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Judge Wilkes to speak to Teen Court Club

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BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. – Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit (Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties) Judge Christopher C. Wilkes is scheduled to speak to the Morgan County Teen Court Club at Berkeley Springs High School at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 31.

The Teen Court Club was established several years ago as a mechanism to inform and encourage students to participate as youth volunteers in the Morgan County Teen Court program. Charlie Willard, director of the program, invites speakers involved in the juvenile court system to speak to the club.

Teen Court teaches young people about the judicial process. Through direct participation, Teen Court teaches responsibility for one's behavior and accountability of the community and peers. Youth have the option to volunteer as a clerk, juror, prosecutor, or defense attorney. Training is provided by local attorneys.

Teen Court is a unique justice program for youth between the ages of 11-17 who have been alleged to have committed a status offense or act of delinquency. Upon successful completion of the Teen Court-ordered sanctions, the charges are dismissed. Each defendant also is required to participate in two hearings as a juror.

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