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Tom Hood, president of the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors, speaks about the club's mission and the importance of community support.

local businesses while offering fundraising opportunities, including lunch deliveries and upcoming events in October and December.

Hood also emphasized that the club teaches children responsibility, accountability and valuable life skills, and encouraged local businesses and individuals to get involved by donating, volunteering or sharing their talents with the kids.

Amanda White, Director of the Boys & Girls Club, explained that the Boys & Girls Club provides a safe place for children after school where they can burn off energy, complete



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Boys & Girls Club board member Bruce White speaks during the Chamber meeting.

homework and receive extra academic support. She said the club also focuses on programs that teach healthy habits, positive relationships, job skills and other important life skills. Most importantly, she emphasized that the club helps bridge the gap between school and home, preparing children from all backgrounds to graduate with the confidence, skills and support they need to become successful adults and contributing members of the Butler County community.

Bruce White spoke about his admiration for Dolly Parton and the lasting impact she made through her generosity and service to others.



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Hebrews provided the meal for the Chamber meeting, with sweet treats provided by Silver City Sweets.

He highlighted her Imagination Library, which has provided hundreds of millions of books to children around the world, as well as her support for the Boys & Girls Club. White said Parton's legacy is a reminder of how one person can make a tremendous difference in the lives of others.

Upcoming events in September and October for the Boys & Girls Club: September 2nd, will be their Sack Lunch Fundraiser, October 17th Trunk or Treat and Car Show. If you would like more information on these events or if you would like to donate you can call 270-526-8686 or email at bgcofbutlercounty@gmail.com.

LITERACY

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Robert Tuck, Butler County Schools superintendent; Lynda O'Driscoll; Kathy Lawrence; Morgantown Mayor Billy Phelps; Laura Crafton; and Butler County Judge-Executive Tim Flener gather for the National Literacy Month proclamation.

Reading Association.

Representatives from local government, education and community organizations came together Aug. 24 to sign the

proclamation declaring September National Literacy Month and encouraging residents to participate in literacy initiatives available throughout the community.

Proclamation National Literacy Month

September 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown and the County of Butler recognize that strong literacy skills are essential for the development and growth of a community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, September marks the beginning of the school year for the children of Butler County and their return to school impacts all citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and

WHEREAS, getting children (and adults) to read as well as providing access to reading materials are critical factors in setting them up for success and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Public Library unite in a national effort during the month of September to ensure every child signs up for their own library card, and

WHEREAS, the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution is a service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American History, and securing American's Future through better education for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the International Literacy Association combats global literacy through local and state chapters such as the Three Rivers Literacy Chapter of the Kentucky Reading Association, establishing community partnerships to make reading materials accessible; and

WHEREAS, numerous fun book-related national days such as Read a Book Day, International Literacy Day, Dear Diary Day, National Punctuation Day, and National Comic Day occur during September; and

WHEREAS, the battle against illiteracy and progress toward becoming a literate society is a united effort by all stakeholders in the community;

Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following stakeholders in Butler County proclaim September as National Literacy Month and urge all residents in the County to participate in the literacy initiatives available to them. So be it on the 24th of August 2026.

Tim Flener, Butler County Judge Executive
Robert Tuck, Superintendent of Butler County Schools
Butler county Chapter of DAR
Green River Chapter of DAR

Billy Phelps, Mayor of the City of Morgantown
Butler County Public Library
Laura S. Crafton, State Coordinator of the KRA

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The Butler County Animal Shelter joined the festival.



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Denny Drake and duck call winner Braxton Tomes.

business also holds a federal firearms license and has long served the needs of local farmers, hunters and those who enjoy spending time outdoors.

The festival featured a variety of vendors and outdoor related businesses, giving visitors an opportunity to browse products, ask questions and learn more about equipment and services available to outdoor enthusiasts. The Butler Co. Animal Shelter was on hand in hopes of finding homes for a few of their dogs.

The day's activities got underway at 10 a.m. with a duck calling contest. Duck calling is a skill that takes practice, timing and a good ear. Competitors use a duck call to imitate the sounds of ducks, with the goal of producing realistic calls that would attract birds while hunting. Contestants had one minute to show the judges their ability to control the call and reproduce different sounds, including the distinctive quacks and other vocalizations of a duck. Taking the top spot in the contest was Braxton Tomes, who received a trophy and a cash prize for his winning performance.

In the afternoon the cornhole contest took place followed by a huge number of giveaways including a Turtle Box worth over \$400. Later in the day, The Damn Shames Band took stage, adding live music to the festival and giving visitors a chance to relax and enjoy the entertainment.

Throughout the day, people from the community stopped by Drake's Farm Service to visit friends and neighbors, check out the vendors, ask questions about outdoor products and services, shop the items available inside the store.

More than simply a day of competition and vendors, the first Great Outdoor Festival gave the community an opportunity to come together and enjoy the things that make small town gatherings special, good food, good music, friendly competition and fellowship.

With its long history of serving the community and its connection to agriculture and the outdoors, Drake's Farm Service provided something for everyone and gave residents a chance to celebrate the outdoor tradition and community spirit that have been part of the area for generations.



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Blake Tomes at the Great Outdoor Festival.



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Duck call winner Braxton Tomes.



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Dalton Gardner at the Great Outdoor Festival.



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Brayden Tomes enjoys the festival.



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Brett Hoskins takes part in the festivities.



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Daniel Meredith at Saturday's festival.

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DEADLINE

All offices of
Jobe Publishing, Inc.
will be closed on **Monday,
September 7th,**
for the Labor Day holiday.
The early deadline for the
September 9th newspaper.
All ads, columns, and content must be received by noon on
Thursday, September 3rd. Thank you.