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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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join us as  
we **CELEBRATE**  
**HALL OF FAME**  
**AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

**HALL OF FAME**  
Greenwood Pools & Spas  
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**AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

**EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS**

J&O Fireplaces  
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Just Breathe Salt Spa  
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**NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR**  
Operation Our Town

**JUNE 15** THE CASINO AT  
LAKEMONT PARK  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**\$40** per person

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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.



## Month of June - Meetings

6/5	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
6/6	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen Restaurant
6/16	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
6/22	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Al's Tavern

Purchase your June 22nd Curve game tickets through the Operation Our Town Night Fundraiser order form below, and a portion of ticket sales will be donated to Operation Our Town!



814-693-3020

## OPERATION OUR TOWN NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT PNG FIELD

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – 6PM**

**Altoona Curve vs. Bowie Baysox**  
**BENEFITING OPERATION OUR TOWN**



### BUSINESS PACKAGE

Share your product or service with thousands of Curve fans on Operation Our Town Night!

### PLATINUM PACKAGE

**\$550 (\$100 Donation)**

Have two members of your company participate in an on-field promotion (based on availability), first pitch before the game, receive a public address/scoreboard & program "thank you" for being a community sponsor and supporter, a concourse table to display your company's information/products & 50 Grandstand game tickets for June 22.

### GOLD PACKAGE

**\$350 (\$75 Donation)**

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 25 Grandstand game tickets for June 22.

### SILVER PACKAGE

**\$175 (\$50 Donation)**

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 15 Grandstand game tickets for June 22.

### BRONZE PACKAGE

**\$85 (\$25 Donation)**

Receive a public address/scoreboard recognition as a community supporter, first pitch before the game, a concourse table to display your company's information/products and 10 Grandstand game tickets for June 22.

### INDIVIDUAL GRANDSTAND TICKETS

**\$7 (\$1 Donation)**

### OPERATION OUR TOWN NIGHT

- I am a PLATINUM supporter
- I am a SILVER supporter
- I am a GOLD supporter
- I am a BRONZE supporter

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: (circle one)      Visa      MasterCard      Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO: ALTOONA CURVE      Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NATE BOWEN AT  
(814) 283-3118 or NBowen@AltoonaCurve.com**



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# Grant Recipient Highlight: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County S.M.A.R.T. School-based Mentoring Program

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with Operation Our Town



The SMART School-Based Mentoring Program is a transformative initiative that aims to empower elementary and middle school students by providing them with mentors, known as Bigs, who are typically high school students. These mentorship programs are offered in various school districts including Altoona Area School District, Bellwood-Antis School District, Claysburg-Kimmel School District, and Tyrone Area School District, as well as Hillside Community Church in north Juniata.

The program's primary focus is on serving the Littles, who are elementary and middle school students, by providing them with support, teaching essential life skills, fostering academic interest, and igniting their potential. The mentorship experience also offers valuable learning opportunities for the Bigs. Through their role as mentors, they develop leadership skills, fulfill volunteer and community service requirements, and gain valuable experiences that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Each program follows its own schedule, meeting on specific days and times that are convenient for the participants. For example, the Penn-Lincoln program meets on Thursdays after school in the cafeteria, while the Hillside Church program takes place on Tuesdays between 5:30-7:00pm. These programs run during the school year from October to May.

One distinguishing feature of the SMART program is that its locations provide a familiar and comfortable environment for participants.

Participation in the program is free, ensuring that all students, regardless of their financial background, can benefit from this valuable opportunity.

In addition to the regular mentorship sessions, SMART also hosts a Christmas Party where youth and their families enjoy a festive dinner and receive gifts, and they also can receive holiday assistance. Additionally, matches and their families are granted access to events and receive free tickets to activities such as Curve games, circus shows, and trips to parks.

One remarkable aspect of the program is the potential for full-circle involvement. Former Littles who have experienced the program's positive impact can later become Bigs helping others. This prolongs a profound and lasting impact of the mentorship program. For more information about any of the services Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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 **Big Brothers Big Sisters.**  
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