+) to:**

**[oot@operationourtown.org](mailto:oot@operationourtown.org)**

**Include your name, age, grade, school + a signed parent consent form.**

**\*No public posting before May 18, 2026**

**\*Must be your own original work**

**Let your voice be heard—and your message be seen.**

**Lights. Camera. Positive Action!**



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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Video Contest Promotion Rules**

**GENERAL:** No purchase necessary. The act of entering constitutes acceptance of these rules and decisions of Operation Our Town.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to 6th through 12th grade students in Blair & surrounding counties who are 11 or older.

**CONTEST:** The contest begins on January 5, 2026 and ends at midnight on March 2, 2026.

**VIDEO TOPIC:** The submitted video topic is:

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## Mission

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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## Month of January - Meetings

1/5	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
1/6	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
1/8	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	1:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships & Zoom
1/16	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
1/21	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office



# Our Town Times

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

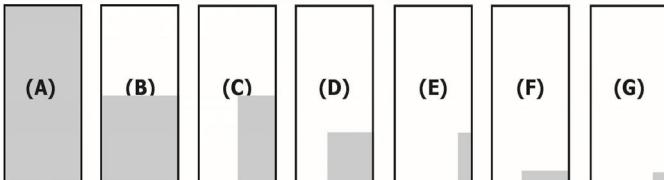


Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the year to local businesses and community organizations! SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!

The 2026 report will provide an update to the readers from this past calendar year. We will hear from law enforcement, treatment providers, healthcare professionals, business leaders and others in our community about the impact Operation Our Town has made over the past 19 years and the importance of prevention.

Get the inside scoop from Operation Our Town Roundtables on their projects and efforts to help keep our community safe!

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(E) 1/6 Page Vertical	1.833"	6.633"	\$200
(F) 1/6 Page Horizontal	6.633"	1.833"	\$200
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# Grant Recipient Highlight:

## H.O.P.E. Drop-In Center

### Improved Audio-Visual Equipment

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town  
Community Outreach Coordinator



In many communities, adults facing mental health challenges, substance dependency, or homelessness often struggle to find welcoming, non-judgmental spaces where they can simply belong. The H.O.P.E. Drop-In Center steps in to fill that gap, offering a vital resource dedicated to promoting Health, Opportunity, Purpose, and Empowerment for those in recovery.

The H.O.P.E. Drop-In Center operates Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year-round. As a true drop-in center, it requires no referrals, appointments, or commitments. Guests, ages 18 and older, are free to come and go as they please, making it one of the most flexible and approachable programs of its kind.

The center provides comfortable indoor spaces designed for relaxation, connection, and growth, including: a dining room and main hang-out area, a dedicated game room, an art room for creative expression, and a classroom for educational activities.

Unlike many similar programs that may require formal intake processes, H.O.P.E. Drop-In stands out as peer-driven and peer-run. Guests actively shape the center's activities by suggesting ideas and helping decide what happens there. This collaborative approach fosters genuine ownership and empowerment among participants.

With the equipment they purchased through a prevention grant from Operation Our Town, the center now offers indoor movie screenings, Friday karaoke nights, clearer sound for classes and resource meetings, and is planning to host outdoor movie nights during the summer.

Anyone with a talent or expertise to share is encouraged to reach out and volunteer their time. They also accept volunteers to assist with cooking and cleaning at their facility. For more information about any of the services that the H.O.P.E. Drop-In Center offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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