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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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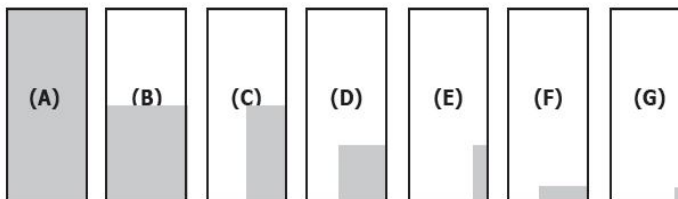


**Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the year to local business and community organizations!**

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!**

The 2018 report will include the opioid crisis in our community, combating bullying and other efforts in our community. Additional articles will highlight prevention efforts by Operation Our Town and its partners, including the new K9 Officer. Hear first-hand from children in our community, organizational leaders and law enforcement officials on the successful impact of our programs this year. Readers will gain insight on our future and ongoing efforts to help continue the fight!

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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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PA 2-1-1 is a comprehensive database that includes information about health & human services.

PA 2-1-1 can be accessed by phone 24/7 or the web at:

<https://pa211central.info>



To register as an Operation Our Town volunteer go to our website at: [www.operationourtown.org](http://www.operationourtown.org)

Click on the volunteer tab on the homepage and follow directions to fill out a volunteer application.



## Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events

### Weekly

Wednesday's	HOPE Support Group Meeting	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships
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### Monthly

2nd Saturday of every month	Breaking the Chains Recovery Service	7:00pm	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
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### Month of February

2/1	Early Childhood Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair Co. Chamber
2/1	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Al's Tavern
2/5	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Blair Co. Community Action Agency
2/6	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Bull Pen Restaurant
2/15	Criminal Justice Advisory Board meeting	12:00pm	Blair Co. Courthouse
2/16	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	OOT office
2/21	Blair Co. Crime Solvers meeting	8:00am	WTAJ
2/21	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office



Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships is providing a **FREE** 1-hour training for any community member:

### "Understanding Addiction"

**Friday, February 23, 2018 at 1:00pm**

**Friday, March 16, 2018 at 1:00pm**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:00pm**

The training will be held at Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships  
3001 Fairway Drive, Suite D, Altoona, PA, 16602



Registration Preferred:  
Blair Drug and Alcohol Program 814-381-0921  
or email [sneely@blairdap.org](mailto:sneely@blairdap.org)

## Community Events

### Family Valentine's Dance

Saturday,  
February 10, 2018

5:30 - 7:30pm

Hollidaysburg Area  
YMCA

### Bellwood-Antis Public Library Community Health Fair

Saturday,  
February 17, 2018

9:00am - 1:00pm

### Mom's Club of Hollidaysburg/ Altoona 2nd Annual Family Fun Festival

Sunday,  
March 4, 2018

12:00 - 4:00pm

Blair County  
Convention Center

# 9th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction

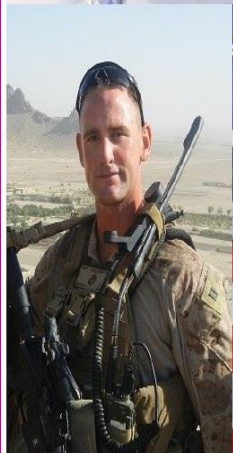
**Saturday, February 17, 2018**  
**The Bavarian Hall 5:30 P.M.**

**\*Doors will open at 4:30\***



Presenting the 2018 Respected Citizen Award to:

## Dr. Zane Gates



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 our website [www.cbrcparks.org](http://www.cbrcparks.org)



**Cost: \$35.00**



# 2017-2018 Grant Recipient Highlight: The Door Student Services, Inc.

By Nicholas Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps  
Member with Operation Our Town



At first glance, a visit to The Door might feel like walking into a family's home... and in my experience, that was exactly the atmosphere that I found. The bit of information that makes this atmosphere even more impressive is that on any given day, The Door is home to more than 50 students.

Dave Taylor, director of ministries, is known as "dad at The Door" to the youth that attend. Each day they share a meal together at the table, further contributing to the environment. With a backyard, sports equipment, volleyball court, game room, craft room, and the newly upgraded Palmer Technology Center, students have no shortage of options to enjoy their time in a safe and welcoming environment.

Providing a place to hang out after school is not all that The Door offers, however. Dave is a firm believer that the students that attend should have the same privileges and opportunities that other students have. The students can use their smart devices without having a data plan, since The Door is equipped with top notch internet and a pretty impressive router.

Furthermore, in both summer and winter, The Door takes their students to camp. If other families are able to take a vacation, these youth ought to be able to as well, and the experience allows the students to break away

from their day to day struggles and spend some time reflecting on their lives as a part of The Door family.

For Dave and his wife Gela, there is a specific moment that holds a special place in their hearts. One of the walls in the dining room is covered with hand prints of students who have decided to call The Door their home, and when a student is ready, he or she can ask to put their hand print on the wall.

These hand prints serve as a reminder of those students who have gone before and the



passion and mission that the Taylors strive towards, making a genuine and positive impact on the lives of hundreds of students, one at a time. Everyone goes through difficult times in life, though having a support system can make those rough patches much more bearable.

The Door is located at 521 Main Street in Bellwood, and the program is typically open to students after school, Monday through Friday.

