

**Wanderings
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Woods
& Water
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McIntoshes Get Together At Veterans Memorial Park

The annual McIntosh Reunion was held this year, for the first time, at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. More than a hundred attended this year's event.

Adult winners of this year's hat contest were:

Prettiest - Logan Lane
Ugliest - Faye McIntosh
Original - Stacy Roark

Youth hat contest winners were:

Prettiest - Hayleigh Anglin
Ugliest - Ruby Anglin
Original - Madison Cole

This year's judges were Ricky Estes, Rebecca Dennis, Tammy Gray, Ronnie Tipton, Sue Barnett and Kathy Begley.

Winner of the grand door

prize was Carl Dugins McIntosh who got a crocheted afghan that was made by his sister, Madeline Wasson.

Nearly everyone who attend the event won a door prize. There was good food and great desserts for all.

Those attending included: Wilma Gay Wise, Valerie Rose, Mark Rose, Tammy Cole, Reagan Cole, Brian Cole, Madison Cole, Louellen Gray, Ronnie Tipton, Glen Tipton, R.J. Tipton, Raymond Barnes, Wilma Barnes, Larry McIntosh, Sherry McIntosh, Donna Tipton, Jennifer Lakes, Vivian Lane, Larry Lane, Shaun Lane, LayKrista Lane, Kathy Begley, Clay Hatton, Elwanda Hatton,

Larry Barnes, Linda Howell, Roy Howell, Carl McIntosh, Teddie McIntosh, Sophie Rae Lakes, Kolbe Lakes, John Lakes, Tammy Gray, Haylie Anglin, Brian Anglin, Rub Anglin, Siobhan Anglin, Nathaniel Anglin, Missy Clark, Emaline McIntosh, Marshall McIntosh, Katrina Flanary, McKenzie Flanary, Douglas Flanary, Terry Barnes, Marsha Barnes, Kayla Barnes, Shelby Barnes, Sue Barnett, Bud Barnett, Wanda McIntosh, Eugene McIntosh.

Also, Teresa Harris, McKalyn Harris, McKinley Harris, Lloyd Shuler, Sandy Shuler, Amanda Shuler, Randy Patrick, Roger McIntosh, Ann McIntosh, Bil-

lie Eversole, Eli Eversole, Charles Clark, Misty Clark, Betty Gregory, Steve Barnhart, Joe Gregory, Donna Estes, Rick Estes, Dud Barnes, Faye McIntosh, Kenny Wasson, Madalene Wasson, Haleigh Grace Noble, Rebecca Wasson, Harlan Noble, Nancy Stidham, Rebecca Dennis, George Stidham, Ann Stidham, Emmaleigh Dennis, Terance Knox, Jon Roark, Jeffrey Roark, Stacey Roark, Paula Roark, Renee Hurst, Jax Hurst, Elvira Sparks, Trenton Sparks, Reva Wasson, Jim McIntosh, Millard McIntosh, Louise McIntosh, Paula Fowler, Katelyn Fowler, Anna Fowler, and Carl Fowler.

A Wood Duck Hunt And A God Thing!

A little over a year ago I met Dr. David O'Neil a retired thoroughbred Veterinarian while doing work in his neighborhood. He would come by and talk with us while walking his dogs.

Our conversations always end up about hunting. We ended up putting in a patio for Dr. O'Neil, and a lot of hunting talk took place while working on his patio.

Since we work in Dr. O'Neil's neighborhood so much, I usually see him a few times a week. So, as early September Wood Duck approached, I invited Dr. O'Neil to go wood duck hunting with me.

We also invited a good friend of Dr. O'Neil, Tommy Wolfe and his son, Riley Wolfe. The plan was set in place to shoot some early season wood ducks.

On opening morning they met me in Irvine at 5:15 a.m. We went to my #1 guaranteed wood ducks honey hole. We set up and saw no wood ducks. I went for a hike to try to push some ducks down the creek to them. My hike yielded one wood duck flying over me close enough to shoot, but I was in the process of de-fogging my glasses. My honey hole was a lemon!

Plan B was to hit another creek that in the past was good for a wood duck or two. I set the group up on the creek and I went for another hike to push wood ducks. I ended up jumping some that flew straight to Dr. O'Neil, Tommy and Riley.

The two wood ducks that flew by them stayed with them. They dropped both of them. That pretty much ended the wood duck hunt.

The entire hunting with these guys I kept hearing them say it's a God Thing! Tommy talked about how he had a car wreck that should have killed him, but God had other plans for him. It was a God Thing, he said. Tommy also he survived open heart surgery that should have killed him; it was a God Thing.

Both Dr. O'Neil and Tommy said that it was a God Thing that saved them. It was uplifting to hear them talk about how God had intervened in their lives and changed them for the better.

After the hunt I got cleaned up and headed to Lexington to Dr. O'Neil's neighborhood to do some work. Dr. O'Neil stopped by and talked with us. There were a couple of things he said that really stuck out. He said "when he was 51 years old and things where going real bad he got out of the way and let God take over." He also said "things I used to think were coincidence, are really not, They are a God Thing!"

It was a true blessing to get to hunt with my new friends who were also my brothers in Christ. We didn't shoot many wood ducks, but we did have an AWESOME time in the Lord.

Those coincidences put me in contact with Dr. O'Neil a year ago. A year later, I am writing about our hunt. Yep it's not a coincidence, it's definitely a God Thing!

We are given a short time on earth, but we will have an eternity in one of two places, Heaven or Hell. If you don't know Jesus; then, maybe you need to get out of the way and let God take over.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Winners of the McIntosh Hat Contest, left to right, are Logan Lane, prettiest adult hat; Madison Cole, most original youth hat; Ruby Anglin, ugliest youth hat; Hayleigh Anglin, prettiest youth hat; Stacy Roark, most original adult hat; and Faye McIntosh, definitely the ugliest adult hat.

BELOW: Left to right: Dr. David O'Neil, Tommy Wolfe, Riley Wolfe



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