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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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Monday, September 15, 2025

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 Save the Date flyer](#)
- OOT supporters, golf sponsors, and friends welcome!

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Schedule of Activities

[View - 2025 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

Cocktail reception 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.



Month of August - Meetings

8/4	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
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**** August 7, 2025 ****

See below to save and/or print the coupon:

View - OOT Day at DelGrosso's coupon

Print and bring this coupon or show on your mobile device on August 7

REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY

PUSH OUT THE PUSHER

814-693-3020

BLAIR DRUG & ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS

Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

814-381-0921

Area police departments give year end review - A4

OPIOIDS: Continuing our Fight Against Addiction - A13

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Our Biggest Challenges Require Multi-Faceted Solutions

Substance Use and Mental Health CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

By Amber D. Varner, NCC, LPC - CPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies

It can be tricky to identify if an individual has a substance use disorder and a mental health disorder. These two conditions often go hand in hand, and it's important to address both for effective treatment. This article explores the complexities of co-occurring disorders, the symptoms of each, and the importance of integrated care. It also discusses the role of family and community support in recovery, and provides resources for finding help. The goal is to provide a comprehensive overview of this complex issue and to encourage individuals to seek professional assistance when needed.

DelGrosso's PARK LAGUNA Splash

Come Celebrate

Operation Our Town Day at DelGrosso's Park

Learn more about Operation Our Town and how the funds they raise help fight drugs and crime in Central PA

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!

\$24 ALL-DAY FUN PASS

For each Coupon redeemed, \$3 will be donated back to Operation Our Town!

Coupon Valid August 7, 2025 Only. Not Valid With Any Other Offer. DelGrosso's Park is Cashless.

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$38.00 ea.

PR - Operation Our Town Day

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MyDelGrossoPark.com Print and Bring this Coupon or Show on Mobile Device Exits 41 & 45 Off 1-99

Click on the image above to view the 2025 OOT Annual Report!

Grant Recipient Highlight:

Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission Veterans Memorial Field Pitching Machine

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town
Community Outreach Coordinator



When youth get involved in sports, several benefits occur that contribute to physical, mental, and social development. Consistent participation promotes physical health by improving their strength, coordination, and fitness, while reducing the risk of illness. Sports also provide benefits to the mental health of youth, teaching young athletes to set goals, handle setbacks, and develop discipline. Socially, being part of a team builds communication skills, and a sense of camaraderie and belonging, helping youth to form lasting friendships and learn the value of collaboration. Furthermore, sports instill life lessons like time management and leadership, preparing kids for future challenges while boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

The mission of the Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission (CBRC) is critical for the strength of Blair County, as it ensures access to parks, recreation facilities, trails, and affordable programs that promote learning, physical activity, and stronger community ties for people of all ages and abilities in Altoona and Logan Township. By providing spaces for exercise and outdoor engagement, this mission enhances personal growth through educational and recreational opportunities, and strengthens social bonds by bringing residents together in shared activities. By continuing to develop and maintain these resources, the Commission works towards building a thriving community.

This year, Vets Field will celebrate a century of serving our local community in various ways and has been undergoing a larger revitalization effort under Mike Hofer's leadership with CBRC.

Operation Our Town was pleased to fund the purchase of a pitching machine for youth to use when practicing in the batting cages at the field, and we hope that many young people will be able to utilize this piece of equipment, as well as enjoy the whole facility. Bishop Guilfoyle Varsity and Junior Varsity baseball, as well as summer leagues for Kelley Federation, City League, and AAABA currently utilize the facilities. For more information about any of the services CBRC offers through Veterans Memorial Field or to learn more, please check out their info below.



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