

St. Mary's of Navilleton hosts annual church picnic

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Since 1906 St. Mary's of Navilleton (near Galena) has hosted their annual church picnic, and this year's version was held Sunday (July 19) at the church grounds, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Things have changed over the years, such as the games and booths, but the dinner still has chicken, as well as all of the usual foods you would associate with a picnic.

This year, a large area was set aside for corn hole to be played, as this is one of the more popular games at church picnics and similar events.

If you weren't interested in corn hole, you could play bingo, and hopefully win some cash.

A number of drawings for cash were also available, for those who bought tickets for those drawings.

And of course, there were the usual standbys, such as the cake wheel, and a plant wheel. At the wheel games, participants would put down a dime on a number on a board, and someone would spin a large wheel. If a lucky individual had the correct number, they won one of the prizes in that booth.

There were also plenty of games for children, and this included face painting, one of the more popular booths at the picnic. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!