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Five to graduate from drug court in Parkersburg TODAY

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. – Five adults will graduate from the West Central Regional Drug Court program in a ceremony at 4:30 p.m. today, April 19, in the Fort Boreman Room of the Judge Donald F. Black Annex, 313 Market St., Parkersburg.

The public is welcome to attend. Pizza and cake will be served.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Brent D. Benjamin is scheduled to attend and speak.

The drug court is one of fourteen adult drug court programs serving 30 counties in West Virginia. Adult drug courts serve eligible substance-abusing or drug-addicted offenders who receive treatment and other services in lieu of going through traditional justice system case processing.

The goal of drug courts is to help participants overcome addictions that led them to commit crimes, thus improving the quality of life for them and their families. Turning people who might have become repeat offenders into productive citizens also improves public safety and can be more cost-effective and humane than incarceration for those who have committed non-violent crimes and are at a high risk of recidivism due to substance abuse problems but present a low to moderate risk to the community.

Prosecutors and judges choose which offenders may participate.

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