The old McIntosh Depot

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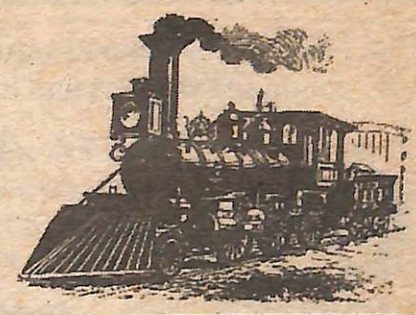

# McINTOSH GAZETTE


McIntosh, Florida **SOUVENIR EDITION** October 23, 2004


## *Welcome to the historic Victorian town of McIntosh, and to the 1890s Festival!*

Our community is a blend of Southern cultures, with many founders, some of Scottish descent, coming to this area from South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky right after the end of the Civil War.

McIntosh, a town that takes its name from its founding member, Co. John H. McIntosh, has been listed on the *National Register of Historic Places* since 1981, and exhibits a fine example of preservation and restoration.

Col. McIntosh was a member of a pioneer family that settled in south Georgia and north Florida in the early 1800s. Col. McIntosh came to north Florida from St. Mary's, Georgia and homesteaded on part of the land mass which was originally a section of the Arrendondo Land Grant from the King of Spain. According to the journals of George Houston, 1831, McIntosh *"squatted here and made sugar along the branch,"* and his old sugar house was owned by O.D. Huff, a successful citrus grower, in later years.

McIntosh became an important stop on the Florida Southern Railroad, with farmers from miles around shipping their produce – mostly cotton, okra, corn, tomatoes and cucumbers – to Northern cities. The loss of the railroad in 1940 altered the town's growth, but the depot has been restored and now serves as an important historic museum, with a wealth of Florida history dating back to 1890. The packing house, to the right of the depot, has been restored and now serves as a storage facility for many privately-owned antique carriages.

*An old photograph depicts the depot filled with vegetables in baskets, ready for shipping on the Florida Southern Railroad, circa 1925.*

***The Depot, now restored, is the pride and joy of the Friends of McIntosh, and is open during festival time for the public to walk through and enjoy.***

**DATE OF NEXT 1890s FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 22, 2005**

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# Sweet Adelines to perform at Festival

*The Citrus Harmony Chapter of the Sweet Adelines*

The Citrus Harmony Chapter of the Sweet Adelines is a chorus of ladies of all ages who love to sing 4-part barbershop harmony. Their repertoire includes old standards and popular music.

The Sweet Adelines invite all women 18 years of age or older, who love to sing and have the ability to carry a tune, to drop in and listen to a rehearsal. No formal musical background is necessary. Instruction in singing technique is a part of each rehearsal.

The group meets every Tuesday from noon until 3 p.m. at Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church, located on S.R. 200 and 83rd Place, just 4.5 miles west of I-75.

For more information about having the Sweet Adelines sing for your next function, call Trudy at 237-0803 or Donna at 726-8666.

# What are the Friends of McIntosh all about?

*Photo of the old train Depot at McIntosh*

The Annual 1890s Festival is sponsored by the Friends of McIntosh, a benevolent, non-profit organ-ization chartered on Sept. 26,1973. Their primary purpose is to "***preserve and enhance the natural and historic beauty of McIntosh, and to promote and sponsor cultural and recreational activities while encouraging friendship, community spirit and understanding among people of all ages in McIntosh.***"

The first festival was held on Oct. 19, 1974 and was originally called the *McIntosh Gay Nineties Festival*. The first festival netted the Friends of McIntosh $2,738.96. Attendance has grown from 4,000 to well over 44,000 visitors during the one-day event.

The first undertaking of the Friends of McIntosh was to lease the plot of land next to the post office and start a mini-park (now known as the McKoon-Hopwood MiniPark, but originally named the McIntosh Mini-Park). They landscaped the plot and built and painted a fence with materials donated from businesses in both Gainesville and Ocala. The park was dedicated on Oct. 28, 1973. The second undertaking was to secure the old McIntosh train depot and restore it as well. It had to be moved 26 feet off the existing Seaboard Coastline's right-of-way. Previous renovation of the Depot in 1913 saw additional waiting rooms and an office added, with the original depot (prior to 1890) consisting of a raised platform, a waiting office and loading platform. The original rail line to use the depot was the old Florida Southern, and the last was the Seaboard Coastline. Rail activity ceased in 1967, and the last train went through McIntosh in 1974. Activities held by the Friends to begin accruing the money to do such a task was by holding bake sales, dinners and other events, but it was clear that more money would be needed. This was the origination of the festival. Maintenance and repairs for the Depot is funded by this event every year. Other projects funded by the Friends have included a front-porch addition to the Community Center and the Victorian-style lamp posts which line the main park, Van Ness Park, the clock in the Mini-Park, and the purchase of the old Carriage House by the depot. Members of the Friends planted 144 dogwoods and oak trees on Arbor Day, 1990. They also installed playground equipment in the main park for the children and instituted the *"Light Up McIntosh"* contest in 1993. The Friends of McIntosh installed two new fences in both parks and decorate them both for the holiday season. They continue to actively search for a an old steam engine to sit on the tracks at the Depot.

The Friends of McIntosh established a notable scholarship fund for local and area children, has supported various organizations through monthly and annual donations, to organizations such as Interfaith, Hospice, the American Heart Association and the local Emergency Assistance Fund. They are also regular contributors to the Salvation Army and the Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts. The Friends of McIntosh are proud that the festival allows the school, churches and local organizations to have fundraisers that day.

Membership dues are $6 annually, but there is never a fee for senior citizens. meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month in the Depot, downtown McIntosh. Guests are always welcome.

***Local children, such as Chelsea and Zachary Bergstrassen (left and center) and cousin, Kayla Smith from Hammond, LA, play in Van Ness Park.***

# WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL FRIENDS' SCHOLARSHIPS

The Friends of McIntosh are proud to offer annual scholarships every year of $1,000 to four local students who excel in their academic studies and are planning to attend college. This year, president T.J. Flynn was happy to hand out the certificates, provided by Sheila Winters.

President T.J. Flynn with Juliann Whitebread, winner of $1,000. Ms. Whitebread will attend the University of Central Florida.

President T.J. Flynn with Chamia Bowman, winner of $1,000. Ms. Bowman will attend the University of South Florida.

President T.J. Flynn with Lelia Halback, winner of $1,000. Ms. Halback will attend Central Florida Community College.

Kristin Sherman was not present to accept her certificate, as she had already started attending college in Virginia.

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# The McIntosh Seedling Garden Club

The McIntosh Seedling Garden Club was organized in 1978 by founders Margaret Walkup, Peggy Steele, Dottie Cake and Ms. Windsor, from Citra. They joined the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs in 1979 and began the beautification of McIntosh by establishing signage at the entrance to McIntosh off U.S. 441, plantings in Van Ness Park and later plantings of crepe myrtles in McIntosh Cemetery. They have worked with the Department of Transportation since 1997 on establishment of wildflower medians on U.S. 441. Over the years, they have added butterfly gardens to the Community Center and held fundraisers such as the Annual Plant Sale in spring Their beautiful donated floral arrangements and plants have graced the front window of the post office for years.

# 1890 Events

So many new technologies and discoveries happened during the 1890s. Here are just a few:

- Rubber tires were first used on bicycles.
- Idaho was inaugurated as the 43rd state.
- Wyoming was inaugurated as the 44th state.
- Massacre of the Sioux Indians at the Battle of Wounded Knee.
- Vincent Van Gogh committed suicide.
- Black Beauty, the popular book by Anna Sewell, was written.
- A men's all wool suit sold for $10.50.
- Thomas Edison sought a patent for his motion picture camera.
- The game of basketball is invented by James Naismith in Massachusetts.
- The first traveler's checks are introduced by American Express.
- Newspapers cost 3 cents
- John L. Sullivan lost the heavyweight boxing championship to James J. Corbett.
- The San Francisco Examiner published the first newspaper comic strip
- One black mare, a buckboard and harness could be bought for $100
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# McIntosh Lions Club works for the community

The McIntosh Lions Club was originally founded in 1950, and still continues as a service organization, primarily helping the blind and hearing-impaired. One of the charter members, Bill Dixon, a McIntosh resident, is still active in the club. The McIntosh Lions Club meets the first and third Mondays at the Civic Center in McIntosh. Visit the Hot Dog and Soda vendor booth at the festival, located across from the Post Office on Avenue G to help support the Lions Club.

# Special thanks to these Festival Supporters:

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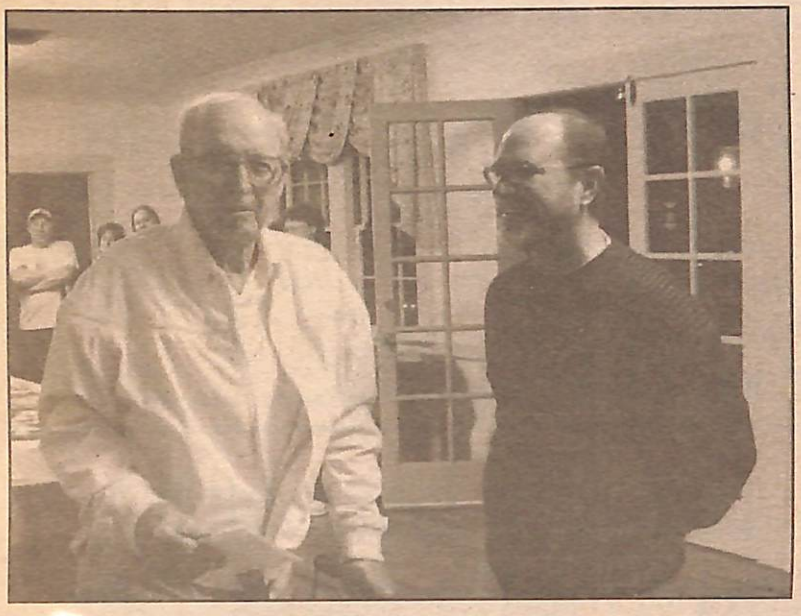
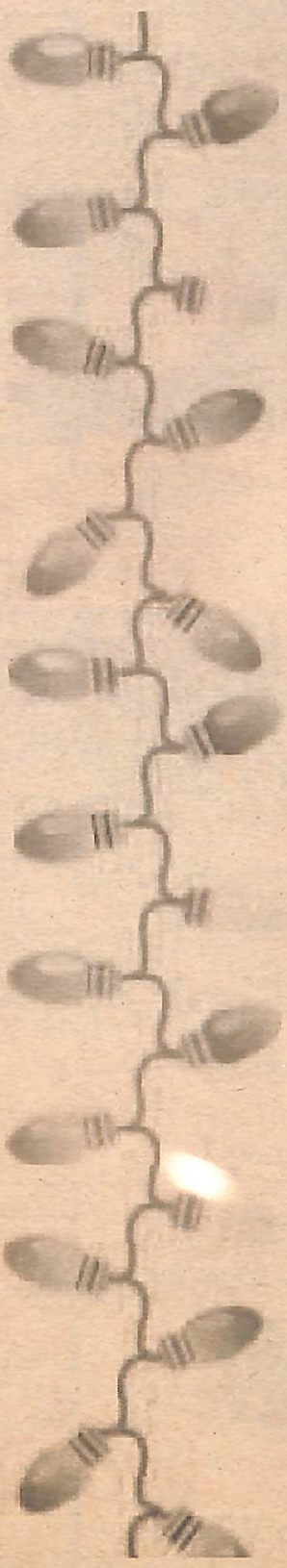
# LIGHT UP McINTOSH!

The community of McIntosh loves to participate in a holiday lighting celebration, infusing the beautiful homes and parks of the town with bright and colorful lights and holiday decorations. It's truly a *magical* time in our little world, and it's not a sight to be missed! The Friends of McIntosh offer awards to those who take the time and effort to make our eyes and hearts sparkle, and the winners of last year's **Light Up McIntosh** awards are listed below:

## NEXT *LIGHT UP MCINTOSH* DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2004!



***Two Story Homes: First Place winner, W.W. Walkup**, left, with Friends' President, T. J. Flynn. Second Place award went to **June Glass**, with Third Place winners **Robbie and Heather Brunson**, Fourth Place winner **Frank Ciotti**.*



***One Story Homes: First Place winners, Terry and Sandy Westergard** (Sandy pictured above), left, with Friends' President, T. J. Flynn. Second Place award went to **Paul Kelly**, with Third Place winners **David and Bev Dodder**, Fourth Place winners **Pat and Spencer Clark**.*

***Manufactured Homes: First Place winners, Jim and Sharon Little**, left, with Friends' President, T. J. Flynn. Second Place award went to **Ursula Melvin**, with Third Place winners **Ben and Alyce Ault**, Fourth Place winners **Kent and Susan Long**.*

***Business: First Place winners, Sportsman Cove (accepting the award, Val Wojecik**, left, with Friends' President, T. J. Flynn. Second Place award went to **Van Horn Antiques**, with Third Place winners **Pick of the Flicks**, Fourth Place winners **McIntosh Medical Center***

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# The Shovel In The Tree

*There are a lot of interesting stories of days past that you can hear when you talk to some of the residents in this little town. One of which has a slightly mischievious tone to it.*

*It's the story of the Shovel in the Tree, well-known to people that have lived here for years.*

If you walk past Eunice Smith's house, a tidy one-story blue house on Avenue G, just past the Fire Station, you may notice a huge oak tree by the road, with a white-painted shovel embedded in the tree bark. If you look a little closer, you'll see a gold plaque with a dedication to her late husband, Evans.

Now, that shovel isn't there by happenstance. It was left there on purpose. You see, residents of McIntosh love to walk their dogs. And, Avenue G, with its canopied oaks and quiet nature, is one of the most favored to walk down. It also leads to the post office, and it's a habit among some townsfolk to walk their dog and get their mail all at the same time. However, most people drive.

For some reason, dogs like to do their business right there on that particular stretch of road, right on Evans Smith's property. Well, this infuriated Evans, who would, as he inspected his "acreage," drag out a shovel, scoop up the dog's leavings, and throw it in the road. Residents would drive their cars over it, and into the parking lot at the post office, and soon notice a distinctive aroma that emanated from their car tires.

The very thought of their reaction to the smell secretly delighted Evans. After a while, he decided that walking back and forth to get his shovel was time-consuming, so he just stuck the shovel in a hole in the old tree. Children couldn't reach it to play with it, and most people didn't know it was there, but Evans did.

After Evans passed on, his wife Eunice left the shovel there. The tree soon grew around the handle, embedding it in the bark. Relatives installed a dedication plaque to Evans right there on the tree, and it now serves as a monument to Evans Smith and his sense of humor.


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Rebecca Drew, age 11
Kate Harmon, age 13
Joseph Kline, age 8
Vijay Kumar, age 13
Lanya Olmstead, age 11
Wesley Olmstead, age 8
Miles Okus, age 17

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| 8:55 a.m. | Linda Weltner Violin Students |
| 9:00 a.m. | Marion County Pipes and Drums |
| 9:30 a.m. | Santa Fe Brass |
| 9:55 a.m. | Linda Weltner Violin Students |
| 10:00 a.m. | Larry Dodds |
| 10:40 a.m. | Linda Weltner Violin Students |
| 10:45 a.m. | Jerry Merrick |
| 11:10 a.m. | Linda Weltner Violin Students |
| 11:15 a.m. | Karah Johns |
| 11:20 a.m. | Sara K |
| 11:35 a.m. | Karah Johns |
| 11:40 a.m. | "Sweet Adeline" |
| 12:00 a.m. | His Purpose (Southern Gospel) |
| 12:30 p.m. | Tammy Murray & Jamie Walker |
| 1:00 p.m. | Larry Dodds |
| 1:30 p.m. | Friends of McIntosh Presentation |
| 1:40 p.m. | Cote Deonath |
| 2:00 p.m. | Sara K |
| 2:30 p.m. | His Purpose (Southern Gospel) |
| 3:00 p.m. | Tammy Murray & Jamie Walker |

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Megan Sweat, age 13
Emily Taylor, age 14.

In addition to the singing duo of **Tammy Murray & Jamie Walker**, the Friends of McIntosh proudly present:

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**Florida's 16-year-old Country Sweetheart!**
## SARA K

**Sara K** has been singing since before she could talk, and has performed at several local functions, including the Ocala Civic Theatre and the 2004 Gatornationals Finals (National Anthem)

**Sara K** has also opened for Juice Newton (1999), Sawyer Brown (2004) and jammed with the Orange Blossom Opry at age 11.

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**Larry Dodds** will also be performing on the church steps at the First Baptist Church (11:30 a.m.), the First Methodist (9 a.m.) and the Christian Church (9:30 a.m.)

## Also appearing on stage:

**Jerry Merrick**
Lori Willis' "Big Brother" - a vocal recording artist and writer who has appeared at festivals and clubs since the early 60s, currently writes and performs his popular "pastoral poetic songpieces" for adoring fans across the United States.

**His Purpose**
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*From left to right, LaNiece, Agnes and Rebecca O'Steen*

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*ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THESE LOCATIONS:*

**First Baptist Church**
**Highway 441 and Avenue F**
10 a.m. His Purpose
10:55 a.m. Karah Johns
11:30 a.m. Larry Dodds
12 p.m Barber Shop

**First Methodist steps**
**8th St. and Ave, F**
9 a.m. Barber Shop

**Christian Church**
**7th St. and Ave. E**
9:30 a.m. Barber Shop

*All around town: **The Sweet Adelines** will be singing all around town from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.*

# The Friends of McIntosh open up vendor spaces to charities

## *The Horse Protection Association of Florida*

The Friends of McIntosh voted to open up small vendor areas to three worthy charities this year. The **Horse Protection Association of Florida** will offer brochures and materials (and accept donations) at the Information Booth, on the corner of **Avenue G and 7th Street.**

This charity works to benefit "broken horses"and is locally based in Micanopy, Florida. Annual membership (tax-deductible) is $35 and can be mailed to the **Horse Protection Association of Florida, Inc., 20690 N.W. 130th Avenue, Micanopy, FL. 32667.** Their phone number is **(352) 466-4366, FAX (352) 466-4072** and e-mail: **hpaf@bellsouth.net**. The web site is **www.hpaf.org**.

## *Helping Hands*

**The Marion County Employee Helping Hands Committee** is a non-profit organization that holds several fundraisers a year to purchase Christmas gifts for less fortunate families and provides a Christmas meal to the elderly during the holidays. This year, the committee's main fundraiser is the sale of the *"Kingdom of the Cooks"* cookbooks, with 450 recipes donated by county employees, cooking tips and a handy book stand.

## *Feisty Acres*

Feisty Acres is an animal rescue and rehabilitation organization based in Williston. They are non-profit and no-kill, and serve Marion, Alachua, Citrus and Levy counties. They are supported solely from donations. Adoption fees for cats are $50, and all cats are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, Feline Leukemia and FIV tested.

Many of the cats can be seen at PetsMart in Ocala on SR 200, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. If you are interested in donating or adopting a cat or kitten, please call **(352) 528-5440** and leave a message.

We desperately need the following; Food, cat litter, blankets, cleaning supplies, collars, Havahart traps, fence materials (all sizes) postage stamps, monetary donations and grooming supplies.

Checks can be made out to Feisty Acres, P.O. Box 693, Williston, FL. 32696.

Feisty Acres can be located at the corner of **Avenue G and 4th Street.**

# Historic Churches of McIntosh

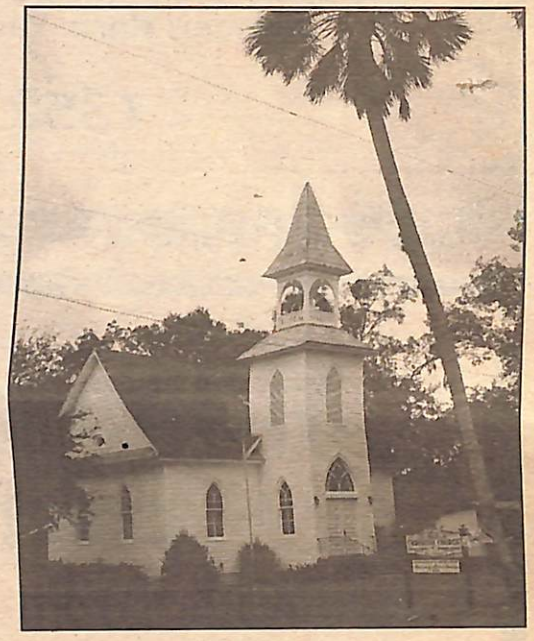
McIntosh has four historic churches and more than 20 historic homes and buildings within its town boundries. Therre is also a church right outside the town limits that stands on the site of an old orange grove. Each building has a documented history, kept alive by the current congregation and owners. McIntosh residents are proud of their heritage, and willing to share many tales and stories of the past.

***The McIntosh United Methodist Church, 1894***
***(Pastor Allen K. Bryan)***
***Service held Sundays***
***at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.***

*On Sept. 8, 1885, the Rev. W.S. Richardson founded the original church with a membership of 27. They met in the Presbyterian church until the building could be completed. The church was built in 1888, near Center Point Cemetery, and named Marvin Chapel, after a former bishop. In the fall of 1894, the church was moved to McIntosh. Logs were placed under the building, and a mule pulled the church to its present location.*

***The McIntosh Presbyterian Church, 1907***
***(Pastor Jack Donovan) Services at 10 a.m. Sundays***

*The original site of the McIntosh Presbyterian church was said to have been at Center Point (now known as Boardman) a mile north of present-day McIntosh on Wire Road (US 441), and was called the Center Point Church (1885). In 1907, the congregation built the church on its present site. The name changed to the McIntosh Presbyterian Church on Nov. 11, 1908.*



***The Christian Church of McIntosh, 1904 (Pastor Murray Musselman) Services held 11 a.m. Sundays with Wednesday prayer at 7 p.m.***

*The McIntosh Christian Church was organized on Jan. 30, 1898 by Rev. Charles E. Powell. The current building was built in 1904. It is the only church in town with an open belfry. The stained glass windows, pews and pulpit are original to the building.*

***The First Baptist Church of McIntosh, 1903***
***(Pastor Larry Pearson)***
***Services held 11 a.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Wednesdays***

*In the 1880s, Baptists in McIntosh worshiped in the Orange Lake Baptist Church, which was known at that time as Lockbi Baptist Church (organized in 1884). The present church, built in 1903, opened for services in July of 1903 with 33 charter members.*

***The Community Presbyterian Church, McIntosh, 1989 (Pastor Jim Walkup). Services held 11 a.m. on Sundays with bible study on Sunday evenings, 6 p.m.***

*This church of 70 members is relatively new, having been originally founded in the home of a resident, then moved to the small brown building beside the current church. It stands on a historic piece of property, once an orange grove, known as Christian's Hill, named after one of McIntosh's early founders.*

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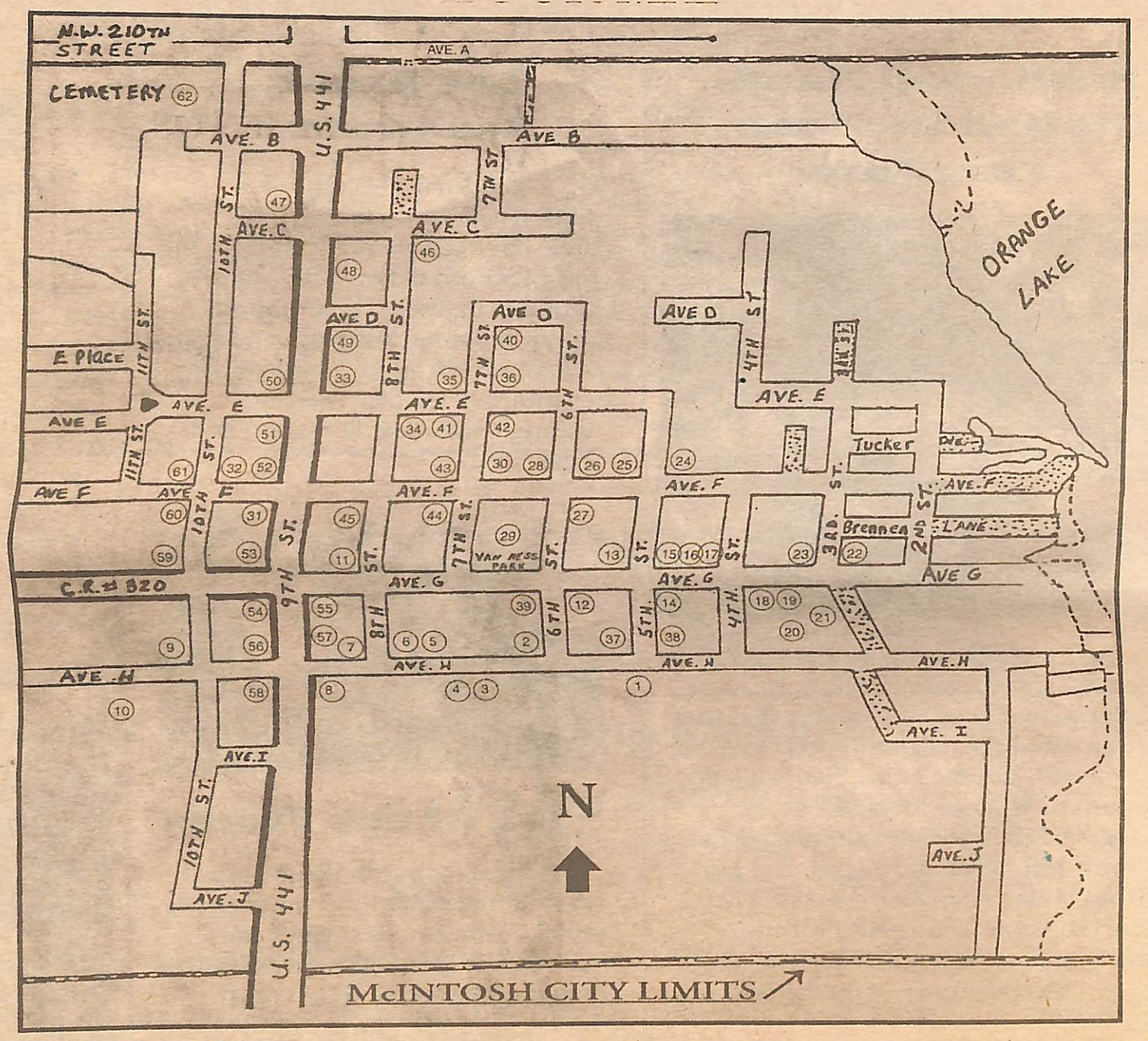
# Historic Homes of McIntosh

McIntosh has over 60 historic homes and buildings. Each building has a documented history, and are usually known by the names of the originals builders and owners. Many homes lie in and around the park, while some are on the "other" side of U.S. 441. Many homes remain in the possession of close relatives of the original founders and builders. Residents of McIntosh are proud of the fact that 68 of these homes and buildings are listed in the **National Register of Historic Places**.

The Friends of McIntosh would like to thank the ***McIntosh Seedling Garden Club*** for the information used below, which took long hours and careful recording of information to provide.




**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. Flewellyn House, 1900
8. Monahan House, 1920
9. Gamble House, 1893
10. Burgen House, 1891

**AVENUE G** (WEST TO EAST)

11. Old Telephone Exchange, 1910
12. Smith House, 1896
13. Seibert 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 (Ursula's Beauty Salon), 1925
19. Christian Mercantile (Los Arcos Restaurant), 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 (Van Horn Antiques), 1900

**AVENUE F** (EAST TO WEST)

24. Dickson House, 1894
25. Neal/Baldwin House, 1891
26. McCormick/Neal House, 1889
27. Price/Dickson 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** (EAST TO WEST)

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 (Merrily Bed & Breakfast), 1888

**SEVENTH STREET** (NORTH TO SOUTH)

40. Bauknight House, 1920
41. Flewellyn 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 & Storage (Ice House Gallery), 1930
48. Carter House, 1920
49. Huff House, 1925
50. McFadden Block Co./Dandridge Market (Winters Past), 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. Christian House, 1910
57. Turnipseed House, 1900
58. 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

# ALL AROUND TOWN

There is so much to McIntosh than meets the eye. Once considered a booming depot town, when the railroad stopped servicing the farmers and merchants in the area, business slowed down and some residents were forced to move to other areas to make a living. Life in McIntosh slowed down, too. However, in the 70s and 80s McIntosh enjoyed a resurgence of popularity, partly due to its burgeoning antiques business. Both Micanopy and McIntosh are still considered two of the finest antiques towns in Florida. The 1890s Festival is held in the downtown area of McIntosh, centered around its beautiful Van Ness Park. Most of the town's oldest and most historic buildings are found here, but McIntosh extends beyond the downtown area.

## Rustic and Hand-Crafted Mexican Furniture

Many know Leeni (Myllymaki) and her canine companion, Flicka, because of the afternoon and evening walks she likes to take around the neighborhood. She and her husband, Kimmo Norri, have called McIntosh their home for seven years, coming here to live from Palm Beach. Leeni was born and raised in Finland, and her husband is also of Finnish descent. They own and operate a successful furniture business in Boca Raton, and have recently opened a second store just up the road off Hwy. 441.

The Rustic Decor Warehouse, Inc. offers hand-crafted Mexican furniture, made from unique Mexican Pine, which is grown in different provinces in Mexico. The intricately carved pieces are done by hand, not by a machine, which makes each piece individual. Leeni can also take your size specifications and special order anything you need.

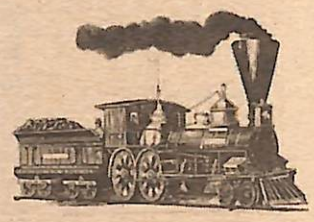
## Los Arcos Restaurant

Los Arcos Restaurant is somewhat new to the McIntosh area, having been in business in the old McIntosh Bakery and Library for three months. The restaurant offers authentic Mexican food and live music on Friday and Saturday evenings. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11-9 and Sunday from 10-2.

## Pick of the Flicks

Most McIntosh residents are very familiar with this handy movie rental business. It is owned and operated by Agnes O'Steen, also owner of the Antique Deli next door.

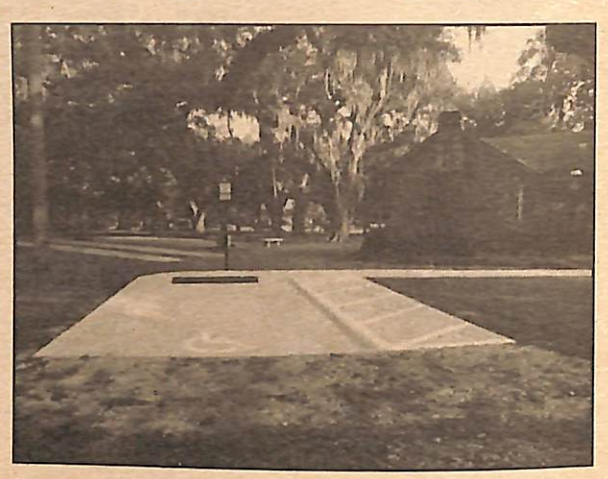
New movies, which are available weekly, are $3 for one day, and others that are not new releases are rented for $1.50 each. Agnes offers a punch card once you sign up and register to rent movies, and she puts all filled punch cards (one punch per new release) into a pot every month to win prizes.



## The Depot

A visit to McIntosh would not be complete without a tour of the old McIntosh Train Depot. It is now a museum, housing most of what remains of the tangible history of McIntosh. Among the many items of memorabilia are timetables and freight tickets, old typewriters and adding machines, posters and handcarts. The stationmaster's desk is still in place, as are the ticket windows, signal levers and telegraph keys.

## New parking pad



The Civic Center recently upgraded its handicapped parking area to include a concrete pad and sidewalk to the main ramp. It looks very neat and tidy and the garden club is considering additional landscaping to make it even more attractive.

# Special Thanks

As in any business or organization, there are some people that go unnoticed for all their fine efforts to help the community and others in need. The Friends of McIntosh would like to offer special thanks and acknowledgement to the following people for all the good they do here in McIntosh:

**Wylene Pearson**.

Wylene is the Town Clerk of McIntosh. She constantly fielded phone calls about the Festival, scheduled the clean-up crews after the devastation from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne so that the streets would be clean and navigable, and arranged for all the entertainment for the Festival. And, through it all, kept her wonderful sense of humor and bright disposition. She is truly a town treasure.

**Paul Kelly and Melvin Lanfair**

Paul Kelly and Melvin Lanfair work for the Town of McIntosh. Both Paul and Melvin constantly keep watch over the town utilities, keep the grass mowed and the landscaping tidy. They maintain the parks for the enjoyment of all the residents and guests, maintain the town's Civic Center, and are on-call for any emergencies. They even help residents on their own time if they can, and were instrumental in helping during the recent hurricanes by helping to clear streets of trees and brush caused by the heavy winds and rain. They both play a key role in making sure that all residents and guests of the Festival are safe and comfortable.

**Margie Karow**

Margie Karow is one of McIntosh's best-known residents, as she runs the Merrily Bed and Breakfast in the heart of town. She designed the poster used for this year's festival, and it looks great.

**Alex Kallenback**

Alex is responsible for securing all the advertising for this year's *Gazette*, and has done so in the past for many years. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Alex for taking on the challenges of coordinating all the advertising for the *Gazette*, and making it all look so easy when it isn't!

**Sheila Winters**

Special thanks to Sheila Winters, who has worked diligently to get the Festival on the radio stations, the print media and help get the word out about when our festival is and what it's all about. She's always there to lend her talent in media relations.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# A Special Message from the President of the Friends of McIntosh

During Hurricane Jeanne every member of the Friends of McIntosh was, at some point during the bluster, blankly staring out of a sheltered window wondering if Wylene and the Town Council would be able to motivate FEMA, Marion County and the Melvin/Paul team to have the town ready by festival day. Except for sweeping leaves off the roadways, we're ready today. For allowing us to use the town rights of way, and for the cleaning job, we owe a continuing debt of gratitude to the town council and employees.

On the other hand, The McIntosh 1890's Festival has lost a couple of diligent workers. Sharon and Jim Little moved away. They have been involved in the festival for more than 20 years. She's serving this, her last year, as Co-chairperson of the festival with Bev Dodder. We all thank Jim and Sharon and wish them well in their new environs.

For giving me her job as President of the Friends, I often have unprintable sentiments for Sharon. Doing all of our work with so few members requires a sense of timing and history that she knew and I'm learning. During this next year, and for the 2005 Festival, I hope we attract new workers, I mean members to our merry band. I have huge expectations for our new younger members (like the Goldsmiths and the Gallaghers). We need their enthusiasm and new ideas. We've always been a small group—I don't understand why.

How can there be any greater cause than your local community…what greater reward than giving with no expectation of getting? We don't just live here—we invest in property, nurture our families, and foster our love here. The Friends of McIntosh is not allied with any political, civic or religious organization. We're a non-profit organization and put all of our efforts and funds back in McIntosh. Our meetings are once a month, and our dues are affordable by anyone's standards. Why wouldn't everyone in town want to be a member?

As President, I want to thank every individual member of the Friends of McIntosh for their efforts toward making the 2004 Festival successful. Everyone in our group has done something outstanding this year, and I'm humbled and motivated by your dedication.

Finally, I want to recognize Beverly Dodder, our Festival Co-chairperson for working the most hours and caring the most about everyone's feelings. She has ongoing relationships with our returning vendors that ensures our yearly success, and does all the paperwork. Beverly is the brains and the heart behind this Festival. She would rather not receive any recognition or be in the spotlight for her efforts, but deserves the highest honors.

T.J.Flynn, President, 2004

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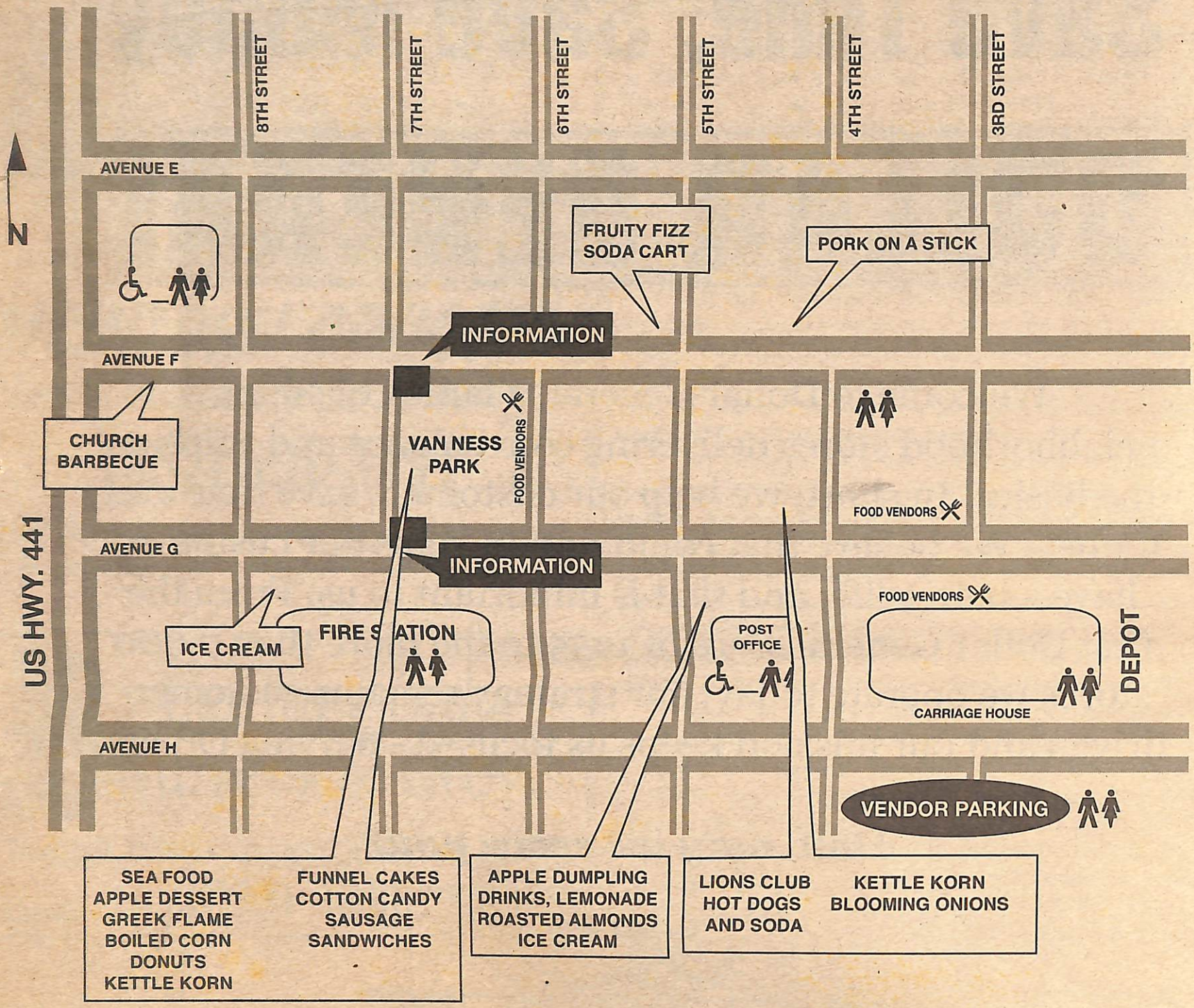
# FESTIVAL MAP & INFORMATION




## FOOD VENDORS:

Tim Hatfield (Blooming Onions)
Dunnellon School (Funnel Cakes)
Carolyn Ayers (Kettle Korn)
George Kasselakis (Greek Flame)
Alfred Ford (Apple Dumpling)
Sungate (Cotton Candy)
Old Fashion (Ice Cream)
Caryn Gilley (Donuts
Queen's Apples (Apple Dessert)
McIntosh United Methodist Church (BBQ)
Robert Taylor (Ice Cream, Roasted Almonds)
Ali Glover (Drinks and Lemonade)
Micanopy Masonic Lodge (Boiled Corn)
Wanda Durbin (Pork on a Stick)
Tim Cranis (Sausage)
Curtis Musgrove (Sandwiches)
Robert Adams (Sea Food)
McIntosh Lions Club
(Hot Dogs and Soda)

## Mayor Marsha Strange lends her support to the 1890s Festival

For 23 years, Marsha Strange has been either a councilwoman or the elected Mayor of McIntosh, and for good reason. Mrs. Strange has always been a balancing force on the Town Council, using fair judgement in helping to decide what is right for the Town of McIntosh.

Mayor Strange urges all of our residents to continue to provide prayers and support for our troops in Iraq and other war-torn areas and invites residents to attend the Town Council meetings, held the second Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., in the Civic Center downtown.