



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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Monday, September 14, 2026

Schedule of Activities

4:00pm - OOT Mini-Golf Tournament at Lakemont Park

- [View - Mini-Golf flyer & Registration form](#)

5:00pm - "Our Town" Appreciation Night sponsored by
Imler's Poultry at Park Hills

- [View - Appreciation Night invitation](#)
- OOT supporters, golf sponsors, and friends welcome!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Schedule of Activities

[View - 2026 OOT Golf Brochure & Registration form](#)

7:00am - Morning registration & breakfast provided by Sheetz

8:00am - AM Shotgun start

11:00am - Afternoon registration & lunch provided by Sheetz

12:30pm - AM putting contest for \$5,000

1:00pm - PM Shotgun start

6:00pm - PM putting contest for \$5,000

Dinner following afternoon golf



**\$5,000 PUTTING
CONTEST**



A \$5,000 cash prize from Park Hills will
be awarded to the winners of the
AM & PM putting contests!

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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Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

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2026 OOT
Annual Report!**

Month of August - Meetings			
8/3	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
8/4	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
8/6	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
8/13	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	1:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships & Zoom

See below to save and/or print the coupon:

Print and bring this coupon or show on your mobile device on August 6

**Come Check Out
Drug Dog Demos
& Other Special
Activities!**

**Our Town...
A Great
Place to
Live!**

On-site Demos Subject to Change

**★ Visit www.OperationOurTown.org to Learn ★
More About Operation Our Town and to Donate!**

For each Coupon redeemed, \$3 will be donated back to Operation Our Town!
Coupon Valid August 6, 2026 Only. Not Valid With Any Other Offer. DelGrosso's Park is Cashless.

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$39.00 ea.

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PR - Operation Our Town Day



Exits 41 & 45 Off I-99

Grant Recipient Highlight:

2nd Avenue Global Methodist Church

The ROCK (Reaching Out to Community Kids)

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town
Community Outreach Coordinator



The ROCK is a free after-school program serving children ages 4 through 12th grade in the local community. Operated by 2nd Ave Global Methodist Church, the program provides a safe, fun, and positive environment where kids can grow academically, socially, and spiritually during the school year. Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, The ROCK will now run four days a week from September 9th through May.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4-5:30pm, the program offers homework help, a meal, and time for games or gym activities. Wednesdays (4-6:30pm) expand the schedule with additional activities, including crafts and a Bible lesson. Through the program, The ROCK not only delivers valuable weekly resources, but also connects families to other community support services.

One of the program's greatest strengths is its multigenerational impact. Parents who attended as children are now enrolling their own kids, and many teenagers return as volunteers after graduating. This creates powerful consistency and long-term relationships in a rapidly changing world. The ROCK balances fun with meaningful engagement, addressing important life issues while fostering a strong sense of belonging.

With their expansion, The ROCK is looking for new volunteers, but maintains high safety standards. All volunteers must complete clearances, safe sanctuary training, and provide at least two references (one of whom should be a known personal contact). Training sessions are scheduled for later this summer. Interested individuals should call the church for more details.

In addition to their after-school program, 2nd Ave Church is also hosting a Neighborhood Block Party from 11:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday August 22, 2026. The ROCK table will distribute clear backpacks and school supplies to the first 130 children who attend. For more information about any of the services The ROCK at 2nd Ave offers or to learn more, please check out their info below.



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