



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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Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

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Month of October - Meetings

10/2	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
10/6	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission
10/7	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
10/9	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	1:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships
10/15	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
10/17	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
10/23	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	U.S. Hotel

OOT 13th Annual Golf Tournament Results:

1st Place:

John Ventura, Matt Neumeyer, Harry Benjamin, Darryl Owens

2nd Place:

Michael Macionsky, Matthew Spangler, Mark Condryn, Ryan McNeely

3rd Place:

Cory Tubo, Matt Riley, Matt Colombo, Steve Milliron

Closest to the Pin, 2nd Shot - Hole 2

Kim Kaschalk - 0'0" (in the hole)

Sam Piccioni - 0'0" (in the hole)

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

46 teams from 28 school districts participated!

Closest to the Pin - Hole 3

Boys: Killian Worthing, Bellwood-Antis School District - 3'3"

Girls: Laila Panaro, Hollidaysburg School District - 12'10"

Closest to the Pin - Hole 11

Boys: Landon Fisher, Forest Hills School District - 4'10"

Girls: Kiya Thomas, Penn Cambria School District - 5'4"

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 - Bishop Guilfoyle Academy

Winning Girls Team - Hollidaysburg Area School District

Essay Entry Deadline - November 7

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 7, 2025

Altoona Mirror

Making It Happen For You

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, 2025 and ends at midnight on November 7, 2025.

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 16835. \$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. 7th. 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 prize-winners' 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 entry 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 14, 2025

Altoona Grand Hotel

1 Sheraton Drive
Altoona, PA 16601

Registration – 8:30-8:45am

Program – 8:45am-3:00pm

Free to attend - Lunch included

Topics Covered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MDJ Frequently Asked Questions• Renovation Programs• Energy Efficiency & Assistance Programs• Signs of Illegal Drug Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eviction Process & Leases• Common Fair Housing Violations• Rental Assistance Programs• Panel – Need to Create More Housing in Blair County |
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Vendor tables will be set up in the back of the room for attendees to visit during lunch (11:50am-12:30pm) for more information & resources

Pre-registration is required by November 7th:

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

Call: (814) 296-8730