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Putnam County Take Back to be announced

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WINFIELD, W.Va. – Putnam County law enforcement officials will meet at noon on Wednesday, April 18, to announce and discuss plans to hold the first countywide pill take-back program, called “Putnam County Take Back.”

The meeting will be held in the Courtroom of Twenty-Ninth Circuit Judge Phillip M. Stowers on the Third Floor of the Putnam County Judicial Building in Winfield.

“The availability of prescription medication in our community has led to higher crime in the Putnam County area. Unused or outdated prescriptions have found their way into the hands of our youth and now make the elderly a possible victim of a home invasion or a break-in,” Judge Stowers said.

“This united front against the pharmaceutical problem will help citizens of Putnam County dispose of their medications properly and make them less likely to be victimized,” Judge Stowers said.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, unused and unwanted prescription medications can be dropped off at

- The Buffalo Police Department,
- The Eleanor Police Department,
- The Hurricane Police Department,
- The Poca Police Department,
- The Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, and
- The Winfield State Police Detachment.

The initiative is being sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s “Take Back” initiative and coordinated by the Putnam County wellness coalition and the Putnam County Drug Court, over which Judge Stowers presides. Putnam County Emergency Medical Services, the Putnam County School Board, H.O.S.A., and The Rock also are participating.

Representatives of all of those organizations will attend the meeting at noon on Wednesday.

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