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2021

The McIntosh 1890s Festival atmosphere and setting are amazing — joining hundreds of other shoppers in the oak-lined streets of a village that retains much of its Victorian character is an energizing gift. See page 23 for a walking map of historic structures and pages 24-33 for house pictures and town history.

The food at the Festival is great. Food trucks are dotted around town and surround the Park with a variety of treats. See the back page for all the food vendors.

The entertainment is free and wonderful. Staged on the back porch of the Civic Center, a variety of music entertains fans, tired shoppers, and folks grabbing a bite to eat. See pages 36 and 37 for this year's line-up.

When people think about the McIntosh 1890s Festival, the vendors take top billing.

Vendors You Love in a Festival You Love

What makes shopping at the McIntosh 1890s Festival so special?

Standards •Festival booths are limited to arts, crafts, antiques, and plants.
•There are never any commercial booths.
•All festival entrants are juried
•All crafts are at least 50% hand made

Quality and Price •Artists and craftspeople invest their skills in creating their products.
•Most vendors present a broad range of prices to suit all pocketbooks.

Variety •Shoppers love that there are many interesting things in one interesting setting.

One-of-a-kind items •The handcrafted nature of the items offered means shoppers get "an original."

Familiar vendors •Year to year shoppers can find their favorite vendors in approximately the same place. The 1890s Festival committee makes sure that happens.

Holiday decor and Christmas shopping •Timing is everything and the late fall festival assures shoppers of holiday decor and those "just right" Christmas gifts.

And it's just so much fun!

A Virtual Festival in 2020

With COVID unchecked and uncertainty rampant, the Friends of McIntosh chose not to have an in-person festival. Instead, they refunded vendor booth fees and offered an online festival. With the help of our online guru, McIntosh resident Holger Giese, interested festivals-goers could shop with participating vendors online. The McIntosh Virtual Festival got a total of 12,000 hits that were passed on to our vendors. The Gazette also got published in both hard copy and online for the first time.

What's New for 2021?

New vendors. New Products. McIntosh 1890s Festival fans will notice that the vendor scene for the 2021 McIntosh 1890s Festival is a bit different. Many established craftspeople who have worked the festival/show circuit for years found the lack of shows and buyers in the time of COVID frustrating and even debilitating. Some looked at the lack of festival opportunities in 2020 as a sign to focus on other things. While a few McIntosh Festival vendors retire every year, this year saw 18 leave the festival life. Sadly, six established vendors passed away from COVID's effects.

Don't worry, there will still be vendors in all the categories you've come to know and love.

New vendors have stepped in to fill the shoes of those who have left. So, while repeat festival visitors may miss seeing old favorites, there are sure to be new vendors with new products to delight eager shoppers.

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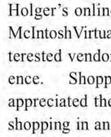
Holger Giese–Light Up McIntosh Photos (pages 7-12). Holger is an international photographer from Berlin, Germany. He won his first photo award when he was 16 with a picture of the Glienicker Bridge in Berlin, one of the most famous symbols of the divided country. Other awards followed. You can find his landscapes and portraits in several exhibitions and galleries in Europe and the US.

Today, in the digital world we live in, he's specialized in creating optimized websites and pictures for online companies.You can find him at (www.pimpmy-presentation.com). Thanks to Holger's online skills, last year's 2020 McIntoshVirtualFestival.com allowed interested vendors to have a virtual presence. Shoppers and vendors alike appreciated the ease of connecting and shopping in an online festival. And the McIntosh Gazette found an online presence, too! The beginning of a tradition of sharing Gazettes online. Check it out!

McIntoshGazette.com

Thanks to Holger, the photos of Light Up McIntosh winners in recent Gazettes have been spectacular. This year is no exception. Photos of participating structures are projected during the Light Up McIntosh event in December, including displays of the winner's houses as they are announced. Then when the next Gazette is published, Light Up Winners are given another shout out.

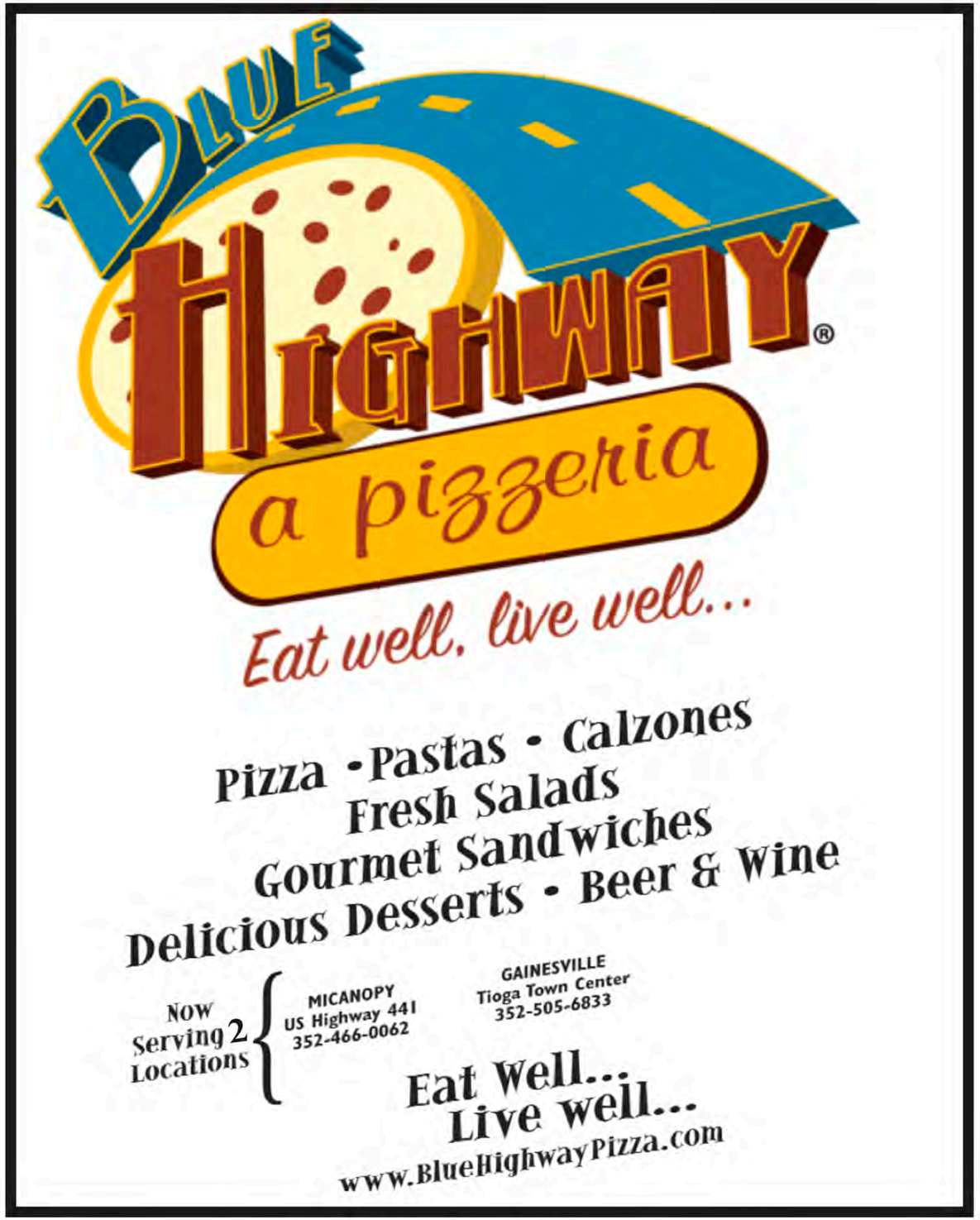
Karin Harms–Historic House Illustrations (pages 24-32). Karin was born in Stuttgart, Germany at the Waberling Orphanage. She was adopted by a German/American family with deep Florida roots. She grew up in Broward Co. and attended Pompano Beach. Sr. High School. Graduating from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Organic Chemistry and Natural Science. Karin got her Registered Nurses license in 1978. For 38 yrs. she specialized in Medical and Radiation Oncology retiring 5 1/2 years ago and moving to McIntosh 5 years ago. She is now in the process of restoring a 1938 cottage along with her corgi Scout.



Lately, Karin has been drawing McIntosh's historic homes. She photographs the home; then accurately captures the structure and the ambiance of the home. She even accepts commissions. You'll find her drawings of historic homes in the festival area gracing this history pages in this year's Gazette.

Annabelle Leitner–Silver Springs History (pages 24-32). Annabelle is a hand weaver, artist and craftsman, photographer, historian, genealogist, and writer. She was born in Gainesville, FL and raised on the family farm in Shiloh which she still farms. She is descended from several Marion County pioneer families and both paternal and maternal lines had settled in the colonies prior to the American Revolution. She was educated in Marion County schools, and graduated from North Marion High School, Central Florida Community College. She then graduated from the University of Florida with a studio art degree in Landscape Photography. An award winning and nationally recognized textile/fiber artist, Annabelle has textile pieces in museums and private collections.

Annabelle is no stranger to sharing history in print. She contributed articles on local history to the Ocala Star Banner for many years. She has gleaned history of Silver Springs for this year's Gazette from many sources, including her own memory and resources. She prioritized each decade's information by general interest and pop culture as well as historical significance.❖



McINTOSH'S DEPOT

Left: This is the iconic view of the McIntosh Depot used to advertise the McIntosh 1890s Festival. It shows the Depot after it was moved and restored by the Friends of McIntosh.
Right: The McIntosh Depot as it looks today.

Early McIntosh, Trains, and the Depot

That trains brought prosperity to McIntosh is an understatement. In the late 1800s roads followed old stage coach roads or telegraph lines (McIntosh had the "Old Wire Road') and were treacherous to travel. Water transportation was possible, though difficult. With the advent of rail service in 1881, farmers could ship crops easily. Packing sheds with their own sidings sprang up close to the tracks.

The depot that still stands at Avenue G and 3rd Street was built in 1884. It was the center of activity in town. Passengers left for easy travel for visits, school, or the military. Goods and mail flowed into town through the Depot. The town's telegraph office was in the depot, too.

Trains brought tourists to town as winter visitors who stayed in McIntosh's hotel, boarding, houses, or private residences with rooms to let. They enjoyed the bountiful hunting, fishing, and reveled in the warm weather.

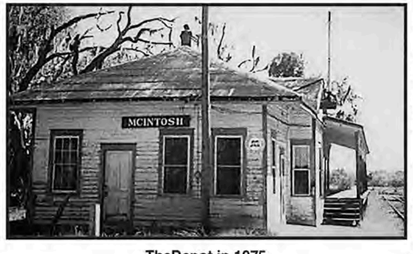
McIntosh thrived for years around the railroad and the depot.

And then the trains stopped.

In Saving a Landmark a Festival is Born

Photo from the 1921 booklet *Northern Section of Marion County.*

By 1973, the depot that had served–and charmed–people of earlier decades had become an eyesore. The Seaboard Coast Line discontinued service to McIntosh in 1969 and the building sank into disrepair. What better project for the Friends of McIntosh, an historical group, than to restore the historic depot to its previous glory?



TheDepot in 1975

Friends of McIntosh charter member Margie Karow was especially passionate about acquiring and restoring the historic depot.

Margie's efforts were noted in a Tampa Tribune article of the time with a photo of her in front of the depot with a sign emblazoned "SAVE ME." Word was certainly getting around and interest was building.

Obtaining the depot building was relatively simple. The Seaboard Coastline agreed to sell it to the Friends for $1.00 with one condition: the depot had to be removed from the existing railway right-of-way.

The 30-foot move was possible, but expensive. It would cost $6,000. (That would be $32,663 in today's money.)

Colin Lindsey who had grown up in McIntosh, offered an interest-free loan to the Friends of McIntosh to move the depot.

Lindsay had made his fortune by collaborating with Henry Belk to create the Belk-Lindsay department store chain.

To repay Lindsey for the move, the Friends held bake sales, dinners, and other events, but it was clear that more money would be needed. Again, the creativity and ingenuity of the organization was put to the test. Margie Karow gets credit for the "light bulb" inspiration of the festival, but once the idea formed many others in the organization added to the plan.

The First 1890s Festival

The first festival was held on Oct. 19, 1974, and was called the ***McIntosh Gay Nineties Days.*** It had an attendance of approximately 4,000 people. The festival opened with a parade down Avenue G, complete with bagpipes, a marching band, Lass Thompkins' Clydesdale-drawn mountain wagon, and Colin Lindsay–always fond of cars–as parade grand marshal in his Rolls Royce.

Many people in McIntosh dressed in Victorian inspired clothing to add ambience. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the Friends records indicate that the first festival brought $2,738.96 into the organization's coffers. A sum that made the hard work seem worth it.

That simple Gay Nineties Festival with about 35 crafts booths, a tour of homes, and entertainment at both the park and the McIntosh Hotel has since grown into the ***McIntosh 1890s Festival*** and now hosts over 250 vendors and an estimated 40,000 visitors.

THE BEGINNING OF A TOWN
THE BEGINNING OF A FESTIVAL

2000 photo by David Dodder

After the Depot, the Friends of McIntosh bought and restored the Christian Neal packing shed, now called the "Carriage House." It houses artists as well as Friends Festival paraphernalia. Friends of McIntosh added the south porch to the Civic Center and placed vintage streetlights at the corners of the Park.

The 1890s Festival Today

Each year, rain or shine, hot or cold, the festival grows in numbers of crafts booths and in visitors. The 2020 Festival hiatus allowed Friends of McIntosh to host the McIntosh Virtual Festival, maintaining a festival presence and supporting vendors.

Festival proceeds support historic projects, local scholarships and schools, and a food bank to help area families.

McIntosh's Four Rail Lines

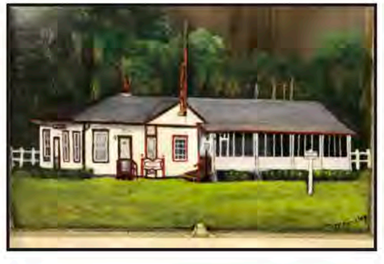
In the mid-1800s the orange and vegetable crops that grew so abundantly in the area were shipped via water. Produce could travel across Orange Lake and Lake Lochloosa to Island Grove and the Seaboard Railway. That and the more complicated journey through Orange Lake into Orange Run, the Ocklawaha River, and the St. Johns River got incredibly simpler with train travel.

The narrow gauge Gainesville, Ocala and Charlotte Harbor Railroad was the earliest railroad. Florida Southern Railway took over the line in 1881. Florida Southern Railway became Florida Southern Railroad and extended to Punta Gorda as part of the Plant System in 1892. The Atlantic Coast Line acquired the line in 1903 and merged with Seaboard Air Line Railroad in 1967 becoming the Seaboard Coast Line in 1967. SCL discontinued service to McIntosh in 1969.

Local Artists Celebrate the McIntosh Depot

Locals and casual visitors often pull out a cellphone and take a photo or two of the depot. More serious photgraphers set up their cameras and wait for perfect lighting and mood to capture the depot. Other visual artsts work with brush, pencil, stylus, and needle to assure the depot is not forgotten.

Top Left–The sign at the door of the Depot by Glover Signs. Top Center–Painting in acrylic on an old window by Scott Hensley. Top Right–Colored pencil and ink drawing by Karin Harms from a 1976 photograph. Bottom Left–Engraving by artist Pythius (Joe Dean) from before the Depot was restored in the 1970s. Bottom Center - The Depot in needlework by an anonymous artist. Bottom Right–Oil on canvas by Neil Crenshaw.



McIntosh Presbyterian Church

Practicing the Presence of Jesus

Established 1885 • Sanctuary built 1907
5825 Avenue F • Avenue F and 7th Street • McIntosh

Everyone is Welcome
Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
Nursery is provided for all services.

Worship with us online at www.mcintoshchurch.org

We livestream our 10:30 services each Sunday and then archive them for anyone who wants to view them later. They can be seen from the website, YouTube, or the app. (Download our app from Google Play or Apple Store)

At MPC, we seek to emphasize the 'Grace Equation' from Ephesians 2:8-10
We are saved BY Grace, THROUGH Faith, FOR Good Works

It's not about being good . . . . or religious.
It's about being FORGIVEN. It's called GRACE.

At MPC, we believe in:
• The Sovereignty of God • The Lordship of Jesus
• The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit • The Authority of Scripture

- We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of each month (Sept. - May), followed by pot-luck lunch.
- We are thankful to be part of the McIntosh-Evinston faith community, and we gratefully participate in all Community Faith events.
- MPC is widely known for our outstanding music and invite you to come worship with us and help us offer an authentic witness of Jesus to the local community and to the world.
- We strive to give our youngest disciples an opportunity to participate as fully as possible in worship. The children attend the beginning of the main service where they are encouraged to sing and share during the children's message. After which they move on to Jr. Church or the nursery.

Our Staff: Tommy Lane, Pastor
Bert and Debbie Ayers, Ministers of Music

At MPC Grace is our only agenda, and it is *not* hidden.

Light Up McIntosh

a Friends of McIntosh Holiday Tradition since 1994

Light Up McIntosh started in 1994 to "brighten up" dark winter nights and encourage a bit of friendly community competition. The Friends of McIntosh organized the event and offered prizes in four categories: one-story homes, two-story homes, mobile homes, and non-residential structures such as schools, stores, and churches.

Santa Comes to Town

For over a half century the McIntosh Lions Club has brought Santa Claus to McIntosh on the town's firetruck. Light Up McIntosh festivities coincide with Santa's arrival at the park. While Santa chats with local children in the gazebo, the McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club provide refreshments for the community. When Santa leaves, it's time for the awards that recognize the decorations around town. It's a delightful event for all.

The Friends of McIntosh added a Judges' Trophy to the Light Up competition in 2018. Mark and Dianne Naworensky began sponsoring the Griswold Award starting in 2019. Judges for the Light Up events are anonymous and not from McIntosh. They traditionally have design experience and set their own criteria.

At the urging of Friends member Duane Jones in 2008, the Friends of McIntosh added a Small Vehicle Parade to usher in the firetruck with the Lions Club Santa Claus. The parade of golf carts, riding mowers and ATVs compete for prizes in two categories. In 2020 the Friends added a •small tractor category with its own set of judges and prizes.

There's a lot to be done to get ready for Light Up McIntosh: •An "OK" from the McIntosh Town Council to use the streets for a parade; •Applications to be distributed (thanks to the Town of McIntosh Town Manager); and •public spaces to decorate.

The Friends decorate the McKoone-Hopwood Mini Park (photo above) and the corners of Van Ness Park. The Seedlings Garden Club decorates the gazebo and the Civic Center inside and out. The Town of McIntosh's David Perryman adds Civic Center and gazebo lights.

In 2018, Melinda and David Jones encouraged the Friends to add luminaries around the park and along the parade route. They spearhead the project preparing gallon jugs and filling them with sand. The group helps David and Melinda place and light the luminaries.

With participation from the entire town, McIntosh is a festive and beautiful place in December.

Luminaries in the park.

2021 Light Up McIntosh

Saturday, December 11 • 7:00
at the Civic Center

Brought to you by •McIntosh Lions Club • Friends of McIntosh •McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club

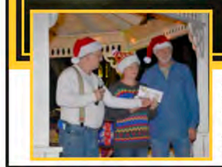
CASH Prizes to Winners

Light Up Categories
•1-Story Homes •2-Story Homes
•Mobile Homes •Other (Businesses, Churches, etc.)

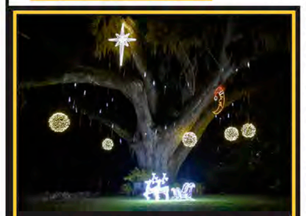
Lighted Vehicle Categories
•Golf Carts •Riding Mowers /ATVs •Small Tractors

2021 Light Up Applications
Please Pick up and Submit Applications to Town Office*
Applications Available • Nov 15-Dec 7
Applications Due • December 7 • 4:00 PM
Judging Dec 9 & 10 Dusk - 9:00 PM

The Judges' Trophy
Dianne & Mark Naworensky



2020's Light Up McIntosh Judges' Trophy went to Mark and Dianne Naworensky.



Display facing Avenue H

Light Up judges are anonymous, tend to have an art or design background, and do not live in town. They have complete discretion in the selection and ranking of winners.

The Judge's Trophy is available to them to recognize displays of exceptional interest or merit.

Light Up McIntosh

Saturday
December 11

Fun for Everyone • CA$H Prizes to Winners

Light Up Buildings - 4 Categories

1-Story Homes 2-Story Homes
Mobile Homes Other/Businesses/Churches

Lighted Vehicles - 2 Categories

Golf Carts, ATVs, and Riding Mowers • Small Tractors

Light Up Judging

December 9 & 10 • Sunset - 9:00 PM

2021 Light Up Applications

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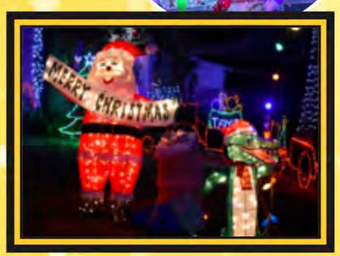
Applications Available • Nov 22-Dec 8
Applications Due • December 8 • 4:00 PM

Watch McIntosh 1890s Festival on Facebook for Updated Info

**Special thanks to Jeanie and Jessie in the Town Office for Light Up Help*

4th Place
Light Up McIntosh

Heather & Jason Jones
2 Story



Dawn and Ike Ryman
1 Story

Jane Townsend
Mobile Home

3rd Place
Light Up McIntosh

Kathy and Bob Swanson
Mobile Home

McIntosh Baptist Church
Other

Frank Ciotti
2 Story

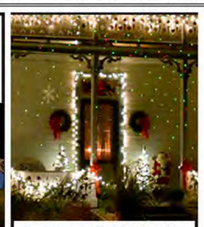
1 Story
Melinda and David Jones

What do Light Up Judges Look For?

Judges change, and holiday trends change, so how does someone who enters the Light Up McIntosh contest know what the judges are looking for?

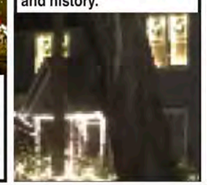
CAUTION — THESE ARE ONLY GUIDELINES AND NOT DEFINITIVE RULES FROM THE JUDGES.

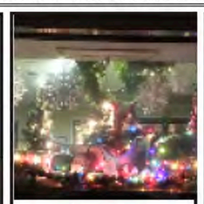
Use CREATIVITY rather than out-of-a-box. Eva Jo Callahan's hand-painted skaters fit the bill.



Obvious THOUGHT AND EFFORT. Frank Ciotti enchants with classic wreaths and a welcoming entry.

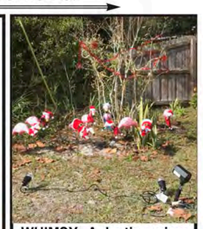
And even a bit of RESTRAINT. With a nod to "a light and wreath in every window" of the early 1900s, the Gallaghers used simplicity and history.





Decorations to complement the STYLE AND PERIOD of the building. Who else has a drive up window? Town of McIntosh used it.

The occasional SURPRISE. The Reddicks chose to add a lighted VW bug to their classic decor.

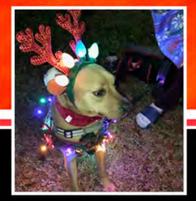


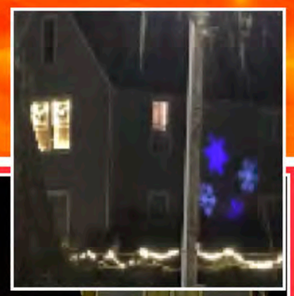
WHIMSY. A daytime view of the pool surrounded by flamingos that added extra charm to the Swanson display.

2nd Place
Light Up McIntosh

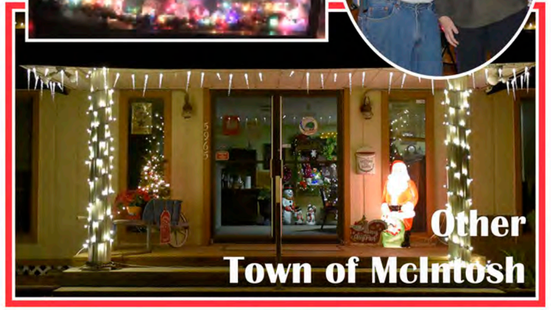
The Franklin Family
1 Story

Danielle Leland
Mobile Home





2 Story
Dennis and Lalla Gallagher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Town of McIntosh

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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& Learning is Play
Preschool
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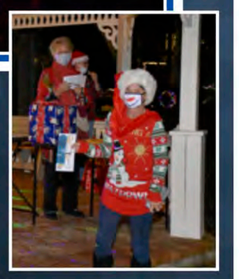
The Church at Triple Cross
presents
Birth of the Christ Child
and Live Nativity
The Story • Christmas Carols • Live Animals
December 11th 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Night
Outside Event – Bring a Lawn Chair
FREE ADMISSION
Food Concessions open at 6:00 p.m.

1st Place
Light Up McIntosh

Kevin and Leslie Reddick
2 Story

Eva Jo Callahan
1 Story

Other
McIntosh Christian Church


Mobile Home
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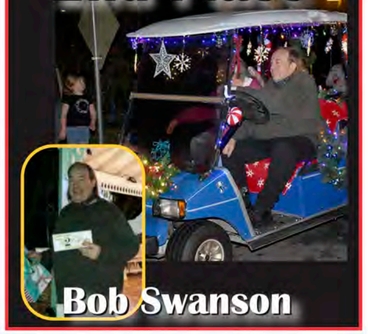
Small Vehicles

Light Up McIntosh

1st Place

Janice Strange

2nd Place



Bob Swanson

3rd Place

Frank Ciotti

Somethig Extra for Light Up Winners

This year, in addition to cash prizes, Light Up McIntosh winners had stakes proclaiming their status displayed in their yards.

Thanks to carpenters and painters Karin Harms and Dianne and Mark Naworensky, Light Up winners were recognized throughout the holiday season.

Dianne and Mark Naworensky explain how stakes will be displayed.

Elves are credited with placing the stakes the morning after Light Up.

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The McIntosh Lions Club

Every Christmas season the Lions Club hosts Santa's visit to McIntosh. The jolly elf arrives on a firetruck and celebrates the holiday season by listening to children's requests and stories.

This year the Lions included a drawing after Santa's visit. The grand prize winner got to choose which prize they wanted. He chose the shotgun that was generously donated by Harry Beckwith and Sons.

There will be a drawing this year, too.

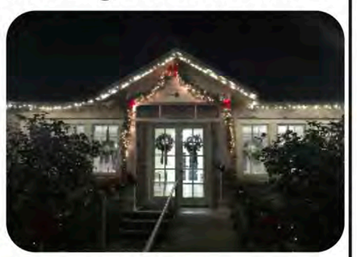
The **2021 GRAND PRIZE** will be the winner's choice of:

- **18-Hour Gulf Fishing Trip for 2, or**
- **Echo EGI 4000 Generator, or**
- **Beretta A300 Series 12 Shotgun.**

See your favorite Lion for details and tickets.

Lions with a young Santa fan.

The McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club

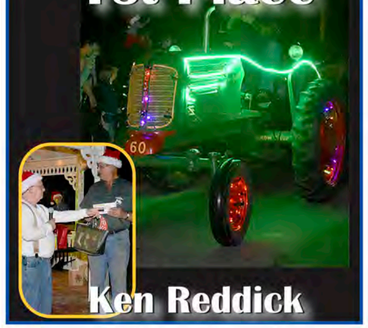


In addition to providing wonderful refreshments for the Light Up McIntosh celebration, the Seedlings decorate the gazebo and Civic Center inside and out. With skill, an eye to vintage design, and a bit of derring-do, the Seedlings bring winter charm to the heart of town.

Small Tractors

Light Up McIntosh

1st Place



Ken Reddick

2nd Place

Jason Perry

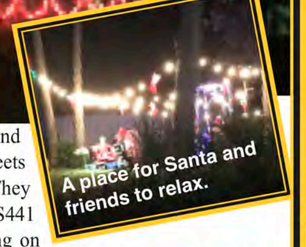
3rd Place

Kevin Reddick

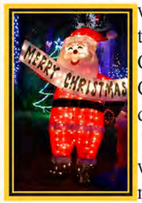
The Griswold Award

Heather and Jason Jones

The Jones's home facing US441.



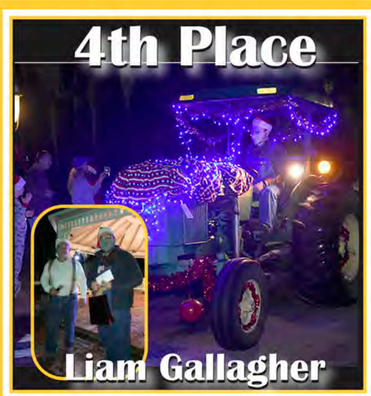
A place for Santa and friends to relax.



This year's Griswold Award goes to Heather and Jason Jones. The Jones's home has exposure to three streets and they enthusiastically decorated for all three views. They went from classic red garland facing US441 to charming lighted characters fronting on CR320, to a whimsical nook facing 10th Street. Wherever one looked, Christmas cheer was evident. And, like all good displays, it was also wonderful in the daylight.

The Griswold Award is the brainchild of Mark and Dianne Naworensky who love elaborate displays and judge and underwrite the prize. They have made it part of Light Up McIntosh since 2019.

4th Place



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McIntosh Scholars

The Friends of McIntosh recognize the importance of education in the community. Scholarship recipients have gone on to careers as diverse as medicine, public administration, glass blowing, the clergy, fine arts, film making, and politics. Applicants live within five miles of McIntosh and have a connection with the town.

Diego Sinsay–Future Orthodontist

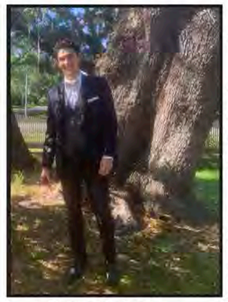
Diego receiving his scholarship from Friends of McIntosh President Scott Mullikin

Diego Sinsay is the Friends of McIntosh 2020 scholarship recipient. Because of Covid restrictions he was unable to receive his certificate in a Friends of McIntosh meeting until May 2021. He started work at College of Central Florida's 2021 Spring semester.

Those who know Diego inevitably mention his energy, motivation, respect, and friendliness.

What's in Diego's future? He plans to receive his AA at Central Florida and then complete work to become an orthodontist. In addition to someday having his own clinic, his plans include medical missions abroad, providing affordable dental care to U.S. veterans, and offering his services to organizations and churches who focus on medical needs.

Aaron Nelson–Future Airline Pilot



Aaron Nelson

Aaron is a Friends of McIntosh 2021 scholarship recipient.

Aaron graduated from P.K. Yonge this spring where he swam on the varsity swim team for three years, carried a full academic load, and worked toward getting his private pilot's license.

Aaron now heads to the University of Ashbury in Wilmore, KY to study graphic arts and design, public speaking, photography, and storytelling. He will also swim on Ashbury's team and continue working on his private and instrument pilot ratings.

Aaron looks forward to a future as a commercial pilot with a major airline.

The Ashbury swim team needed Aaron to join them before the Friends of McIntosh could present him his certificate..

The Friends of McIntosh accept scholarship applications year-round. Applicants are asked to submit •a completed application, • their most current transcript, • an essay, • recommendations from two adults who know them – one educator and one personal, • a photo for the Gazette. Scholarship checks are sent directly to the school.

Eagles Soar Best When There's a Safe Nest

McIntosh Area School serves area students in kindergarten through fifth grades. You'll see the colorful buildings past the big sign on the west side of US441.
A guest contributor fills us in on what's going on at McIntosh's own school.

"We've only been part of the McIntosh Area School family for a few short months, but I can tell this school offers a great deal to the children enrolled there," said Alison Soracchi, parent to Dominic Soracchi in first grade.

If you take a look at the school's logo, the tagline reads, "Come Soar With Us."

Principal David Friedlander, backed by 35 years in education and 17 years as a school principal, understands that children need a solid foundation to create the right environment for soaring.

"We know that these children can do amazing things if they have the fundamental skills they need to move from grade level to grade level, then on to middle school, high school, and life as a responsible citizen," he said. "The key to soaring is the nest."

Low Teacher/Student Ratio

Most public elementary schools have overloaded classrooms taught by overloaded teachers. The small class size and individual teacher attention at McIntosh Area School contribute to overall student success.

"We discovered the school eight years ago when our oldest attended starting in the 3rd grade and we fell in love with the small classes and the dedication of the staff. When it came time for our youngest to enter kindergarten this year, we instantly chose McIntosh," said Shannon Boyer, parent to Titus Boyer.

First grade teacher Jessica Stout joined the staff last year and played a part in hiring for this year. "In this kind of community," she said, "it's important to have the right staff in place. These are great kids, and they deserve just the right teachers."

"The mix of talent and backgrounds our teachers offer to our students," said Principal Friedlander, "provide a blend of diverse experience essential to a solid education."

From Trevor Shawley's summer camp directing to Melody Vendrell's love of theater and puppetry to Bethany Bates's marketing/communications background, each teacher brings a unique perspective to the classroom. When classes are small enough, all personalities can shine.

"MAS emphasizes small class sizes and it's clear they do truly give way for teachers to individualize education based on a child's development. I've seen it firsthand with the way Mrs. Stout teaches my son," said Mrs. Soracchi.

Technology and Paper

Despite its size, our local elementary school packs a punch when it comes to curriculum.

Each student works on a Chromebook sporting their name label to develop key math and reading skills.

"The diagnostic data available to us as teachers—based on specific student performance online—can't be beat," said second grade teacher Ms. Vendrell. "I can instantly see which student in my class needs pre-teaching in a certain area before I introduce a new concept."

"I've never used i-Ready before," said fourth/fifth grade teacher Ms. Bates. "The recent training we received was so helpful in showing me how to interpret all the data that already exists for all of my students."

> **"The mix of talent and backgrounds our teachers offer to our students provide a blend of diverse experience essential to a solid education."**

In addition to familiarizing students with using technology, teachers also include learning exercises based on time-tested books and paper. Combined with online content in math, reading, science, and social studies, there are subject area textbooks from National Geographic, Big Ideas Math, and MyView for language arts.

"In fact," said Principal Friedlander, "we're using the Big Ideas materials an entire year before it rolls out in other Marion County schools."

Runners Club, Tutoring, and More

(Runners Club photo below)

Based on parent and staff interests, clubs at MAS have started rolling out. A few weeks ago, the Runners Club left the starting block, with the impetus and passion of Coach Tiffany. Parents often park outside the large field in front of the school to watch their children participate.

Jess Routh, parent of Thomas Routh, said, "My kids have enjoyed participating in Runners Club and the after-school program. It's a great place for kids to learn and grow with that small town feel!"

"As we start implementing our tutoring program for the second year," said Principal Friedlander, "we'll be rolling out more clubs based on volunteer and teacher interests. COVID protocols still limit our ability to incorporate volunteer help, but we're dedicated to providing extra-curricular outlets needed by our children."

The tutoring program addresses the need for some students to receive more individualized, remedial attention from teachers.

Leveraging his camp directing and teaching experience, Mr. Shawley said, "I'm looking forward to working with just a few of my students who need the extra attention."

Building and Maintaining the Nest

"Building our staff and providing top-notch resources has been a priority since I started," said Principal Friedlander. "One of our best fundraisers occurs during the 1890s Festival."

Folks come from far-flung places to attend the popular annual festival and MAS charges a reasonable fee for parking in the large field in front of the school that's just blocks from the festival.

Perhaps Pepper Swanson, parent to Jack Swanson, puts it best when she said, "McIntosh Area Charter School truly focuses on the success of all students. As a parent to a child with ADHD and ODD, I can say with absolute certainty that this school goes above and beyond to make sure that all little ones shine bright. Challenges are met with determination, teamwork, empathy, compassion, and respect. My experience thus far has been nothing short of welcoming and genuine. It is quite apparent that the principal, teachers, and staff here have an undeniable passion for teaching and nurturing. I am so excited to see how much my little learner will grow throughout this school year with the love and support of MAS on his side."

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McIntosh's Historic Churches

Established in the late 1800s, McIntosh Churches

McIntosh United Methodist Church

Avenue F and 8th Street
Established 1885 • Built 1888

Moved to its present location in 1894 from Center Point a mile north of McIntosh

Worship & Fellowship Opportunities
Pastor: Al Bryan
Worship: 9:45 am
Sunday School: 11:00 am

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August
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Weekly
Food Collection for Interfaith

McIntosh Christian Church

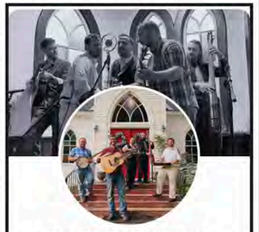
Avenue E and 7th Street
Established 1898 • Built 1904

Before the church was built, the congregation worshiped in the school on Avenue E

Worship & Fellowship Opportunities
Pastor Paul French
Worship: Sunday - 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship and Fellowship
One Sunday Evening a Month - 5:00 PM

McIntosh Christian Church loves to host musical groups. Their **Community Outreach Concerts** are open to all.

On August 29, the ***Florida Flatlanders*** joined an enthusiastic McIntosh audience for bluegrass gospel music followed by fellowship and a chance for audience and musicians to meet. They must have had a great time–they changed their Facebook profile to feature the church!



The Florida Flatlanders

Special events are always advertised

★★★ For the Festival ★★★
Mexican Food Truck - Gospel Music with *Praisin Him*

Community Thaksgiving Service
November 21, 2021
6:00 PM
McIntosh United Methodist Church

Community Christmas Service
December 19, 2021
5:30 PM
McIntosh Presbyterian Church

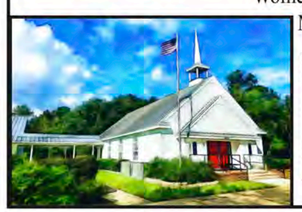
Easter Sunrise Service
April 12, 2022. 7:00 AM
Community Presbyterian Church

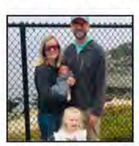
The McIntosh-Evinston Community Choir Performs Special Music at All Community Services

Community Presbyterian Church

Established 1990 • Built 1990
Overlooking Orange Lake at 20098 US Hwy. 441

Worship & Fellowship Opportunities
Pastor Zach Seal
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Women's Bible Study Wed. 6:00 PM
Men's Bible StudySat. 8:00 AM





Pastor Zach Seal

Vacation Bible School - A Summer Tradition

Evinston United Methodist Church joins the five McIntosh Churches to provide classes, activities, and an evening meal for all ages for one special week in the summer. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Welcome Festival Visitors

Continue to Thrive and Serve the Community

McIntosh Baptist Church

Avenue F and 9th Street (US 441)
Built 1903

In the late 1800s the congregation worshiped with the Lockabi Baptist Church in Orange Lake.

Worship & Fellowship Opportunities
Pastor: Ken Gibson
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday Service is Live Streamed
www.McIntoshBaptist.org

For More information:
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www.
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Prayer Gathering Wednesday Night 6:00 pm

McIntosh Baptist Church Sunday School classes engage youngsters and adults as well.

Left: Cassie Ward and David Kniedler build the Tower of Bable.

Right: Who was surprised when it fell?

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McIntosh Presbyterian Church

Avenue F and 7th Street
Established 1885 • Built 1907

Worship & Fellowship Opportunities
Pastor: Tommy Lane

Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am

Worship with us online at www.mcintoshchurch.org

We livestream our 10:30 services each Sunday and then archive them for anyone who wants to view them later. They can be seen from the website, YouTube, or the app. (Download our app from Google Play or Apple Store)

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It's not every year a community turns 200. In Florida, Micanopy is the only inland settlement old enough to claim that distinction. A celebration is most definitely in order. And who better to organize a bicentennial celebration than local historians?

The Micanopy Historical Society is proud to present ***Stirring the Leaves*** for Micanopy's Bicentennial. Micanopy's history starts in 1821– the same year Florida became a US Territory. Vi Asmuth, local history buff and retired educator, is the creative genius behind the play based on Micanopy history. She has written and directed the production that features historical events using portrayals of real people often supported by fictional characters.

Love of the small town of Micanopy has brought the cast and production staff of ***Stirring the Leaves*** together. Most of the cast and staff are from the Micanopy area and for many being on stage is a new experience. They are getting help from a couple of pros, though. Mimi Carr, a retired professional actress is in the cast, and professional artist, Blake Harrison gets credit for set design as well as being in the cast. The cast includes Xia Williams, Bill Harlan, Andrew Osmun, Karen Mountain, Katherine Harlan, Joseph Blakely, Jamie Miller, Marjorie Taylor, Sarah Wolking, Lucia Vranizan, Patty Crass, Father Les Singleton, Bishop Chris Stokes, Rev. Stanley Strobles, and Al Tweedy.

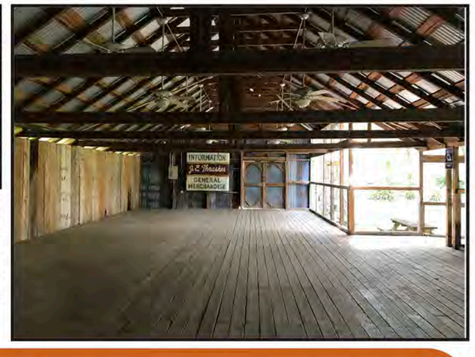
Technical support for ***Stirring the Leaves*** is vital. Dylan Tillery stage manages, and stage crew Mikayla Uman and Benjamin Hamilton shift scenery and props. Drew White operates the lighting, and sound equipment provided by Vivid Sky Productions. Nancy Macaulay and Dori Lloyd supervise costumes.

In the front of the house, Katherine Harlan oversees the tickets while house manager, Bob Waters sees to ushers and parking. Jean Stream is in charge of hospitality.

Local musicians, the Front Porch Backsteppers, provide the production's musical transitions.

In true community spirit, many individuals and businesses have become sponsors to underwrite production expenses.

Stirring the Leaves plays on November 12 at 7 p.m. and November 13 at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. The open-air Thrasher Warehouse, located behind the museum at 607 NE Cholokka Boulevard in Micanopy provides the perfect production space. Tickets are $3 for adults and $1 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be bought in person with cash or check at the Micanopy Historical Museum, or online at:
micanopyplay.ticketleap.com/micanopyplay



The Thrasher Warehouse behind the Historical Museum is the perfect open-air venue for the performances. It offers its own history and appropriate COVID awareness. But space is limited, so buy your tickets early.

Micanopy Historical Society Museum

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Van Ness Park: The Heart of McIntosh

The Community Building in Van Ness Park

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by Patty Dodd

The Town of McIntosh's Community Center has a rich and treasured history. It truly is a place where visitors can take a "step back in time."

In 1886, the Van Ness family donated land in the center of McIntosh for a public park. The community soon gathered there for recreation and culture. In large and small groups, they enjoyed activities such as picnics, horseshoe pitching contests, concerts, community gatherings, and even Sunday School.

In 1894, residents built a pavilion among the oaks on the south end of the park where Native Americans were said to have had a campground. They later built a second pavilion on the north side of the park.

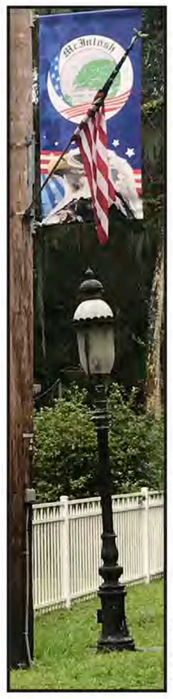
McIntosh women organized the Civic League in 1933. Originally it was to encourage civic spirit and provide for those who didn't have enough. They also worked to restore the pavilion in the park.

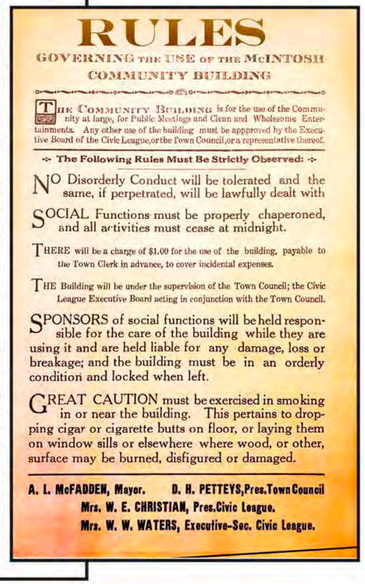
Could there be something more impressive than a pavilion? In about 1934, McIntosh men began gathering Florida native field stone with the intention of using it to build a permanent Community Building for the town. The stone came from nearby farm fields to the park in mule-drawn wagons. The mule, "Good Ol' Sally," is credited with hauling most of the stone.

In 1935, The Works Projects Administration (WPA) and McIntosh collaborated on the construction of the building. Townsmen cleared the land and dug the foundation in preparation for WPA workmen to build most of the stone exterior. The Civic League, a group of McIntosh women, took out a loan to help finance the Community Building.

The building was completed before the end of 1937. By the end of 1939 the Civic League had paid off their loan. The rules for Community Building use have changed over the years (see rules right), and amenities have been upgraded, but the town still uses the building for civic meetings and personal events.

The locally built stone barbecue pit just west of the building was the center of community gatherings for years. Men oversaw the preparation of the main course, as they grilled or smoked venison, beef, goat, chicken, and fish. Women brought side dishes such as field peas and snaps; okra and tomatoes; mustard, turnip, and collard greens; various salads; and–of course–delicious homemade pies, cakes, and cookies. Children played and pulled taffy to the delight of young and old.





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NO Disorderly Conduct will be tolerated and the same, if perpetrated, will be lawfully dealt with

SOCIAL Functions must be properly chaperoned, and all activities must cease at midnight.

THERE will be a charge of $1.00 for the use of the building, payable to the Town Clerk in advance, to cover incidental expenses.

THE Building will be under the supervision of the Town Council; the Civic League Executive Board acting in conjunction with the Town Council.

SPONSORS of social functions will be held responsible for the care of the building while they are using it and are held liable for any damage, loss or breakage; and the building must be in an orderly condition and locked when left.

GREAT CAUTION must be exercised in smoking in or near the building. This pertains to dropping cigar or cigarette butts on floor, or laying them on window sills or elsewhere where wood, or other, surface may be burned, disfigured or damaged.

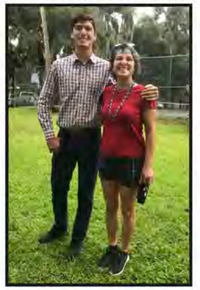
A. L. McFADDEN, Mayor. D. H. PETTEYS,Pres.Town Council
Mrs. W. E. CHRISTIAN, Pres.Civic League.
Mrs. W. W. WATERS, Executive-Sec. Civic League.

Independence Day in the Park

The McIntosh Lions Club sponsors a Fourth of July celebration at McIntosh's Civic Center. This year the celebration was on July 3. Activities traditionally include a bicycle parade, a variety of games, a cakewalk and good fun for families. This year the Lions Club added presentation of its scholarship to Patrick Kallenbach.

Photo by Bre Ximenes

From Left: McIntosh dresses up for Independence Day with civic pride and patriotic flavor.
Watermelons at the beginning of the festivities. Below: Watermelon eating contest. Watermelon for everybody!
Old fashioned games organized by age category are always a hit. Here's the balloon toss.
Patrick Kallenbach, Lions Club Scholarship recipient with his proud mom, Alex.
Town Officials Frank Ciotti, Eva Jo Callahan, Marshall Roddy, and Suzanne Sindledecker enjoying the day.



Above: McIntosh Lions take a break from cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for a photo.
Below: Wheelbarrow Race. Lions-sponsored games: all winners get ribbons and everybody has a good time.

The McIntosh Lions Club

Sponsoring Santa's December visit and Fourth of July Celebration isn't all the McIntosh Lions do.

You can see Lions selling hamburgers, their famous hot dogs, and drinks at the 1890s Festival and many civic events. Sales of food and drink help Lions support a variety of projects, many centered on eye health.

The club has underwritten several town projects, including maintenance of the community bulletin board, repair of the tennis court, installation of children's playground apparatus in the park, and the addition of tables, chairs, and equipment at the Civic Center.

As part of its community service, the McIntosh Lions Club has created an educational scholarship program. The $1,000 scholarship is open to an area resident who has been accepted into or is attending a university, college, or vocational training facility.

As part of their continuing mission, the Lions assist residents in obtaining eyeglasses and hearing aids, based upon financial need.

The Lions invite men who have an interest in community service and fellowship to join the McIntosh Lions Club.

Honoring Cary McCollum

Cary McCollum, resident butcher at the Ice House meat market.

At the 2021 Independence Day Celebration, The Town of McIntosh posthumously honored Cary McCollum with its 2021 Community Service Award. Cary passed away on September 5, 2020; his wife Linda Gail accepted the honor.

Cary was known as a man of faith, a popular and gregarious soul with an amazing memory, and for his offbeat sense of humor. Cary served as the town's butcher for many years. He later sold that business and founded Superior Truck Tops, manufacturing aluminum truck tops which he distributed throughout the state.

Since 1977 when the McCollum family moved to McIntosh, Cary served as Town Councilor, Mayor, and even fire chief—all volunteer positions. The Community Service award was appropriately given in recognition of "a lifetime of service to the Town of McIntosh."

Mayor Cary McCollum

Lions Club Scholarship

Patrick Kallenbach of Mcintosh has received the 2021-2022 Lions Club scholarship. He entered Santa Fe College this fall and is studying computer science.

He compiled a sterling academic record at P.K. Yonge. Inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior, he graduated with a 3.9623 overall grade average. He has also won superior ratings at statewide piano competitions sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Patrick plans to combine his knowledge of computer science and music in developing a career as a professional music producer. He will transfer to the University of Florida after he graduates from Santa Fe College.

All McIntosh Lions congratulate Patrick Kallenbach and wish him well as he pursues his calling.

McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club

The McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club was organized with a goal to stimulate knowledge of the science, art, and specialized skills of gardening among amateurs.

The Seedlings have helped purchase and maintain many of the plantings around the Civic Center.

They support Camp Wekiva, the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs ecology camp. Each year the Seedlings send local young people to camp for the purpose of instilling a love and respect for Florida through nature study, conservation, and protection of our environment.

The Seedlings invite interested gardeners to their meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Seedling programs may be guest speakers, projects, or even field trips to interesting farms or gardens in the area.

The club's projects are funded through their annual Plant and Garden Sale – a spring event in central Florida. **This year's sale is April 2, 2022.**

Smiles and Help at the Town of McIntosh Office

Jeannie Rickman
McIntosh Town Manager

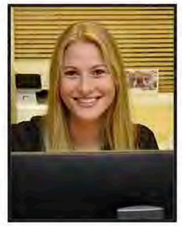
Jeannie Rickman, who officially started her job on September 1, is fitting right into the office and the town. Her background and experience made her an excellent candidate for the job. She even came to several town meetings as an observer. She lists two important things about her new job: customer service and communication. "You're important," she smiles.

Jeannie's retirement from Marion County administration had already been scheduled when she heard about the McIntosh position. It sounded like a way to put her skills nicely to work. Fittingly, Jeannie's most recent job was as Assistant County Administrator. Her work in the County Attorney's Office is also an asset. In the 17 years she worked for Marion County, she also focused on economic development and legislation.

Training and professional organizations can be important management tools. Course work through the Askew Center for Public Management at Florida State University earned Jeannie the title of Certified Public Manager. CPMs provide professional management and improve organizational effectiveness. She also served as a member of the National Association of Counties, spending time in Tallahassee and in Washington D.C. getting to know and working with state and Congressional legislators.

Most recently Jeannie has worked with the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, the American Rescue Plan for funding COVID related recovery.

Jessi Gonzalez
McIntosh Bookkeeper



Jessi Gonzalez came to the Town of McIntosh office in May as the town's new bookkeeper.

Jessi is no stranger to bookkeeping for public entities. Her bookkeeping and consulting business Praus Management Group, serves individuals and small businesses in the area; one of her local clients is McIntosh Area School.

Jesse will be graduaing from Central Florida College in December-with a Bachelor's in Business and Organizational Management and an AS in Paralegal Studies. Her varied skills and experiences are sure to be an asset to McIntosh.

As a youngster growing up in Fairfield, Jessi attended Reddick-Collier School, North Marion Middle School, and North Marion High School. She's pleased that her children are now attending North Marion's Cambridge Programs.

Jessi is no stranger to McIntosh. As a child, she enjoyed trick-or-treating in town and family winter outings to see McIntosh's lights and decorations. She is even familiar with the 1890s Festival. As a teenager she worked with the Flemington Baptist Church Youth Group parking cars for the festival. She feels she has a natural bond with the town.

What's the best part of Jessi's job? She says it's the people in town. You can find Jessi in the office during regular business hours, so why not drop by and say "hi."

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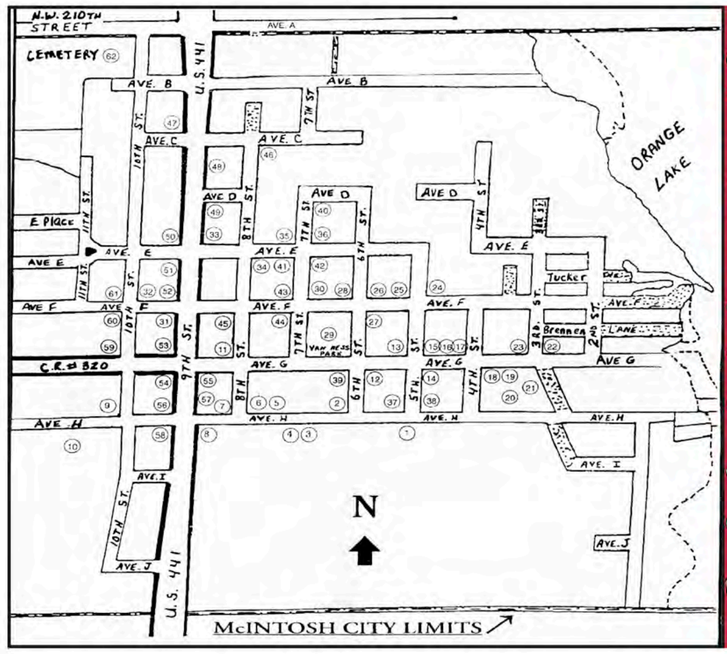
WITH MCINTOSH SEEDLINGS GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to the McIntosh Seedlings Garden Club we have this map of McIntosh's Historic Places. Many of the homes in the McIntosh 1890s Festival area are from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Residents are proud that 62 of the town's homes and buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Each building has a documented history and is usually known by the name of the original builder and owner.



Avenue H (East to West)
1. Gaitskill House 1884
2. Reynolds House 1925
3. Remsen House 1925
4. Lent House 1925
5. Carter House 1896
6. Dodd House 1893
7. Flewellen House 1900
8. Monahan House 1920
9. Gamble House 1893
10. Burgin House 1891

Avenue G (West to East)
11. Old Telephone Exchange 1910
12. **Smith House 1896**
13. **Siebert House 1895**
14. **Walkup House 1894**
15. **Robinson House 1896**
16. **Baldwin Millinery Barkley House 1895**
17. **McIntosh Hotel 1895**
18. **Christian & Neal Produce Office 1925**
19. **Christian Mercantile 1894**
20. Christian & Neal Packing Shed /Carriage House 1896
21. **McIntosh Railroad Depot 1895**
22. Site of the Old North Marion News 1923
23. Christian Packing Shed 1900 Van Horn Antiques

Avenue F (East to West)
24. **Dickson House 1894**
25. **Neal/Baldwin House 1891**
26. **McCormick/Neal House 1889**
27. **Price/Dickson/Thompson House 1891**
28. **Walker/Grainger House 1888**
29. **Van Ness Park 1890**
Civic Center 1934
30. **Presbyterian Church 1907**
31. **Baptist Church 1903**
32. Estridge House 1898

Avenue E (West to East)
33. Archibald/Walton House 1920
34. Murrell House 1895
35. Farnbach House 1915
36. Christian Church 1904

Fifth Street (North to South)
37. Neal House 1893
38. Gist House 1893

Sixth Street (South to North)
39. **Allen House 1888**

Seventh Street (North to South)
40. Bauknight House 1920
41. Flewellen House 1895
42. Walkup House 1910
43. **Thomas/McFadden House 1885**
44. **Norsworthy House 1890**

Eighth Street (South to North)
45. Methodist Church 1888
46. Eubanks House 1898

Ninth Street (North to South)
47. Atlantic Ice and Storage 1930 Ice House Gallery
48. Carter House 1920
49. Huff House 1925
50. McFadden Block Co./ Dandridge Market 1920
51. Huff's Packing Shed 1940
52. Brown's Packing Shed 1942
53. Brown House 1910
54. Gist House 1900
55. Turnipseed General Store 1893
56. J.K. Christian House 1910
57. Turnipseed House 1900
58. W.E. Christian House 1922

Tenth Street (South to North)
59. McFadden House 1900
60. Allen/Bateman House 1900
61. Bateman House 1900
62. McIntosh Cemetery 1893

Structures noted with bold type are in the McIntosh 1890s Festival boundaries.

McIntosh in the 1880s

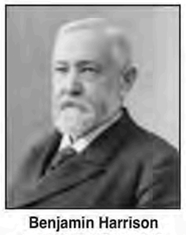
in the 1880s the US flag had 38 stars. Two styles were used from 1877 until 1890 when three more states were added. Top - the 38-Star Double Medallion flag celebrating Colorado's joining the union in 1877.

Rutherford B. Hayes
President 1877-1881

James A Garfield
President 1881

Chester A Arthur
President 1881-1885

Grover Cleveland
President 1885 - 1889

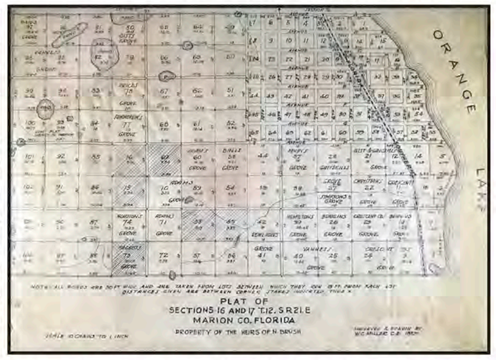


Benjamin Harrison
President 1889-1893

A Plantation Before it was a Town There is evidence that in the early 1800s John McIntosh, a planter from Georgia, farmed the area where McIntosh is now. He planted sea island cotton, corn, tobacco, and sugar cane. In fact, remnants of a sugar mill from that era have been found on the northeast part of town. Tradition has it that his home was north of where the McIntosh Cemetery is today.

The Beginnings of the Town On February 2,1849, Nehemiah Brush, a merchant from Baltimore, bought a large portion including 4,000 acres of the Arrendondo Spanish land grant that today encompasses McIntosh, at a government auction held in nearby Micanopy. His son, Col. Charles Brush, along with Eugene and Julia (Brush) Van Ness developed the area that today encompasses McIntosh, into building lots and ten-acre plots for growing citrus. Early records indicate McIntosh lots were purchased by Dr. Perry Burgin who came in 1882, J. K. Christian in 1883, and S. H. Gaitskill and W. M. Gist in 1884.

Home building began with the Gatiskill home (below left and listed as #1 on the walking map on page 23). S.H. Gaitskill served as the land agent for the Brush/Van-Ness family. The drawings of the five homes of the 1880s from McIntosh's beginnings are courtesy of local artist Karin Harms.



Shown above right is a copy of the plat as McIntosh existed in 1895. Note that by 1885 much of the land designated for groves had been sold.

Ocala 1883-1885 • From Bucket Brigade to Fire Department

From early days, Ocala was the county seat and largest commercial center close to McIntosh.

On Thanksgiving day, November 22, 1883, fire destroyed five blocks in the most heavily commercial part of Ocala. At that time fire suppresion consisted of people moving water in buckets from person to person.

City leaders and Ocala residents then demanded that a first rate fire department be formed. Successful sale of fire bonds and a city ordinance creating the establishment of a fire department made that a reality in 1885.

During the next decade, firefighters pulled the hose carts and apparatus to fires using muscle and foot power. In 1894, Ocala's first team of fire horses were purchased. The fire chief's car was purchased in 1915, and the following year all the remaining fire horses were replaced by mechanized apparatus.

Downtown Ocala was rebuilt with brick.

1884 The Gaitskill House 1

1888 The McCormick/Neal House 26

1888 The Walker/Grainger House 28

Big Dreams Quiet Beginnings

1887 • McIntosh Gets a Post Office W.E. Allen, Postmaster

Mail service was important to young towns. McIntosh "got on the map" when Florida Southern Railway brought mail as well as goods to McIntosh. Shown at left is W.E. Allen, McIntosh's first postmaster. His home, built in 1888, is displayed below.

Phosphate Discovered

In the mid 1800s phosphorus was discovered to have a positive effect on plant growth. Rock phosphate, an easily mined mineral was one the most accessible forms of phosphorus. The first phosphate deposits in Marion County were discovered near Dunellon on May 1, 1889, with later pockets discovered near Anthony and Ocala.

One didn't have to dig deeply for rock phosphate, and it was considered a boon to agriculture *and* to the local economy. A Dave Cook column in the Ocala *Star Banner* quotes an Ocala area observer "one can see hundreds of places where the earth has been thrown up in search of the mineral . . . all expected to get rich suddenly out of phosphate riches. They would shoulder a pick, shovel and dinner pail, go out into the woods in the morning, hunt for phosphate and fight mosquitoes and rattlesnakes all day."

While phosphate was not discovered in McIntosh, rock phosphate continued to drive Marion County economy into the 1890s.

(Thanks to George Crawford who provided information for this story from a letter reprinted in a Sept. 3, 1891 edition of an Ohio newspaper.)

In County and State News

•**May 24, 1880** Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Florida's first telephone exchange, opened in Jacksonville with 34 subscribers.

•**January 28, 1885** The Florida legislature approved the incorporation of the City of Ocala

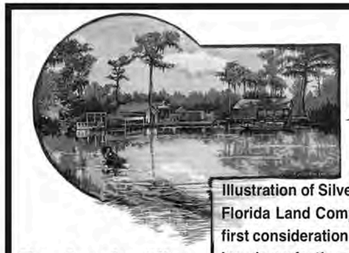
•**July 22, 1885** The Ocala Board of Trade was officially established. They dealt with the citrus industry's devastation from winter freezes, developing roads, education, and attracting tourists.

•**January 5, 1887** An inch of snow fell at Pensacola.

•**January 10, 1888** Henry Flagler's luxurious Ponce de Leon Hotel opened in St. Augustine.

•**February 20,1889** The Florida State Legislature created the Florida State Board of Health following the Yellow Fever epidemic that swept through Jacksonville

•**March 22, 1889** Dr. Joseph Y. Porter of Key West was sworn in today as the first Florida State Health Officer.



Silver Springs
An Attraction for the Ages
by Annibelle Leitner

Illustration of Silver Springs from an 1885 brochure for the Silver Springs Park Florida Land Company. The real estate piece says that "GOOD health is the first consideration in life" and "happily this greatest of blessings to human beings is perfectly assured at Silver Springs Park as it is situated close to one of the purest bodies of water in Florida." #Florida's Healing Waters

For decades Silver Springs was a hub for Marion County citrus, cotton, vegetables, and other farm products to be shipped north. It also served as a delivery point for incoming supplies for county residents. Steam-powered sternwheelers traveled from the springs to the Silver River, along the winding Ocklawaha, to the St. Johns, and then Jacksonville and the Atlantic.

Although Silver Springs had become a tourist destination in the 1820s, 60 years later it was still an adventure to get to the springs.

Photos: FloridaMemory.com

Above: Rowing 1886
Left: Okeehumkee arrives at the springs 1886

Right: Silver Springs Hotel 1887
Below: View from Hotel 1882

1888 The Allen House 39

1885 The Thomas/McFadden House 43

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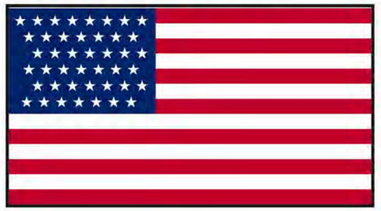
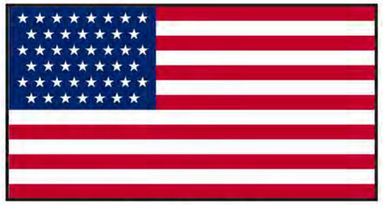
1896 Smith House 12

1895 The Siebert House 13

1894 The Walkup House 14

McIntosh in the 1890s



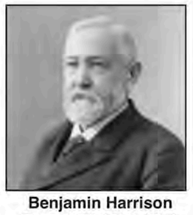


Funny Flag Fact

For 243 days, the United States had 42 states, but on July 3, 1890, just one day before Washington State's 42 would have become official, Idaho entered the Union as the 43rd state. Consequently, the 42 star flag representing Washington Statehood never became official, despite having a period of 243 days with 42 states.

US Population
1880 - 50,189,209
1890 - 62,979,766
1900 - 76,094,000

US States
on January 1
1880 - 38
1890 - 42
1900 - 45



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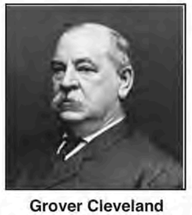
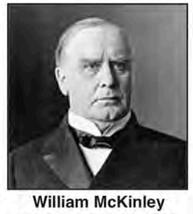
President 1889-1893



Grover Cleveland
President 1893-1897



William McKinley
President 1897-1901

It's About Buying Power
What $100 Then Would be Worth Today
1880 $2,690 1890 $3,014

Christian Mercantile
"The Large North Marion Store"

James Kirk Christian hailed from Kentucky but looked at Florida as a land of opportunity. Not afraid of hard labor he carried the chains when McIntosh was surveyed for the first plats.

While Gaitskill and Gist became the local agents for McIntosh land sales in the newly platted town, Christian saw his opportunity to provide store goods, hardware, and farm implements. He promptly set up shop supplying the growing town with general merchandise. He operated the first store in McIntosh down by the new railroad flag station and offered space for the first post office. The shelves were stocked with dry goods and tools and the store-bought necessities of rural life. When the Florida Southern Railroad merged with the Plant System in 1885, the new depot was built right across from the store. "The Christian Mercantile" became not only the supplier of merchandise for the expanding town, but also the meeting place to discuss the latest news, farm reports, or ladies' fashions.

No stranger to marketing, Christian later had brown wrapping paper elegantly printed with products available. Those products included **Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Groceries, Furniture, Hardware, Lump Charcoal, Field Fencing, Poultry Wire, Fertilizers, Crate Materials, High Class Seed, Etc. I.H.C. and Planet Jr. Farming Tools. Peters Diamond Brand Shoes."** The wrapping paper also mentions **"FUNERAL DIRECTORS, Complete Line Coffins and Caskets.**

Story from an early *Gazette* (and wrapping paper). Photo courtesy of J.K.C.'s great granddaughter, Louise.

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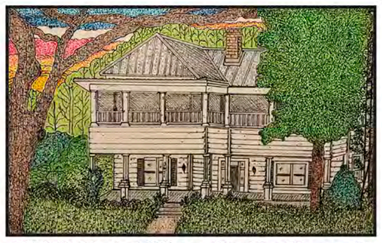
1896 The Robinson House 15



1895 Baldwin Millinery/Barkley House 16

1895 McIntosh Hotel 17

A Decade of Ups and Downs

The Mauve Decade

A happy chemistry accident. Great timing. Influencers of the day

Mauve. It started with fifteen-year-old chemistry student, William Henry Perkin, in 1856, and became a fad in the 1890s.

Malaria was a problem in the 1800s and quinine was used to treat it. But while malaria was easy to get, quinine, a natural product from Peruvian tree bark, was difficult and expensive to acquire. In the mid-1800s August Wilhelm von Hofmann, Chemistry professor at the Royal College of Chemistry in London thought quinine could be synthesized from the chemical aniline.

Young William Henry Perkin was one of Hofmann's assistants and was assigned to experiments to develop quinine. Perkin discovered, quite accidentally that aniline could be turned into a substance with an intense purple color. Further experiments–far away from the Royal College–showed that that color could be used to dye silk and that it didn't wash out or fade with light. Perkin involved his brother, Thomas, and friend Arthur Church in further experiments and plans to market the dye they called mauvine. Perkin received a patent for mauvine in 1856 when he was only 18.

The timing was right. The Industrial Revolution meant that there was the ability to mass produce textiles and that coal-tar, the basis of his dye was abundant. By the 1890s the dye, simply called mauve, had caught the fancy of the Empress Eugenie in France and Queen Victoria in Britain. Everyone who was anyone wore mauve.

And that's why some call the 1890s "The Mauve Decade."

The "Florida International and Semi-Tropical Exposition."

Ocala, Marion County, Florida. January 15 – May 15, 1890

This will be a permanent Exhibition of Pomological, Horticultural and Agricultural products of Florida, with its soils timbers and live-stock; together with articles of general interest from all States and Countries. We have forty acres of land contiguous to the City of Ocala. All railroads have connections to the grounds, and every facility is afforded to visitors. The mail building is 200 feet front by 150 feet in depth, and the entire premises will be supplied with pure artesian water, electric lights, steam power, etc. We invite exhibits of all descriptions from the United States, particularly those pertaining to the Arts, Mechanics and Agriculture. **(Florida Memories)**

Antique Emporioum is easy to get to for locals and travelers alike. It's just west of exit 368 from I75 to 318. The first right turn west of the interchange is NW 77th Avenue. Turn right and travel a short distance.. You can't miss the big red building.

The 1890s in McIntosh, Florida, and the US

The Great Freeze of 1894-95

McIntosh's farmers had a heyday in the 1880s and early 1890s. The climate was perfect for large-scale farming and huge crops were sent to a hungry north. The young orange trees set out in new groves in the 80s were established and producing well.

The winter of 1894-1895, perhaps the most memorable in Florida history, left a lasting impact on one of the state's most recognizable industries.

On the night of December 27-28, 1894 it got very cold. Oranges froze and then dropped to the ground. There was concern that trees could have been damaged, too. But things got better–more like the winters one tells tourists about: sunny, light rains, flowers coming back, and sap rising in the citrus trees. Then early morning February 8, 1895, temperatures plummeted. Residents of the Gist house said the thermometer in their dining room showed 9 degrees! West Palm Beach reached only 27 on February 9.

A grove in Citra.

Many citrus growers saw their investments crumble as frozen limbs snapped and fruit fell to the ground. Before the Great Freeze, Florida growers produced five million boxes of citrus per year. The industry did not reach this figure again for almost two decades.

The staunch McIntosh citrus growers replanted their groves. The area became known as the farthest north commercial citrus in the state.

See **Florida Memory. "The Great Freeze." Floridiana, 2021**

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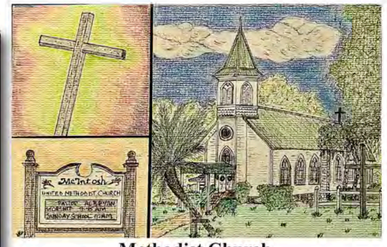


Methodist Church
Built in Center Point 1888
Moved to McIntosh in 1894

Neighbors

June 3, 1893 The City of Citra incorporated.
June 2, 1897. The City of Williston incoporated.

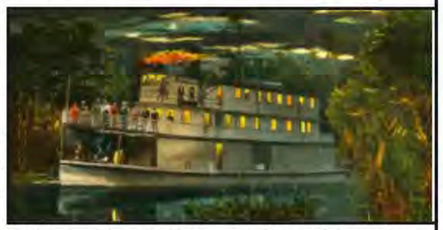
1894 Christian Mercantile 19

1896 Christian and Neal Packing Shed 20

1894 The Dickson House 24

Silver Springs in the 1890s

By the 1890s, railroads were well established in Marion County and took advantage of the line to Silver Springs. Train passengers traveled from distant parts of Florida to the springs to vacation or continue journeys north via the rivers. Northern visitors who arrived on boats could stay at the springs then return home or continue their journey to other parts of Florida via rail. Night-time steamship trips on the Ocklawaha were still an attraction.



Nighttime trip on the Ocklawaha. Photo: State Archives

Railroad connection to the springs

Farm products and other goods continued to be shipped from the springs via the Silver River (Silver Run), the Ocklawaha, and the St. Johns to Palatka or Jacksonville to continue to the waiting north. Boats were still important in bringing domestic and farm necessities to the county via the river system and the springs, too. Visitors came to the springs in greater numbers. Each spring had its own romantic name. Actors were hired to talk and tell stories to the visitors. Soon it became obvious that the Silver Springs Hotel would not be sufficient to hold all the guests.

Social and swimming time.

Photo left: Tourists in bathing attire being rowed to the "Ladies Parlor."

Story by Annabelle Leitner
Photos from Florida Memories

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Remember the Maine

The Brief Spanish American War set the tone for The U.S.'s involvement in international affairs.

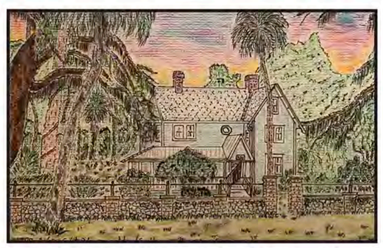
America was already interested in Cuba's fight for independence from Spain. Many Americans looked at it as reminiscent of the American Revolution. U.S. businessmen, politicians, newspapers, military, and humanitarians all had an interest in Cuba Libre. The USS Maine, an armored cruiser, was sent to Havana Harbor to protect American civilians and interests. When the USS Maine exploded on February 15, 1898, those interests became involvement. Of the 355 sailors aboard the Maine, 260 were killed and six more died later.

Tradition says that 100,000 volunteers from National Guard and the public signed up for active duty the next day. The Navy released its investigation of the incident to the public on March 28.

On April 20, Congress authorized military force in Cuba. On April 21, the Navy began its blockade and Spain severed diplomatic ties with the US. Marine and Army landings began on June 10. On July 1, US infantry and cavalry engaged in land battles such as the taking of San Juan Hill ensued. Hostilities ended on August 13, 1898; a formal peace treaty was signed on December 10; The US ratified the treaty on February 6, 1899. American casualties from military action were less severe than those for heat and yellow fever.

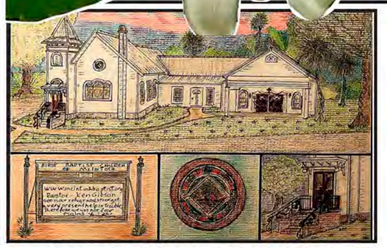
1891 The Neal/Baldwin House 25

1891 The Price/Dickson House 27

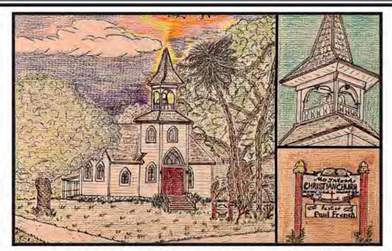


1890 The Norsworthy House 44

1900 • McIntosh In
The Young Community Expands



McIntosh Baptist Church · Built 1903
The congregation previously worshiped with the Lockabi (Orange Lake) Baptists.



McIntosh Christian Church · Built 1904
The congregation previously worshiped in the McIntosh School next door.

McIntosh Presbyterian Church · Built 1907
The congregation originally met in the Presbyterian church in Center Point.

The Church at Triple Cross presents

BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD

AND

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The Story

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Christmas Carols

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Live Animals

December 11th 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night

Outside Event – Bring a Lawn Chair

FREE ADMISSION

Food Concessions open at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

Church Service Every Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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The Church at Triple Cross

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Silver Springs 1900-1910

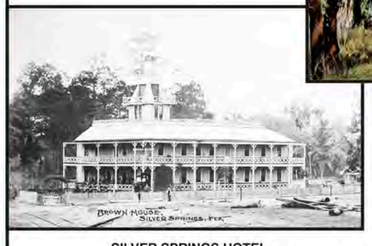
The turn of the century saw many of the same activities as the decades before. Local newspapers wrote about the picnics that the residents would have at the springs. Travel to and from the attraction was by boat, train, buggies, wagons and horse.

Rowing at the springs.

Boat and train service

In 1905 the Brown House Hotel opened to receive guests and tourists.

Post card of the road to Silver Springs



Story by Annabelle Leitner

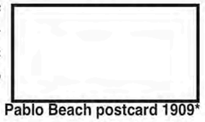
Silver Springs photos from the Florida Memory Collection

SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL
is now open for the reception of guests and tourists. No more attractive spot in the state. It is the head of navigation for the Hart Line of Silver Springs and Oklawaha river boats. Those landing and desirous of spending a day or a week can be accommodated. The service speaks for itself. Frank Brown, proprietor Brown House, Silver Spings, Fla.

Jacksonville and Daytona

In the early 1900s Jacksonville was still the main tourist destination in Florida. Easy to access from the north, it had a warm climate and the Atlantic Ocean was close. Pablo Beach, later known as Jacksonville Beach, attracted locals and tourists alike. Farther south Daytona and Ormond Beaches enticed tourists with miles of drivable white sand beaches.

Daytona Beach 1904



Pablo Beach postcard 1909*

A New Century • 1910
in a Time of Peace and Prosperity

1906 • Stanley Steamer Sets World Speed Record

1 mile in 28.5 seconds 127.659 MPH!

January 26, 1906 saw fast car enthusiasts, steam car aficionados, and the simply curious gather at Ormond Beach. They all wanted to know if a Stanley Steamer driven by mechanic Fred Marriott could beat the world land speed record. They were not disappointed.

Photo - Ross Edward Apgar

The event was immortalized by a young photographer who had been sent to the event by his photography studio in Jacksonville. Here are photographs by twenty year old Ross Edward Apgar, thanks to his grandson, Robert Sanford.

Photo - Ross Edward Apgar with Apgar's own notation

Above: postcard from Robert Sanford collection commemorating the event and signed by the driver. Facing page: *Bathers on post card from Sanford collection.

Educational Milestones – Welcome UF

October 2, 1900: **Florida's first law school campus**, the John B. Stetson University College of Law, opened in Deland.

August 24, 1902: Officials at **Florida Female College** (now FSU) announce plans for the establishment of a kindergarten training department to being with the opening of the Fall term.

October 3, 1904: Mary McLeod Bethune opened her school in Daytona. Bethune achieved national prominence as an advisor to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt during the New Deal. In 1923, her school became **Bethune-Cookman College** and exists today as one of the great African-American institutions of higher learning.

University of Florida

September 27, 1906: The Gainesville campus was dedicated in ceremonies marked by an address by Governor Napoleon B. Broward.
The **University of Florida**'s predecessor was in Ocala. The East Florida Seminary began in Ocala in 1851 to serve students east of the Suwannee River. It closed its doors in 1861 as all of its male faculty and students left to enlist in the Civil War. In 1866, the post-war Florida Legislature moved the school to Gainesville. By 1885 the Seminary had students from 21 of the 28 eligible East Florida counties and served as a prep school with students no younger than 13. They had a football team as early as 1902 and played a two-game series with Stetson.
In 1905, East Florida Seminary, Florida Agricultural College in Ocala and two smaller schools combined to become the University of Florida. The gator has been the University of Florida mascot since 1911.

Around the State

May 3, 1901 • Jacksonville Fire
Fire destroyed 2,300 buildings. More than 9,000 people were made homeless. Damages were estimated at more than $15,000,000.

June 1, 1905 • Free Library
A Carnegie Library opened in Jacksonville. It was the first free library in the eastern part of the southern states.

1905 • Town of Reddick incorporated.

[On August 31, 1897, Thomas Edison received a patent for the kinetographic camera.]
In 1908 the Kalem Company, organized in 1907, produced what is regarded as the first dramatic film in Florida in 1908. See flyer right.

April 27, 1909 • The Orange Blossom–Official State Flower
The Florida House of representatives approved the orange blossom as the official flower of Florida.

Kalem Films

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Non-Profit Organizations in North Central Florida

Booth F-701

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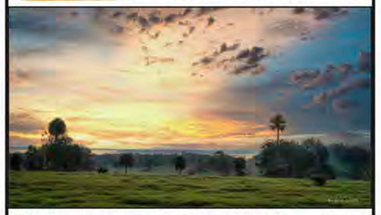
A No Kill Shelter

With the help of the SPCA of Ocala, Marion County has "Molly's Law," a mandatory registry of animal abusers. Molly, once a horribly abused dog, is now a permanent resident of SPCA of Ocala, and the ambassador of the law named for her.

352.671.6797
SPCAofOcala@gmail.com

Booth F-703

The mission of Alachua Conservation Trust is to protect the natural, historic, scenic, and recreational resources in and around north central Florida



Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) continues to work towards the protection and restoration of Orange Lake Overlook–located just south of McIntosh. ACT is raising funds to help restore the historic citrus shop and packing shed for future public enjoyment.

More Information At 352-373-1078
info@alachuaconservationtrust.org
donate at
www.alachuaconservationtrust.org

Booth F-704

CENTER for INDEPENDENT LIVING of North Central Florida

CIL is a local, non-profit disability resource center. Their mission is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their goals for independence. They provide services at no cost to their consumers and are staffed and governed by a majority of people with DisAbilities.

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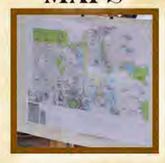

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OLD THINGS

PEOPLE WHO KNOW STUFF
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K-Country 93.7
WOGK-FM

Recognizing McIntosh 1890s Festival Volunteers,

Preparation for the 1890s Festival takes much of the year. Each job is important.

CLEANUP — Team Lanfair
The team headed by Melvin Lanfair has handled Festival cleanup for years. When Melvin worked for the Town of McIntosh, he got to know the people and the quirks of our old town. It just makes sense that his hard-working Lanfair team would be chosen to restore McIntosh to its pristine beauty after each festival. Melvin is no longer with us, leaving memories of a generous nature, gracious smile, and offbeat sense of humor. He also left his excellent team to carry on his tradition of friendly efficiency..

ENTERTAINMENT

Suzanne Sindledecker and Jim Barrell
Check out page 37 for more about Suzanne and Jim, our MCs for entertainment in the park.

FESTIVAL PREP
Carol Heeley works the check-in booth before the festival. Vendors can always count on Carol for a friendly smile and great directions.

McIntosh Lions Club always helps with Festival preparation. Lions set up tents, put out benches, and place dozens of chairs around town for the comfort of our guests. (See page 12, 20, and 21 for more Lions Activities)

Friends of McIntosh Volunteers The week before the festival is a busy time for Friends members. They all have jobs — from last minute touch up of booth sites to marking out where the booths go, they're working hard to make it all seem effortless. While they don't like to take credit, the festival wouldn't be the same without them.

FOOD VENDOR COORDINATOR
Tim Cranis–Serve All Catering, Inc
Tim Cranis has coordinated the Festival's food vendors for years. He makes sure vendors have what they need from ice to electricity, and that it all goes off without a hitch

Serve All Catering, Inc.
(407) 322-8033

MCINTOSH GAZETTE HELP: From the people who supply information and write the stories, to the people who load and unload the delivery truck, hand them out at the Festival, and deliver them to local businesses, the ***Gazette*** needs and gets lots of help.
Sheila Winters takes time from her festival publicity schedule to proofread the ***Gazette***, and generally keep the paper on track. (If there are any mistakes, the editor snuck them in after proofreading.)
Joyce Crawford, the Friends of McIntosh's recording secretary, also keeps track of the Patron's List for the ***Gazette***.

GOLF CARTS–David and Melinda Jones & Dan's Golf Carts

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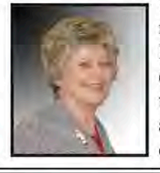
Communication and mobility are always issues of safety and convenience at the Festival. Golf carts from Dan's Golf Carts in Williston let MCSO and EMS personnel and entertainers move around the festival easily. David and Melinda help get the carts charged up and ready to go before they work at their own food booth: Queen Ann Apples and Funnel Cakes.
Golf carts are used to transport musicians and their instruments all day. Give them a wave!

INFO BOOTH & Diaper Changing Station–Lalla Gallagher

The Diaper Station was Lalla's idea and has proven to be a boon to new mothers. Lalla is also in charge of the information booth, from organizing the crew to making sure everything is there for the festival-goers.
Info Booth Help: Friends of McIntosh interns **Karah and Tuck** can be counted on for accurate and caring advice.

MEDIA and FACEBOOK–Sheila Winters

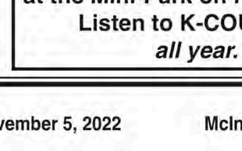


Thumbs up to Sheila who manages the 1890s Festival Facebook page and lets everyone know when our festival is, and what it's all about. When people have questions or potential vendors request applications through Facebook, Sheila helps with smiles and kind patience.

Find us on: facebook

PARKING
Vendor Parking–Unity Baptist Church
Pastor Jamie Morgan and the College/Career Group from Unity Baptist Church in Sparr have provided vendor parking for the Festival for many years. They help the vendors get settled and give directions and help as needed.

RADIOS–Jim Winters & Tri-Co Communications



Rented two-way radios connect information booths, festival organizers, and safety personnel. And it's Jim Winters who makes sure they're charged and ready to talk.

SANITARY FACILITIES—Scott Mullikin, Dennis Devore, & Florida Express

Scott is known as our "Potty Prince." Sanitary Facilities includes all of the jobs no one else wants. Scott and Dennis make sure we have the most spotless, hygienic restroom facilities available and that trash is removed efficiently and regularly.

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In McIntosh and Marion County

MCINTOSH TOWN OFFICE
Jeannie Rickman, Town Manager and Jessi Gonzalez, Bookkeeper
In addition to town responsibilities, Jeannie Rickman and Jessi Gonzalez generously answer calls about the Festival throughout the year. This year they also helped residents get their new parking passes. People can go to McIntosh's website for up-to-date information about what's happening in McIntosh including the 1890s Festival. ***TownofMcIntosh.org.*** More about Jeannie and Jessi and their pictures on page 22.

MCINTOSH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
David Perryman

David is responsible for maintenance for the Town of McIntosh. He keeps all the landscaping mowed and clean, maintains the parks, watches over the utility system, and helps make sure the town looks great with or without a festival.

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICERS help with directing traffic and general safety for the festival. When the usual 8,000 cars driving through McIntosh on any given day swells to accommodate 40,000 festival guests, the deputies offer their invaluable help and expertise. It's great knowing MCSO is on the job with or without a festival. A special thank you Watch Commander Lieutenant Tracy Bazemore and the Marion County Sheriff Officers for their flexibility this year.

MARION COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES is available throughout the year. We so appreciate their being on special call on Festival days, and are glad they're here year-round. Emergency Services technicians are trained to handle most medical emergencies and backup is just a phone call and three short miles away.

ANOTHER YEAR
Residents of McIntosh
They were there, cheering the Friends of McIntosh on for the first Festival in 1974. They enthusiastically entered the house lighting contest in the winter of 1994. They applauded lighted vehicles guiding Santa into town in 2008. They smiled when lighted tractors took to their streets in the winter of 2020. McIntosh residents are civic-minded, tolerant, and good sports.

The Friends of McIntosh know the 1890s Festival would be impossible without the help of McIntosh's citizens and the permission of the Town Council. We are pleased that all of the profits from the 1890s Festival go back into the community.

Special thanks to those who live in Historic McIntosh who share more than the street right-of-way. In the spirit of kind and tolerant Southern hospitality, they share their hearts. We know we couldn't do it without the people of McIntosh, and look forward to sharing future Festivals with you.

Friends of McIntosh Benevolence "By the Numbers" in 2020-2021

The Friends of McIntosh use Festival earnings and donations to encourage civic activities and to help local organizations and individuals as the need arises. These numbers are from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021.
How assistance is determined - Usually help is requested through local churches or other non-profit groups, but may be noted by concerned citizens. It is usually focused on McIntosh and the immediate area. Need is assessed by the Friends of McIntosh Benevolence Committee, and appropriate action is taken. Cash is never given and some help is restricted to once a year.

Community Spirit
- **Christmas gifts for town staff**
- **Appreciation gifts**
- **Free Festival Booth Space** to seven local non-profit organizations and churches for their own fund raisers. For most of the organizations, the 1890s Festival is their biggest fundraiser of the year.
- **Light Up McIntosh** – The Lighted Winter Decoration Contest with four categories and **$1250 in prizes.**
- **Lighted Vehicle and Tractor Parade** – The parade/contest that ushers Santa into town with **$550 in prizes.**

Cash Gifts, Donations and Prizes
Charitable Donations
$200 Memorial Gift Donations
$800. Funeral expenses for a family in need
Education. $3100
Scholarships

Check out two of our current Scholarship winners: Diego Sinsay and Aaron Nelson **on page 14.**

Non-Cash Assistance
3 phone bills for families in need
4 water bills for families in need
4 pharmacy bills for elderly citizens
10 electric bills for families in need
10 Thanksgiving dinners for families
12 pairs of shoes
14 Easter baskets
15 rent help
17 coats for kids at Christmas
91 toys
115 pairs of socks
245 boxes of food

A Food Bank Miracle
The Friends of McIntosh operates a small food bank that serves local families.

One day, George Crawford, a local food bank supporter, delivered an entire case of fresh corn on the cob. The woman who prepares the food boxes knows all of the families' preferences, and knows that every child on the list loves corn. She had enough for every family. Distribution went joyously and well. Then this happened:

"What's that Miss Bev?"

"It's corn."

"No. Corn comes in a can."

Very patiently Miss Bev pulled the husks back to reveal the plump golden kernels.

With a gasp and look of wonder, "It's a miracle!" Pause. "But how does it get in the can?"

. . . . Not all questions have easy answers.

You can be part of the miracle. The Friends of McIntosh gratefully accepts food, personal grooming, cleaning, and monetary donations. Those wanting to donate to the Food Bank may call the Friends of McIntosh Festival number (352-591-4038) for drop off information.

Music in the Park

9:30 The Brije

Various

We are friends that play together and call ourselves *The Brije*. We are Brian McMahon & Jeff Jarrett. Our name *The Brije* (pronounced Bridge) is a crossing of two friends meeting on The Brije to bring two generations together to make music.

10:30 Leah Oxendine

Old-Time, Folk, Indie, Country, Celtic, Gospel

Leah Oxendine is a multi-instrumentalist who grew up in Marion County with a passion for music. She plays 9 different instruments. Come listen as she sings some of her own original songs on guitar, as well as playing her vintage accordion and mountain dulcimer. Leah plays a variety of old-time music, folk, indie, country, Celtic, and gospel.

11:30 The Gadabouts

Various

The Gadabouts' offer a varied repertoire of traditional, covered, and original tunes and songs with old-time, classical, Celtic, Cajun and country influences. They are all about rhythm, energy, connection, and presence. Their music brings smiles to listeners faces and gets their toes tapping as well. Audiences can count on being treated to tight instrumentation and vocal harmonies, along with interesting rhythmic textures, from driving to poignant.

Band members are Marietta Massey (banjo, percussion, and vocals), David Massey (fiddle, keyboard, guitar, and vocals), Bill Paine (mandolin, guitar, and vocals) and Kathie Aagaard (fiddle and vocals). Their years of experience and different musical styles produce the fine "gumbo" that their audiences delight in.

The Gadabouts have performed at Florida festivals, dances, coffeehouses, parties, and clubs for more than 25 years.

12:30 Chuck and Cat

Folk, Rock, and More

Chuck 'n Cat are a rootsy folk-rock duo from Micanopy, featuring Chuck Bussey on guitar, harmonica, and mandolin, and Cat Crass on guitar and recorder. Their homemade originals blend a variety of styles ranging from folk, rock, Irish, jazz, country, and blues. What's more, they serve up a delicious stew of sing-along classics. Café goers have seen them live at the Yearling Restaurant in Cross Creek and on the porch at Micanopy's Coffee 'n Cream. Check out their albums "Happy Boots Reboot" and Chuck's CD "The Happy Blues Boy."

Always FUN • Always FREE

1:30 Praisin Him

Gospel

Praisin Him is three ladies from Ocala serving one God by singing His praises and walking together hand in hand to spread the gospel message of Jesus and His love for all. Susie works in the Marion County School System, Tina works in the insurance field and Kathy is a part time bookkeeper. They are all married with loving supportive husbands and all have children and grandchildren.

Their desire is to bring a message of hope to a world that needs it. They sing at area churches and events when invited and generally accept a love offering to help cover music and equipment expenses.

2:30 Pete Enwall

Country

For over a decade, Peter Enwall has entertained audiences throughout North Central Florida with his stylistic presentations of classic country music. From Johnnie Cash to Hank Williams to George Jones, Pete's wide variety of #1 country hits appeals to a complete range of ages and tastes. Pete retells classic stories told by southern gothic troubadour Gamble Rogers and has entertained audiences of all ages with Gamble's down-home, nostalgic descriptions of ordinary people in humorous situations. Travel back in time to the simpler days of country music, with warm memories flooding through your mind to take you home again.

Mayor Roddy

Music and trees. What better way to enjoy time at the festival than with the wonderful entertainers under McIntosh's exceptional old oaks. McIntosh reveres trees. Every year we nod to those trees with an ***Arbor Day Proclamation***. Pictured is Mayor Marshall Roddy reading this year's proclamation.

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George Ferreira, artist/owner • Barney Gardiner, owner

– Your MCs –

Jim Barrell and Suzanne Sindledecker

SUZANNE SINDLEDECKER AND JIM BARRELL love music. Suzanne chooses and books the musical acts for Festival entertainment. Suzanne and Jim enjoy a large variety of music and especially appreciate the wide-range of talented musicians they encounter. They have managed the music and been MCs since 2010 and appreciate this opportunity to serve the community.

Jim and Suzanne played with the Micanopy Porch Band, a local bluegrass group for several years. They now perform with Marion County Line.

It's thanks to Suzanne we have the tribute to Willie Green on page 38.

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A Favorite Entertainer Leaves Us
Willie Greene Passes Away at 85

Three musicians have been recognized by the Florida State Museum of History for their contributions to music heritage: Ray Charles, Bo Diddley, and Willie Green. Willie had admirers in professional music, and fans throughout Florida. Many of those fans anticipated his appearance at the McIntosh 1890s Festival every year. Willie passed away on June 14, 2021.

Willie, called "The Real Deal" by Grammy-winning blues musician John Hammond, blossomed in the later part of his life. In 2010 he was honored with the Stetson Kennedy's **Fellow Man and Mother Earth Award**; in 2017 he was winner of the **Florida Folklife Heritage Award.** He was featured in a 2016-17 special on PBS station WUFT, *Cypress Sessions,* that showcased a broad spectrum of the state's finest artists.

Willie was born in Pine Level, Alabama. He left school in the fourth grade to work in the fields alongside his family as a migrant worker. He was 15 when he taught himself to play a harp (harmonica) and later he picked up the guitar. In the early years he worked the fields during the day and played music at night at the migrant camps, a local juke joint, or a local club. "We would make more in the camps than the clubs", reports Willie.

As he wandered the country picking crops, Willie always found a way to make music, usually with other musicians. In the late 70s he returned to Florida and worked first as a security guard then with a truss company. The truss company went out of business leaving Willie without a regular job. What followed next was years of homelessness.

By the time McIntosh resident, Robert Blauer, reopened the old Yearling Restaurant in nearby Cross Creek in 2001, Willie, still struggling, had made friends in the music scene. Robert saw him play at O'Malley's Alley and recalls thinking, "here's an authentic, old-school blues musician." Over the years, Robert along with Bill Foote and others, helped Willie transition to a more stable lifestyle and recognition as a professional musician.

Willie Green at the Yearling
by Karin Harms

Although years of hard living had taken their toll on Willie's health he said, "Sometimes I feel like I'm living my own movie." He opened shows for nationally known artists such as Buddy Guy, John Hammond Jr., Robert Cray, and Eric Clapton. In 2014 he participated in International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

Willie played in local venues and festivals throughout the state. For 18 years he played most nights/weekends at the Yearling restaurant in Cross Creek. Willie had many good friends, fair health, a nice place to live, and always his music and an enthusiastic following.

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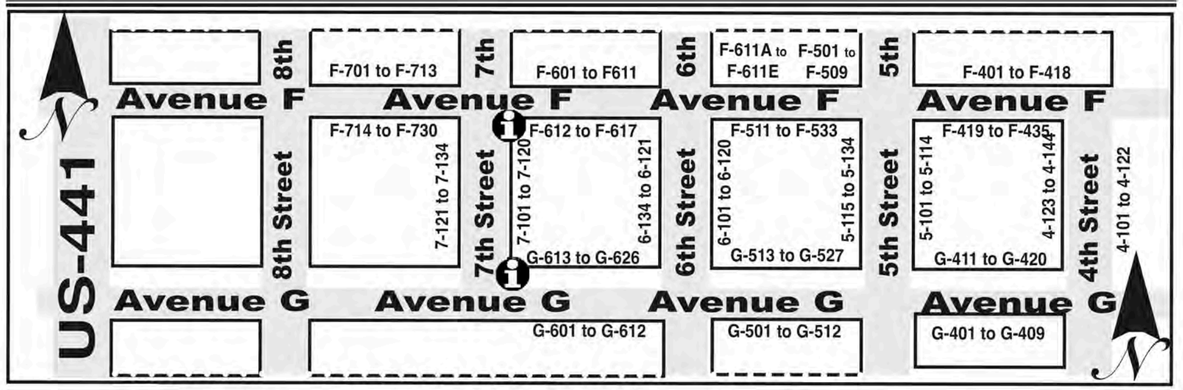

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We wish her well in her new work with the United Way.

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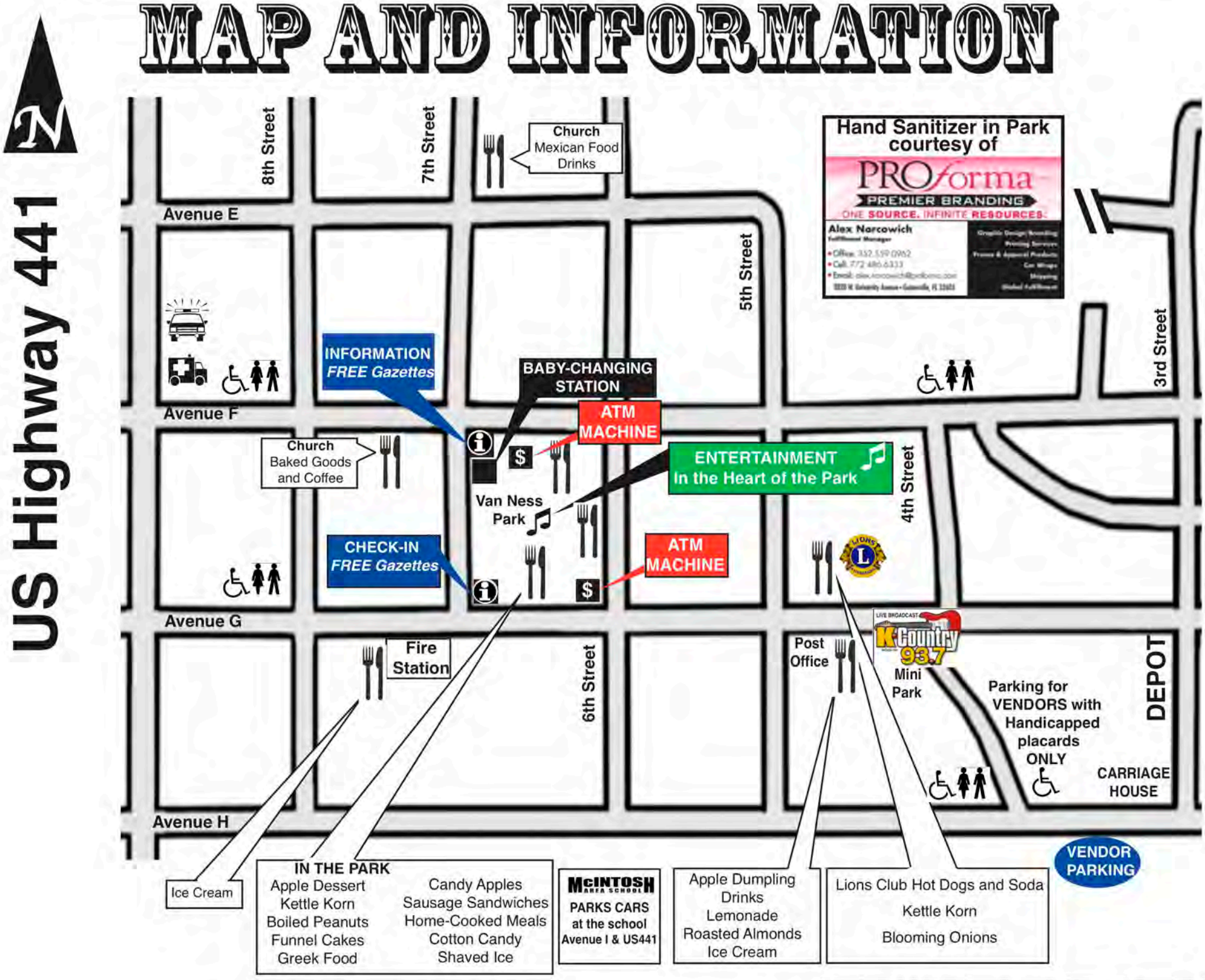

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