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25th Judicial Circuit Celebrates National Drug Court Month

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MADISON, W.Va. – May is National Drug Court month and the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit (Boone and Lincoln Counties) plans to celebrate with community service projects, a softball game, an Armed Forces luncheon, a cookout and a graduation for nine drug court participants.

The Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts are supervised by Judge William S. Thompson and Judge Jay M. Hoke. The programs provide intensive probation supervision coupled with treatment and are administered by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia's Division of Probation Services.

The media and the public are invited to the following events that involve Adult Drug Court participants and those that include Adult and Juvenile Drug Court participants. **The media, however, is prohibited from photographing or using the names of juvenile participants. Information about Juvenile Drug Court events is provided for informational purposes only because the events are closed.**

- On May 4 there was a luncheon at Lincoln County High School to recognize the hard work and efforts of the participants in the Juvenile Drug Court.
- On May 13 at the Boone County Courthouse there will be a celebration to recognize those in the Juvenile Drug Court program who are graduating from high school this year.
- On May 18 Juvenile Drug Court participants will work with Mud River Dam and 4-H on a river clean-up project at Mud River Lake and have a cook out.
- Participants of the adult and juvenile programs are hosting a luncheon with members of the U.S. Armed Forces at noon on May 20 at the Boone County Courthouse. The goal of the luncheon is to salute veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to provide role models to those in the drug court programs.
- The adult program had a cookout with Narcotics Anonymous on May 9 and will have a softball game at 10 a.m. on May 29 at Lick Creek Ball Field.
- There will be a graduation ceremony for four Adult Drug Court participants and five Juvenile Drug Court participants at 4 p.m. May 27 at the West Virginia Coal Museum, 347 Main St., Madison. The programs also will recognize successful alumni who, in some cases, have become mentors.

- Juvenile Drug Court participants will provide community service hours through a partnership with Water Ways and city pools in Van and Madison to update those facilities and keep them clean.

Drug court is a three phase program. Each phase requires participants to meet certain goals including counseling, negative drug screens, school performance, attendance, and good behavior.

“During my twenty-plus years on the bench I have come to realize just how important and how wide-spread the problems of drug and alcohol abuse really are in our communities,” Judge Hoke said. “Very few families have been spared the serious impact that has resulted from these problems, and we must take serious action or face the consequences.”

Judge Thompson said, “By celebrating National Drug Court Month we can place a spotlight on the drug problem in Boone and Lincoln Counties and recognize the efforts of both participants and staff of our drug courts.”

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