



# 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 - April 6, 2026**  
**Click here to view - Video Entry 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: April 6, 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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**FRESH FOOD  
SHEETZ  
MADE TO ORDER**



#### ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### Video Contest Promotion Rules

Consent to be photographed is necessary. The act of entering constitutes acceptance of these rules and decisions of Operation Our Town.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This 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 April 6, 2026.

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

- "I don't do drugs, I..."
- Communicate what you do to occupy your time and/or what you do to stay away from there is drug use.
- The subject of the video is to inspire others to do like activities to be productive and remain drug-free.

Videos entries will be judged on:

- Relevancy to original topic
- Relevancy of response to topic
- Video entries must be between 30-90 seconds

All video entries must be original work of the applicant and have not been previously entered in another competition or previously posted online or viewed in any public forums.

#### PRIZE:

**Winner: DelGrosso's Park Basket - Valued at \$86.00**

**Runner-up: Altoona Curve basket - Valued at \$75.00**

Curve drawing bag w/ 4 Grandstand Level Ticket stubs, Curve baseball cap, Curve baseball cap, \$50 Sheetz Giftcard (Bobbleheads, t-shirts, cups, etc.), \$50 Sheetz Giftcard

**HOW TO ENTER:**

Video entries must be a definition of 720p or higher and emailed directly to [oot@operationourtown.org](mailto:oot@operationourtown.org) no later than April 6, 2026.

Video entries must include the applicant's name, age, grade, and school.

Completed parental consent form below is required to participate in the contest.

#### CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

OOT reserves the right to accept or reject any video submissions.

Video entry cannot be broadcast or displayed on social media or any other public forum until winners are announced.

Any video entry that is deemed inappropriate will be disqualified for contest consideration.

All submitted video entries become the property of OOT.

OOT obtains all rights to use and republish all or any part of such video entry upon acceptance of the video entry.

Prizewinners' names, likeness, and other identifying information may be used in promotional materials relating to this competition.

By submitting a video entry to OOT, the applicant agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in these official rules.

#### MORALS & STANDARDS:

Video entry should be positive in nature. No vulgar language, profanity, or lewd images will be accepted. No obscenities or profanity.

Video entry should not reference any deceased person by name (living or deceased).

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

No video submissions entered after the deadline date will be accepted. No notice will be given to the video submitter if their video entry is not accepted.

No video entry will be given preference over any other video on the basis of an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, age, gender, ethnicity, geographic origin, or any legally protected status. No video entry will be returned to applicants.

By signing this form on behalf of a minor child, I further certify that I am the parent or guardian of said child with the proper authority to grant this written permission.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

(If a child, print name of child) \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

**814-381-0921**



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2025 OOT  
Annual Report**

## Month of February - Meetings

2/2	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
2/3	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
2/5	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber & Zoom
2/12	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	1:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships & Zoom
2/18	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
2/20	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
2/26	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Marzoni's - Duncansville

# **16th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction**

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**  
**The Bavarian Hall 5:00 P.M.**

**\*Doors will open at 4:00\***

## **Presenting the 2026 Respected Citizen Award to:**



# Scott Filler

## Featuring:





# Chris Hoke

## \*/ Beating the Odds

**Tickets can be purchased at the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission Office  
2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and  
Grandview Meats, 1544 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona, PA 16602  
For info call: (814) 949-2231 or visit [www.cherparks.org](http://www.cherparks.org).**



# **Tickets \$50.00**



## **Event Sponsor:**

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# ALTOONA

# Grant Recipient Highlight:

## Overflow Church

### N.E.X.T. (Nourish, Educate, Xpel, Train)

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town  
Community Outreach Coordinator



The N.E.X.T. program serves adults ages 18 and older who are ready to take intentional next steps in their lives. Whether individuals are emerging from incarceration, completing a rehabilitation program, navigating challenging life transitions, or simply feeling stuck and desiring deeper change, N.E.X.T. welcomes them all. It is specifically designed for those seeking spiritual growth, meaningful connections, practical support, and alignment with God's principles for their next season of life.

Sessions occur at Overflow Church in a welcoming, structured group environment that fosters open discussion, active learning, and genuine interaction. The program is organized into three distinct 4-week sessions, with specific meeting days and times announced well in advance to help participants register and prepare. This flexible scheduling ensures the program runs throughout the year, making it accessible to those with varied commitments.

What truly sets N.E.X.T. apart from similar programs is its gentle, realistic approach: it meets people exactly where they are and guides them forward at a practical, sustainable pace. Rather than overwhelming participants with rigid expectations, the program emphasizes encouragement, mutual accountability, and real-world application, all anchored in faith. Each 4-week block explores different facets of

essential life skills, including hands-on cooking classes, personal development exercises, and practical personal finance training. Through group sessions, mentorship opportunities, and valuable resources, participants gain the tools needed to build stability and move confidently toward a purposeful future.

N.E.X.T. is always looking for individuals passionate about faith-centered leadership to contribute by mentoring participants, facilitating groups, providing administrative assistance, or simply helping create a warm and inviting atmosphere. For more information about any of the services that Overflow Church offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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