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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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Value Drug Company



**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**



## Schedule of Activities

**Monday, September 17th:**

12:00pm - Tee Off Against Drugs Student Golf Tournament  
5:00pm - US Foods Neighborhood BBQ

**Tuesday, September 18th:**

7:00am - Morning registration & breakfast provided by Sheetz  
8:00am - AM Shotgun start  
11:00am - Afternoon registration & lunch provided by Sheetz  
12:45pm - 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 donation from  
Park Hills Golf Club 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.



## 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 July

7/9	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Blair Co. Community Action Agency
7/18	Blair Co. Crime Solvers meeting	8:00am	WTAJ
7/19	CJAB Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Blair Co. Courthouse



814-693-3020

Honor the Badge



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>

Be on the lookout for our new billboard reminding the community to call the Push Out the Pusher drug hotline to report drug activity!

## Community Events

### Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

Thursday,  
July 5, 2018

7:00pm  
Altoona Curve

### HoopsFest

Saturday,  
July 21, 2018  
Downtown Tyrone

Benefits Joshua House

Register at:  
[www.hoopsfest.net](http://www.hoopsfest.net)

### Float Night And A Movie

Friday, July 13  
Prospect Pool  
6-8:30pm - Contests,  
prizes, swim, music  
8:45pm - Movie  
Despicable Me 3

### Free Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, July 28  
- Canoe Creek State Park  
- Star Wars  
The Force Awakens  
Movie begins at dark  
Alcohol, tobacco, and  
drug-free



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## HONOR the BADGE



*Honor the Badge recognizes and supports law enforcement officers.*

Operation Our Town started the “Honor the Badge” campaign to recognize Blair County Law Enforcement for serving our community. The campaign included billboards and window clings displaying the message, “Honor the Badge, We Support Blair County Law Enforcement.”

To show our gratitude to all Blair County law enforcement that risk their lives every day, we are raising funds to be able to expand the Honor the Badge campaign to include other promotional outreach items that the community can use to show their support, and are asking the community to help by making a donation between now and August 10, 2018!

Operation Our Town has partnered with Froggy 98 to help bridge the gap between our community and local law enforcement and are doing some on-air activities to help raise money for Honor the Badge, including interviewing an officer on-air every Friday morning until August 10th!

Operation Our Town is managing the Honor the Badge campaign and will accept donations from businesses, organizations and individuals.

**Please see the link below to donate!**

<https://www.gofundme.com/honor-the-badge>

*Honor the Badge*



# 2017-2018 Grant Recipient Highlight: Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation's After School Program

By Nicholas Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps  
Member with Operation Our Town



Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation hosts after school programs at Evergreen Manors, Fairview Hills, and Logan Hills in Altoona. Since their main mission is to encourage school success by providing homework help and tutoring to students, expanding to feature new sites for after school programs has allowed their reach, impact, and the extent of their mission to grow.

An important component of a successful education is a healthy lifestyle! For this reason, Operation Our Town provides assistance toward funding healthy after school snacks that promote good nutrition at GGMF's program sites. As I grow older, I have begun to realize how much of an impact healthy eating can have on making good decisions in other areas of life. Promoting nutritious choices does not guarantee that young people will make healthy decisions in other areas of life in and of itself. However, encouraging these kinds of healthy decisions can inspire youth to make the right choices while doing what they love.

Speaking of what the students love, science is a big hit at the after school programs. The staff are sure to include the students in a variety of fun and exciting science experiments to help them learn, apply, and commit the material to memory to help them understand it long term.

In addition to science experiments, GGMF also has ready-to-go boxes with lessons that include hands on learning. Operation Our Town is pleased to be able to help fund these materials that help to instill a love of learning within the next generation of youth. Understanding the ability to learn, create, and aspire is more than enough to encourage success both in school and beyond. Students from all three GGMF sites attend Penn State Kids College, further hitting home on the importance of education to an individual's success.

While good eating habits and education contribute to success, GGMF takes an immensely holistic approach to helping their



students grow physically and creatively as well. GGMF students have enjoyed participating in creative versions of the Olympic games such as the luge. Engaging the students in a fun way allows a creative outlet for them to enjoy the process of learning. The staff and volunteers at GGMF constantly strive to guide children to a brighter future.



**Gloria Gates  
Memorial Foundation**

*Guiding Children To A Brighter Future*