



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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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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Area police departments give year end review - A4
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OUR TOWN TIMES
2026 ANNUAL REPORT VOL. XV

The First 20 Years
HOW IT ALL STARTED

It was a dramatic 20-year journey...
The first 20 years of OOT's mission in Congress...
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**Click on the
image above to
view the
2026 OOT
Annual Report!**

Month of October - Meetings

10/1	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
10/6	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
10/8	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	1:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships & Zoom
10/16	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
10/21	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
10/22	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Marzoni's - Duncansville

OOT 14th Annual Golf Tournament Results:

1st Place:

Richard Fiore Jr., Jesse Auker, Tim Henry, Brett Weibley

2nd Place:

John Ventura, Matt Neumeyer, Harry Benjamin, Darryl Owens

3rd Place:

Nick Gates, Mike Macionsky, Mark Condryn, Hunter McKain

OOT "Tee Off Against Drugs" Student Golf Tournament Results:

43 teams from 28 school districts participated!

Closest to the Pin - Hole 3

Boys: Ethan Holtz - Bishop Carroll
Girls: Maddie Dumm - Central Cambria

Closest to the Pin - Hole 11

Boys: Joey Lehman - Bishop Guilfoyle Academy
Girls: Amelia Mitchell - Conemaugh Township

A \$2,500 grant is awarded to the boys & girls winning teams' school district to be used for a school program or designated to a charity of the school's choice that is aimed at the education & prevention of drug use:

Winning Boys Team - State College Area School District

Winning Girls Team - Rockwood Area School District

THE NORTHERN BLAIR ROUNDTABLE OF
OPERATION OUR TOWN IS HOSTING A

DRUG ABUSE WORKSHOP

PRESENTATIONS FROM:

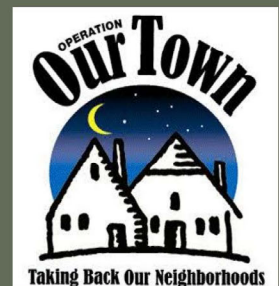
- BLAIR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
- OVERDOSE AWARENESS
PRESENTATION
- K-9 DEMO
- DUI PRESENTATION
- RECOVERY COUNSELOR

OCTOBER 23, 2026 - 8:30AM TO 1:30PM
TYRONE ELKS LODGE
5496 E. PLEASANT VALLEY BLVD.
TYRONE, PA 16686

VISIT RESOURCE TABLES FROM
LOCAL AGENCIES

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES

PRE-REGISTER BY 10/16/26



To register, email oot@operationourtown.org or
call (814)296-8730

Essay Entry Deadline - November 6

Click here to view - Essay Contest Form

How can you be a positive influence to help your friends avoid drug use?

YOU TELL US!

The Best ME Is Drug FREE!



Taking Back Our Neighborhoods

The Altoona Mirror & Operation Our Town invite area students in 6th through 12th grade in Blair & surrounding counties who are 11 or older to enter

"How can you be a positive influence to help your friends avoid drug use?"

contest by submitting an essay on the topic.

The local winner, selected by the Marketing Roundtable of Operation Our Town, will be awarded **\$250.00** in gift cards to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard located in Hollidaysburg, which may be used towards the purchase of frozen custard or miniature golf. Runner-up prize of \$100 Visa gift card provided by Imler's Poultry.



Hollidaysburg, PA

Submit entries to:
oot@operationourtown.org
OR

Operation Our Town
5508 6th Avenue, Rear
Altoona PA 16602
ATTN: Essay Contest
Entry Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2026

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ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

AGE _____

GRADE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE # _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

OPERATION OUR TOWN Essay Promotion Rules

GENERAL: No purchase is necessary. The act of entering constitutes acceptance of the 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 October 1, 2026 and ends at midnight on November 6, 2026.

ESSAY TOPIC: The submitted essay topic is "How can you be a positive influence to help your friends avoid drug use?" Essays will be judged on:

- Creativity & originality
- Persuasiveness
- Grammar & spelling
- Relevancy of response to topic
- Entries must be 500 words or less.

Applicants may opt to cite external references. All external references must be properly cited and will not be counted toward the word count. All entries must be original work of the applicant and have not been previously entered in another competition nor been previously published.

PRIZE: \$250.00 in gift cards to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard 471 Municipal Drive, Duncansville, PA 16636. \$100 Visa gift card to Runner-up provided by Imler's Poultry.

HOW TO ENTER: Entries are to be mailed directly to the Operation Our Town office - 5508 6th Avenue, Rear - Altoona, PA 16602 - Attention: Essay Contest, or emailed to oot@operationourtown.org no later than Nov. 6th. All entries must include the applicant's name, age, grade and school.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- All submitted entries become the exclusive intellectual property of OOT. OOT obtains all rights to use and republish all or any part of such entry upon submission.
- OOT and its members may use prizewinners' names, likeness and other identifying information (such as hometown, school or grade) in promotional materials relating to this competition.
- Winners (or their parents/guardians) will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility, originality and compliance with the official rules, a liability release, and a publicity release as a condition to receiving their prize.
- All taxes shall be the responsibility of the winners of the competition.
- By submitting an application and/or entry to OOT, the applicant agrees to all of the terms and conditions set forth in these official rules.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- No entry will be given preference over any other essay on the basis of an applicant's name, school, grade, gender, race, ethnicity, geographic origin, or any legally protected status.
- No entries will be returned to the applicants.
- No notice will be given to the applicants with non-winning or non-conforming entries and applications.

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Landlord Educational Workshop **Friday, November 13, 2026**

Altoona Grand Hotel

1 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601

Registration – 8:30-8:45am

Program – 8:45am-2:45pm

Free to attend - Lunch included

Topics Covered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MDJ Frequently Asked Questions• City of Altoona Community Development Updates• Signs of Illegal Drug Activity• Common Fair Housing Violations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eviction Process & Leases• Common Code Violations & Blight• Tax Claim Sales• Tips on How Landlords Can Help Tenants be Successful |
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Vendor tables will be set up in the back of the room for attendees to visit during lunch (11:45am-12:30pm) for more information & resources

Pre-registration is required by November 6th:

Email: oot@operationourtown.org **or**

Call: (814) 296-8730