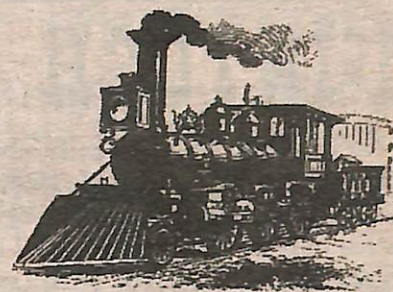




The old McIntosh Depot

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October 22, 2005

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.

Words of Hearty Appreciation

All of the Friends of McIntosh have put forth their best efforts to insure that the McIntosh 1890s Festival continues to be a well-loved and anticipated event for visitors, residents and vendors. We hope you enjoy what we have worked all year to provide, and we thank you for your patronage of the 1890s Festival!



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 21, 2006

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A Scholarship Winner Update

Many of our members have voiced an interest in knowing how our scholarship funds have helped many aspiring local students to achieve their goals. While tracking down all of them may be a little overwhelming, we have heard from a few, and we'd like to pass that information on!

Chris Kniedler

Chris Kniedler was one of three recipients of the Friends of McIntosh Scholarship Awards in 2001. He graduated from North Marion High School in the summer of 2001 and is now a fifth year senior at the University of Florida. He majors in industrial engineering and minors in sales engineering. Chris is also the youth leader at McIntosh United Methodist Church, and organizes and leads many continuing social, community and worship activities.

Jennifer Leitner Perry

Jennifer (Leitner) Perry was awarded a scholarship in 1998 and attended Santa Fe and Central Florida Community College, graduating in 2004 with a nursing degree. Jennifer now works in the PAC unit at Ocala Regional Hospital, and she and her husband, local resident Jason Perry, are expecting their first child in December.

In the 1890s...

In 1890s women's fashion, the bustle disappeared. The skirts became slim in front and still very full behind, but without poufs or lift. Sleeves began to expand slowly. Bodices became either short at the hip, or long as a jacket.



A Special Note of Thanks

There are some people without whom the Friends of McIntosh could not put together such a wonderful festival. One of those people is Tim Cranis.

He is our contact for all our food vendors, supplies food for some of the volunteers and other personnel and keeps everyone and everything food-related running smoothly.

The Friends of McIntosh would like to thank Tim Cranis for his continued support and help during the 1890s Festival!



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K-Country and the McIntosh Festival – 11 straight years

Talking with **Bob Kassi** of K-Country, 93.7 FM, is smooth and easy. He has a natural, honest and open style of conversation and when he talks about the long-standing relationship that the radio station and the **McIntosh 1890s Festival** have had, he clearly exudes an affection for the people and community he has come to know in McIntosh.

"We have been in McIntosh at the Festival since 1995 – this will be our 11th straight year," Kassi says. "The entire staff at K-Country comes out to work the Festival, doing a remote show." K-Country has also been in the same vendor space at the Festival – right next to the white picket fence at the post office on Avenue G. "People know where we are, and we see some of the same people who visit us every year," Kassi chuckles.

One year, K-Country brought a large "We Support Our Troops" banner to their booth, and people were encouraged to sign it. "Many of the people that stopped by had sons or daughters overseas and signed the banner. (Country music star) Aaron Tippin took the banner with him when he performed a USO Tour overseas, and it was used as a backdrop for his concert," Kassi stated. Another year, K-Country hosted a drawing to win a guitar autographed by Reba McEntyre. "We've always got something going on at our booth."

K-Country offers many free promotional items at their booth, as well as the chance to personally meet many of their local on-air celebrities. But, one of the greatest community services that K-Country offers to McIntosh comes in the form of the promotional on-air advertising they provide two to three weeks before the Festival. And, **Beverly Dodder**, is most appreciative of that support. "If it weren't for K-Country, we'd have to work harder to promote our annual Festival," states Dodder. "They've been very good to us."

Many thanks to **Bob Kassi** and all of the K-Country staff for all the work they do for us at the McIntosh 1890s Festival.

KCOUNTRY 93.7FM



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 wild-flower 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.



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- Winslow Homer paints *The Gulf Stream*
- Aspirin makes its debut on pharmacy shelves

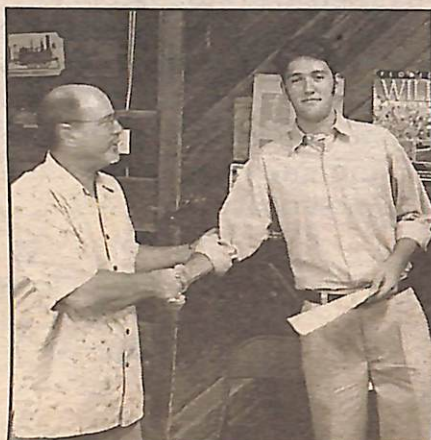


WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL FRIENDS' SCHOLARSHIPS

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, to these deserving students:



President T.J. Flynn with Tim Hoggard, who will be attending college in west Florida.



President T.J. Flynn with Jeremy Richard, who will be attending the University of Florida.

*Unable to attend the meeting held in August to receive their certificates were winners Markelia Jamerson and Katie Levy.

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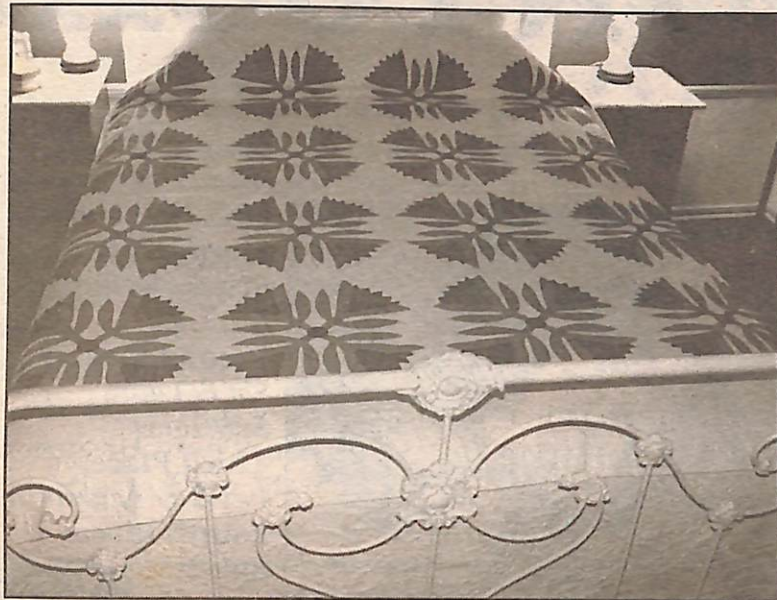
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The McIntosh Historic Preservation Trust



The McIntosh Historic Preservation Trust is a non-profit association, chartered in 2005, and whose mission statement reads, in part, "to preserve the historic and cultural heritage of the Town of McIntosh."

The first fundraiser this year will be a booth at the 1890s Festival, where a vintage tulip-patterned quilt, in vivid reds and greens on a white background and handmade in Ohio in the 1930s, will be raffled off. Tickets are \$5 each, or 2 for \$8. All proceeds will benefit the Historic Preservation Trust.

The McIntosh Area School Keeps on Growing!



Shirley Lane (L) of the McIntosh Area School and Linda Gail McCollum (R) at last summer's big yard sale

The McIntosh Area School has grown, and keeps on growing! This year, the Principal and Director, Shirley Lane, reports that there are 68 children enrolled in kindergarten through third grade this year.

The school will be participating in parking cars again this year for the Festival, one of the top three fundraisers this year. The school's first Dinner and Autumn Festival will be held on November 12. The school will also host a booth at the 1890s Festival, set up in front of Bill and June Glass's house on Avenue G – be sure to stop by! There will be raffle tickets for sale on several items, and there will be children's art and handiwork items on display.

Most of the proceeds from the annual fundraisers have gone into the building fund, which has grown to \$104,000. The school is now into the design and acquisition of grants stage.

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The Friends of McIntosh started Light Up McIntosh! as a way to beautify the town during the holiday season. Each year it has grown and a few years ago the Seedlings Garden Club joined us by helping to provide the refreshments and decorations for the Community Center, where the gathering is now held. The Lion's Club of McIntosh brought Santa to the party for the kids, who had a wonderful time! The Friends of McIntosh sincerely thank the Seedlings Garden Club and the Lion's Club for helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to McIntosh.



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Pictured: Ursula Melvin (Ursula's Beauty Shop) and T.J. Flynn



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Second Place:
Sal & Laura Stanzione
Third Place:
Frank & Laurel Ciotti
Fourth Place:
June Glass

Pictured: The Brunson's two boys and T.J. Flynn



First Place, Mobile Home:
Ben & Alyce Ault
Second Place:
Mimi Granger
Third Place:
Guy Fortney
Fourth Place:
Brenda Smith

Pictured: Ben & Alyce Ault and T.J. Flynn



First Place, One Story Home:
Paul Kelly
Second Place:
Larry & Wylene Pearson
Third Place:
Sean Dowie
Fourth Place:
Pete Callahan

Pictured: Paul Kelly and T.J. Flynn



There were several door prizes given out that night, too!

Here, Beth Nelson and son Aaron are the happy winners of one of the prizes.

This year, Light Up McIntosh will be on December 17, 2005

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Face-Painting an Annual Event



Margie and Dick Pierson at the McIntosh Depot, Oct. 2004

Over 15 years ago, Margie and Dick Pierson started bringing their Child Evangelism Fellowship to the McIntosh Depot during the 1890s Festival, and it's been an annual event cherished by parents and eagerly anticipated by hundreds of attending children.

Margie and Dick Pierson do the face-painting that is so popular at the Festival, and what's even more surprising is that it is totally free. "We like to combine the face-painting with our gospel, bible stories and balloons," comments Margie. "It's one way we bring the ministry to the children."

In addition to the cooperation of volunteers from local churches, workers from the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Gainesville come to help that day. "We made over 453 contacts last October (2004) and we look forward to this year," says Margie.

Margie Pierson has been, as she says, "in the business of kids," for over 30 years. She founded and maintained the Fellowship while her husband, Dick, was employed, and now that he has retired, he joins her at the face-painting booth. "We pay for everything. We don't even ask for donations, although if you offer one, we gladly take it," she laughed.

When people ask why the Friends of McIntosh continue to launch the time-intensive and complicated 1890s Festival every year, one of our standard answers is "loyalty." For, it is with the dedication and loyalty of these kind of folk that

bring quality volunteerism to the forefront to make the Festival what it is, and what it has been, for over 30 years. People from surrounding counties all look forward to attending, if not vending, in the wildly popular festival. Consistently rising costs of security, insurance, electricity and mailings keep threatening to overshadow the event, but with volunteers like Margie and Dick Pierson, as well as all of the members of the Friends of McIntosh, will ensure the Festival will continue for many, many more years.

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In Philadelphia, when he was tending bar on South Street, customers would specifically visit the bar just to hear him whistle their requests. Philadelphia-based *Evening Magazine* and its national affiliate *PM Magazine* invited him to do segments on their shows. After that he performed often in Philadelphia and, at one time, established a telephone answering service called "Whistlin' Tom's 24 hour Hot Line for Listenin' to Whistlin'"

where he would receive an average of 1200 calls per day from people throughout the US & Canada.

Since 1995, Tom has regularly performed for the Elder Hostel in Key West. Tom also sings second tenor with the Keys Chorale and sometimes whistles to add additional flavor to the Chorale performances.

In the summer of 1998, he whistled his way around Europe, spending three months traveling by train and performing in many countries like Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Austria. He performed both on street corners and in the various "busker" festivals that are popular in Europe during the summer months.



Whistlin' Tom

MORE INFO ON ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 11

MCINTOSH 1890'S DAYS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Jim Worthing, "Music of America"

9:45 a.m. Rusty & Strawberry, "Childrens' Moment"

10:00 a.m. Katie Brooks, "Sentimental Journey (Pop Side)"

11:00 a.m. The Royals (Gospel Quartet)

11:45 a.m. Karah Johns

12:00 p.m. Whistlin' Tom, The Prince of Pucker

(Don Miller and Friends Bluegrass Band at Deli Plaza)

12:45 p.m. Rusty & Strawberry, "Childrens' Moment"

1:00 p.m. Jim Worthing, "Healing Stream (Gospel)"

2:00 p.m. Don Miller and Friends Bluegrass Band

2:45 p.m. Karah Johns

3:00 p.m. Katie Brooks, "Sentimental Journey (Country Side)"

3:45 p.m. Soul Purpose (Gospel Quartet)

4:30 p.m. Whistlin' Tom, The Prince of Pucker

Throughout the day, there will be special appearances on the Main Stage and on the Festival grounds by nationally acclaimed Clowns Rusty and Strawberry, with entertainment for children of all ages!

(continued from page 10)

In addition to Whistlin' Tom, the Friends of McIntosh proudly present:



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Katie Brooks, daughter of McIntosh residents, Hugh and Carolyn Brooks, brings over 20 years of entertainment experience to the McIntosh Festival Stage! She has been billed with Crystal Gayle, The Oak Ridge Boys and Boots Randolph.

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Jim Worthing has also performed alongside Katie Brooks, Minnie Pearl and Crystal Gayle. Now living with his family in Mississippi, he is a treasure to hear and a joy to watch in performance!

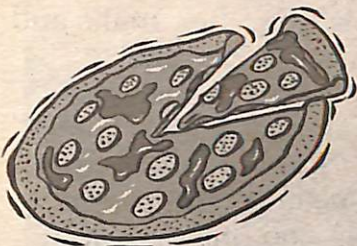
Don Miller and Friends

Don Miller and Friends, a dynamic Bluegrass band that features a full range of entertainment skills...pickin', singin', and jokin', will appear at the McIntosh 1890's Days Festival. Don Miller is the President of Just Right Productions in Lake City, Florida and the promoter of The Lonesome River Band Music Fest and other nationally recognized shows at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. He is popularly known as The Doctor of Bluegrass, spinning Bluegrass music every Sunday evening on WQLC Power Country, FM 102.1, in Lake City. Don Miller and Friends will play on the Deli Stage at 12:00 noon, and on the Main Stage at 1:30 p.m..



In the 1890s...

The 1890s were sometimes referred to as the "Mauve Decade," because William Henry Perkin's aniline dye allowed the widespread use of that color in fashion, and also as the "Gay Nineties", under the then-current usage of the word "gay" which referred simply to merriment and frivolity.



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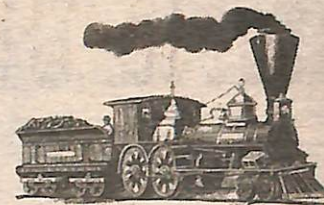
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The Antique Deli also carries unique hand-crafted gift items made by local residents.



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



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 handcars. The station-master's desk is still in place, as are the ticket windows, signal levers and telegraph keys.

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Meet two wonderful clowns, Strawberry and Rusty, at the 1890s Festival this year!

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Gainesville Sunshine Clown Alley. In addition, they are both certified hospital clowns and perform in schools, churches, malls and festivals, sharing their laughter and smiles with children and adults. They both urge everyone to "eat more peanuts and peanut butter," and offer a Peanut Circus Membership.

Strawberry and Rusty can be reached at (352) 528-6167 or via the Internet at jgorgans@webkraft.net.

Historic Churches of McIntosh

McIntosh has four historic churches and more than 20 historic homes and buildings within its town boundaries. There 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 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.

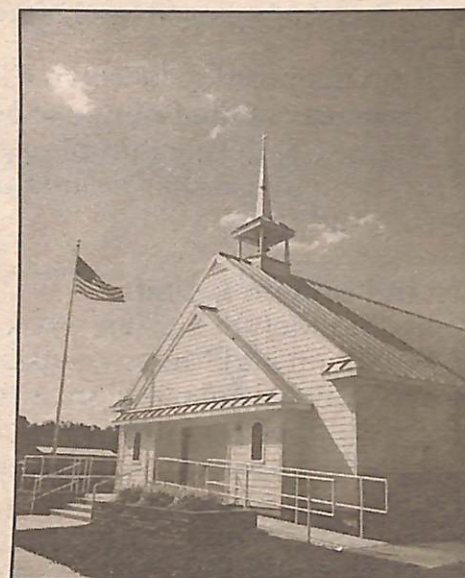


The McIntosh United Methodist Church, 1894

(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 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.



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 the Lockbi Baptist Church (organized in 1884). The present church, built in 1903, opened for services in July of 1903 with 33 charter members.

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:

Julie Musselman

Julie took on the position of Town Clerk of McIntosh as well as the Treasurer of the Friends of McIntosh. Julie has gotten her feet wet with constant phone calls about the Festival, and through it all has maintained a sense of humor and positive attitude.

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 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 is the talent behind this year's beautiful poster.

Alex Kallenback

Alex is responsible for securing almost all of 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.

Wylene Pearson

Wylene has always been involved in the Festival, and this year, she and her friends, Hugh and Carolyn Brooks, lined up some fantastic entertainment – and, as always, it's free to all festival attendees.

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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

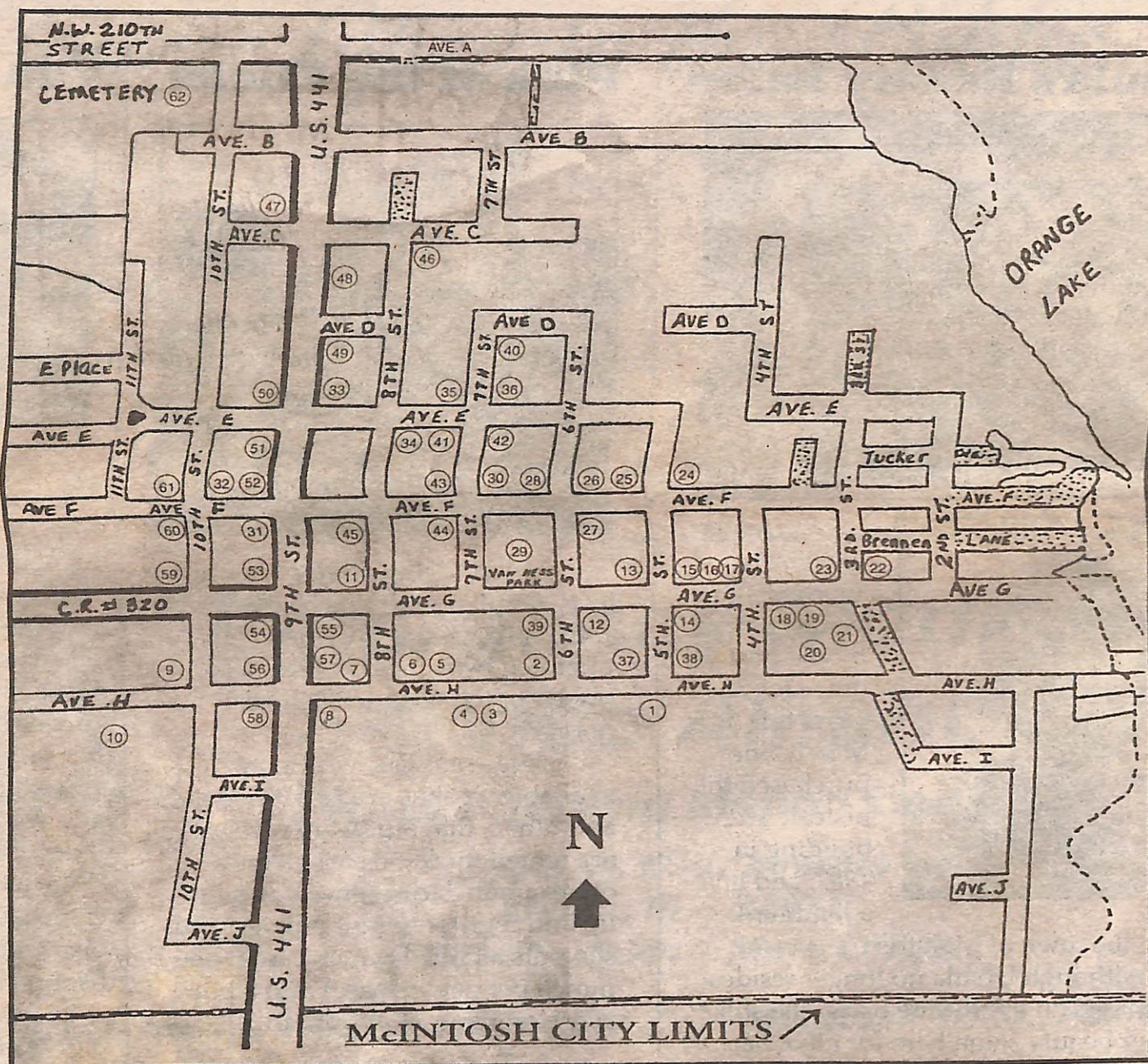
NINTH STREET (NORTH TO SOUTH)

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.

Ursula's Beauty Salon



Ursula Melvin has worked at her beauty salon by the post office for 22 years this March. She purchased the historic 1925 building in 1987, and it is a landmark

here in the town of McIntosh.

Although Ursula no longer resides in McIntosh on a full-time basis, she still runs her beauty salon here for all of her regular patrons, and many of the RV park visitors and out-of-towners visit her when they are in town.

Ursula specializes in perms, colors, style and washes, and cuts. "This is a family hair care salon, which means I do it all - children, men and women," laughs Ursula. Her business hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until her last client leaves.

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.

Antique Deli

Also owned by Agnes O'Steen, the Antique Deli has wonderful daily specials, as well as Boar's Head Meats and foods prepared to go.

The Antique Deli is unique to McIntosh, and has shelves full of hand-crafted items for sale year-round.

Van Horn Antiques



Ask

Dianna Van Horn, owner of Van Horn Antiques on Avenue G what she carries in her huge warehouse, and she'll



laugh and throw up her hands. "Everything! As you can see, we carry a little bit of just about everything - even the kitchen sink!," Dianna chuckles.

Dianna, a former New Jersey native and now permanent resident of McIntosh since 1990 is a hands-on antique seller. She sells exclusively through her warehouse, and her husband runs the original smaller shop on Hwy. 441, just a little north of town.

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Help is not far away

Remember When?

This advertisement for a tourist cruise along the banks of Orange Lake comes from the collection of Friends of McIntosh historian, Chris Rath.

Many thanks go to **Kimmo Norri** for selling almost \$600 worth of advertising for the Gazette this year. Kimmo and Leeni own **Rustic Decor** on Hwy. 441.

In the 1890s...

The men on the line square off and face each other. Bareheaded, with no more padding than a leather vest, their only goal is to make sure the quarterback advances the ball. The ball is hiked, the men on the line begin slugging each other in a bare-knuckled bloody battle to move forward.

In the gathering dusk, the crowd in the grandstands yell as they strain to see through the fog that swirls quietly in the dim light of a new invention – electric lights.

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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. The phone number is (352) 466-4366, FAX (352) 466-4072 and e-mail: hpaf@bellsouth.net. The web site is www.hpaf.org

The McIntosh Swimmin' Hole



Like most small Florida towns in the 1800s, dips in the land and natural springs would offer the opportunity in the hot summer months for swimming holes, much like this one in McIntosh, which used to be in the open lot near Winters Past Antiques.

The above photograph, courtesy of Chris Rath, shows the residents of McIntosh enjoying a lovely summer outing at the McIntosh Swimming Hole.

In the 1890s...

Cotton candy, a soft confection made from sugar that is heated and spun into slim threads that look like a mass of cotton, was invented in 1897 by William Morrison and John C. Wharton, candymakers from Nashville, Tennessee.



Old postcards from Florida often show what Florida was most famous for – especially in the 1800s – oranges. McIntosh was a hub for orange growing, and oranges were the namesake for the popular fishing and vacation spot – Orange Lake. O.D. Huff, a former resident of McIntosh, was one of the biggest growers in the area.

Postcards from the collection of Brenda Flynn

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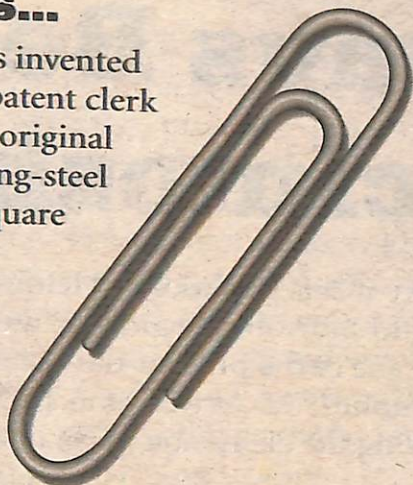
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In the 1890s...

The paper clip was invented in 1890 by a Norwegian patent clerk called Johann Vaaler. His original paper clip was a thin spring-steel wire with triangular or square ends and two "tongues." Vaaler patented his invention in Germany and later in the USA (1901).



No stoplights in town - but a blinking one

The (former) Mayor of McIntosh, Dick Whittington, was responsible for getting McIntosh a blinking light. He tried for years to get the five-member town council to install a warning light, but they would not approve one. Finally, he got 10-year statistics from the highway patrol on the number of traffic accidents at that location. Turns out there were nine fatalities, and that sealed the deal. They approved the blinker.

Some of McIntosh's "firsts":

First postmaster: W.E. Allen, 1888

First hotel: Began in 1895 by Bettie McKoone, along with sister Helen Schorffhaar (the hotel still stands, although in disrepair. It was closed in 1964, after the death of McKoone's husband).

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Some of the Great Inventions of 1890

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, some of the greatest technological inventions occurred in the 1890s:

- Electric storage battery, 1800, Alessandro Volta, Italy
- Flat-bottomed paper bag, 1870, Margaret Knight, US
- Automobile, 1889, Gottlieb Daimler, Germany
- Bicycle, 1818, Baron Karl de Drais de Sauerbrun, Germany
- Braille system, 1824, Louis Braille, France
- Motion Picture Camera, 1891, Thomas Alva Edison, William K.L. Dickson, US

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Schools Have Always Been Important in McIntosh

McIntosh has always been a community that values education. There were at least four schools in this area since 1880. The first school could have been a church school.



A. The first public school in McIntosh recorded these students, shown above:

1. Isadore Sikes
2. Mary Allen
3. Mrs. William Burgin, Teacher
4. Ethel Sikes
5. Kate Sikes
6. Dillie Miller
7. Elena Strange
8. Mary Burgin
9. Dovie Miller
10. Walter Gamble
11. Harris Knight
12. Willis Gamble
13. Lucious Sikes
14. Tassie Burgin
15. Ruby Thomas
16. Marvin Farnbach
17. Albert Farnbach



B. The second public school in McIntosh

It is said to have been located near Center Point, near the Boardman Cemetery, the center point between Evinston and McIntosh.

By 1904, the school had moved to Avenue E, next to the Christian Church. It had first through the 12th grades. Each teacher had four grades to teach. Chris Rath, the Friends of McIntosh Historian, points out that her mother, Mary Taylor, is in the middle of the back row (see photo B). She traveled

from Kentucky to teach school in McIntosh. By 1926, the school was beginning to show its age and McIntosh built a third public school on the site of the present-day school. This school kept the 1-12th grade until 1932. At this time, the high school moved to Reddick, leaving the elementary school children at McIntosh.



Students from the Boardman School

Dick Wittington (former Mayor of McIntosh) tells about riding his horse down the dirt road (which is 320 now) to school, and keeping his horse in a small enclosure while he was in class. Jack Williams still calls the big oak the ABC tree, as this is where the tutor taught him all of his letters.

The 3rd school was built on the 6-acre site of the current school, south McIntosh, on the west side of Hwy 441. It was owned by the Marion County School Board and served the

1st through the 12th grades from 1926 until 1932, when the high school students were moved to Reddick. The elementary grades were served at the school until 1948 when the county closed the Community School. In 1953, the Marion County School Board gave the property to the Town of McIntosh to be used for its civic needs.

In 2003, the town allowed the new charter elementary school the use of the property and the vacant dentist offices. The school board of the new charter school has raised over \$100,000 through donations and fundraisers for the building fund. We currently have modular classrooms. The old school has crumbled and will be replaced with a permanent facility that will somewhat resemble the old school, but with all of the latest features needed for students in the 21st century!

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Schools in McIntosh, continued from page 22

A grant was made available in 1944 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, through the University of Florida, to write a case study which sought to interpret and show appreciation of the McIntosh Elementary School. Mrs. Adna Wingate was the principal and the school was known as a community school of social action. The student's curriculum was well-rounded in academics and the practical arts. They made their own curtains and furniture, as well as wrote the Farm News and supplied the cafeteria with fresh and home-canned foods from the gardens. A copy of the 45-page booklet is available at the current school. It reflects the pride the students and parents took in their children's educations.



The 3rd and biggest public school in McIntosh to date

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The new school hold an alumni assembly each year, inviting the oldsters back to tell the children one of their childhood memories of this school. This year it will be held on November 4th at 9:45 a.m.

(written by Director and Principal, Shirley Lane)

In the 1890s...

Although photography was a burgeoning art in the early 1800s, the 1890s saw more illustrators turn from pen and ink sketches to painting. However, the sketch artists, as they were known, continued to portray life through conventional means, and opened a window to an age long gone.



George Varian. Illustration for "Bob's Way" by Tudor Jenks. St. Nicholas. Volume 24, No. 1 (November 1896), 21.

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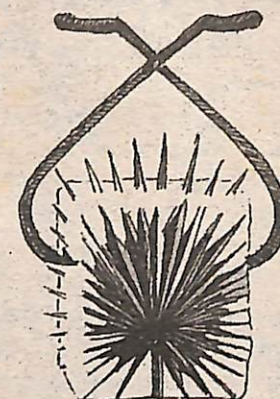
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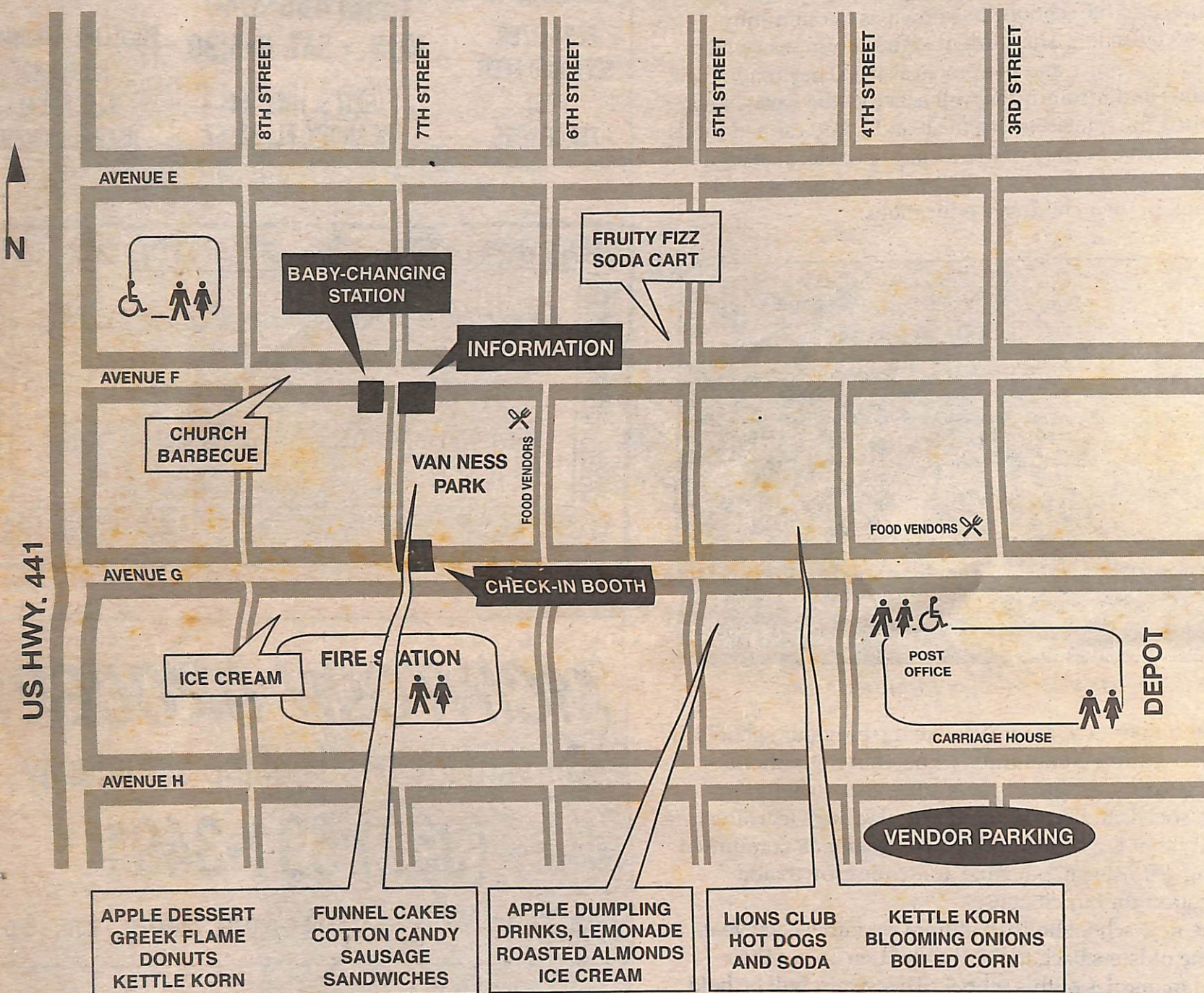
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FESTIVAL MAP & INFORMATION



APPLE DESSERT
GREEK FLAME
DONUTS
KETTLE KORN

FUNNEL CAKES
COTTON CANDY
SAUSAGE
SANDWICHES

APPLE DUMPLING
DRINKS, LEMONADE
ROASTED ALMONDS
ICE CREAM

LIONS CLUB
HOT DOGS
AND SODA

KETTLE KORN
BLOOMING ONIONS
BOILED CORN

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)

Tim Cranis (Sausage)
Curtis Musgrove (Sandwiches)
Darlene Lloyd (Kettle Korn)
McIntosh Lions Club
(Hot Dogs and Soda)



'DOC HOLLYWOOD' STYLE

Those of you who remember the pig on parade in the 1991 McIntosh Parade on Festival Day know that the scene in Doc Hollywood where the pig was marched down main street came from our own 1890s Festival!



An unidentified woman marches her pet pig down Ave. G during the 1890s Festival Parade (archives, 1991)