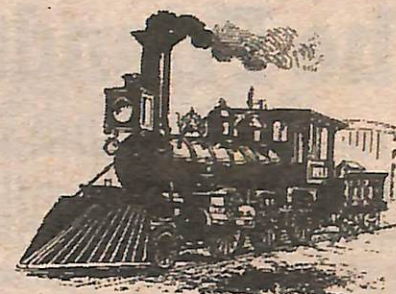




The old McIntosh Depot

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# MCINTOSH GAZETTE

McIntosh, Florida

**SOUVENIR EDITION - 28 PAGES!**

October 21, 2006

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

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

McIntosh, a town that takes its name from its founding member, Col. 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, GA 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 later owned by O.D. Huff, a successful citrus grower.

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 carriage house, to the right of the depot, has been restored as well, but is not open to the public.

## 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!



Horse and buggy days in old McIntosh, circa 1900

**DATE OF NEXT 1890s FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 20, 2007**



# The Friends of McIntosh Honor Our Miss Helen

Helen Schorfhaar and her sister Betty McKoon lived together in the historic railroad hotel in McIntosh for 25 years. Betty purchased the property in 1950, and ran it as a hotel for 15 years. After they closed the hotel, it remained as a family residence. They were known as the Ladies of the Hotel, and were two of the original members of the Friends of McIntosh. In fact, many of the first meetings held by the Friends of McIntosh were graciously hosted by Miss Helen and Miss Betty in their large living room, serving tea and scones to all the members. They were faithful members of the Christian Church here, and dedicated much of their time and effort to the 1890s Festival, often feeding festival staff in their big kitchen and opening their hotel for tours on festival day. Helen was tickled when the Friends of McIntosh dedicated the McKoon-Hopwood Mini-Park to her family. Many of the current residents still remember Helen, and are curious about her.

We are happy to report that Miss Helen, who was born in Nairn, Scotland on December 14, 1905, happily celebrated her 100th birthday this past year, with over 90 of her family and friends in attendance. Helen is now living in Coldwater, Michigan, with her son, Alan, daughter-in-law Mary Ann and her 94-year-old brother, "Hap" Hopwood.



Helen Schorfhaar, 2005

Helen's family immigrated to Canada in 1920 and then to the United States in the 1930s.

Helen married Henry Schorfhaar and they purchased a dairy farm in the Greenbush Township of Michigan in 1937. They both worked the farm, *without the benefit of modern-day equipment*, and raised five children. Henry died in 1976, and Helen moved to McIntosh to be with her sister, Betty, who owned the 1890s-era hotel (still standing, across from the McIntosh Post Office). Betty passed away in 2000.

Helen says that she reads, *exercises and drinks one glass of wine a day. She is very proud of her four sons, one daughter, 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.* And, The Friends of McIntosh would like to extend their long-distance

shouts of *"Happy Birthday – and Many More"* and to wish our lovely and vibrant Miss Helen the best.

– Thanks to the Alcona County Review, Harrisville, Michigan, for information

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# Light Up McIntosh!

The Friends of McIntosh started Light Up McIntosh! as a part of a way for everyone to take part in beautifying our town during the festive holiday season, and to win prizes for their efforts. Each year it has grown and the Seedlings Garden Club, based here in McIntosh, joins us by providing refreshments and decorations for the Community Center, where we

gather to celebrate the season as a community. The Lion's Club of McIntosh brings Santa to the party for the children. The Friends of McIntosh sincerely thank the Seedlings Garden Club and the Lion's Club of McIntosh for helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to McIntosh. Here are the winners of the Light Up McIntosh! celebration, December 17, 2005:

**First Place,  
Business:**  
Merrily  
Bed & Breakfast

**Second Place:**  
Sportsman Cove

**Third Place:**  
McIntosh Medical  
Clinic

**Fourth Place:**  
Van Horn Antiques



Hugh Brooks, filling in for President Charlsie Stott, hands over the First Place Business ribbon to Mitzi Roess for Merrily Bed & Breakfast.

**First Place,  
One-Story Home:**  
Dan & Mickey Rosser

**Second Place:**  
John Sapp

**Third Place:**  
Sean Dowie

**Fourth Place:**  
Al & Dorothy Bryan



Hugh Brooks, center, stands with Dan & Mickey Rosser, winners of the First Place One-Story Home ribbon.

**First Place,  
Mobile Home**  
Jaime Huckins

**Second Place:**  
Guy Fortney

**Third Place:**  
Brandi Starr Wade

**Fourth Place:**  
Bill & Jean Corbus



Jaime Huckins and his wife, Laurie, stand in front of their decorated home, which won the First Place Mobile Home ribbon.

**First Place,  
Two-Story Home:**  
W. W. Walkup

**Second Place:**  
Bill & June Glass

**Third Place:**  
The Eastman Family

**Fourth Place:**  
Frank & Laurel Ciotti



The late Wilshire Walkup displayed his award and ribbon for First Place Two-Story Home.

Our Next Celebration of Light Up McIntosh!  
is December 16, 2006





# The Llama Mama

Kathi Volling, co-owner of Volling Valley Ranch with her husband Bruce, takes her babies seriously. The sprawling 17-acre farm just outside of the city limits on CR320 has lots of babies, too. There have been seven llama babies born at the farm, the most recent being Summer's Spots, this little cutie shown at left. Llama babies are called cria, and her real mom and dad are Summer Snow and Pizzaz.



It hasn't been easy for the Vollings. The farm they purchased in 2001 was hit hard by the last

two seasons of hurricanes, turning the picturesque land into a full-blown lake for a while. "We lost two llamas last year, including a baby, and the year before we lost three. It will take us time to build our herd back up," says Kathi. But, they are both persistent. "We would like to do more with llamas to show people how wonderful they are," she goes on to say. "For example, they protect goats and sheep from predators. They can pull a cart. They need very little land, and they're easy to keep. Plus, they're fun to hug!" she laughs.

Of course, with that many acres, Kathi's love for animals also lets her keep three horses, three dogs, five cats and a rabbit as well as their seven llamas.

Bruce and Kathi have been married for 26 years and have three children, all living in Florida. Bruce Volling retired from the Boca Raton Police Department and Kathi works as the office manager for the Horse Protection Association of Florida, a non-profit horse rescue agency located about six miles from McIntosh on CR 320.

Bruce Volling with two of the llamas at Volling Valley Ranch.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Friends of McIntosh are proud to offer annual scholarships every year of \$1,000 to local students who excel in their academic studies and are planning to attend college. Many times, we lose track of these wonderful students, and look forward to hearing how our donations helped them achieve their goals.

Former PK Yonge student Jessica Rhodes, who is now living in Keystone Heights, wrote the Friends of McIntosh to let us know that she graduated from high school in 1998 and used her scholarship to attend the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, where she graduated with a degree in Sports Management in 2002. She played on the UNF's softball team for four years. Jessica is now a teacher at Keystone Heights High School, where she also coaches the girls' basketball team and middle school softball team.



Jessica Ann Rhodes, 1998

Ms. Rhodes married Barry Marquart, also a UNF graduate with an electrical engineering degree, now working for Clay Electric. They are expecting their first child in May.

"Again, I would like to thank the Friends of McIntosh for believing in me and awarding me their scholarship. You have helped so many young people get a head start on their college and life careers. It is a wonderful thing you do. Thank you."



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# The Carriage House

In the 1920s and 1930s, the **J.K. Christian Packing House** was used to store merchandise for his mercantile store in McIntosh. It was also used to store fruits and vegetables shipped from the McIntosh/Orange Lake area on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. After the warehouse was no longer needed due to the elimination of the railroad route, it has been used for many purposes, from general storage and the manufacture of boat trailers to, most recently, an art studio. It is known as the Carriage House, and still houses many privately-owned antique horse carriages.

The **Friends of McIntosh** purchased the old warehouse from **Jack and Peggy Steele** in 1987, and have spent a considerable amount of money and time to restore the building back to its original charm. Many restorations have been done to the windows, floors, walls, roof and doors.

*The Carriage House as it stands today, after extensive restoration work by the Friends of McIntosh.*



*The J. K. Christian Packing House, before purchase and repairs.*



*Photo by David Dodder*

*The Train Depot, before restoration.*



*Photo by David Dodder*

# The Train Depot

The historic **McIntosh Train Depot**, once a booming train stop along the Florida Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads, now serves as the primary meeting place for the **Friends of McIntosh**, and houses many items of memorabilia pertaining to the history of McIntosh.

After the loss of the railroad route in 1940, the town of McIntosh began to lose much of its business and tourist trade, and residents either moved to find employment or stayed and struggled to keep their homes and businesses intact. The old Depot, no longer needed, fell into disrepair until the Friends of McIntosh was begun by concerned residents, who made it their primary purpose to preserve the history of McIntosh. They purchased the old Depot and restored it.

*The Train Depot today, as a museum containing priceless McIntosh history and the meeting place for the Friends of McIntosh.*



# The McIntosh Lions Club Celebrates 56 years of Community Service

One of the oldest service groups in the area, the **McIntosh Lions Club** has been a part of the McIntosh 1890s Day Festival since the annual event was first organized. Sales of food and drink at the Lions Club booth help to support a variety of charitable projects, including donations to the Lions Eye Bank, the Conklin Eye Center, Southeastern Guide Dogs, the Lions Camp for visually handicapped young people and the McIntosh Area School.

The **McIntosh Lions Club** also sponsors a Fourth of July Celebration at the grounds of the McIntosh town civic center. Activities include a bicycle parade, a variety of games, a cakewalk and good fun. Every Christmas, the club sponsors a visit to the area children, young and old, from "Santa Claus," and he has a jolly chat with everyone.

The club has also underwritten a number of continuing town projects, including maintenance of the community bulletin board, repair of the tennis court, the installation of childrens' playground equipment on the civic center grounds and the addition of tables, chairs and other items at the civic center.

Lion's Club members invite all men who have an interest in community service and fellowship to join the McIntosh Lions Club. For more information, call 591-5701 or 591-9686.

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## How well do YOU know McIntosh?

This year, we decided to add a new feature to the Gazette – a sort of "Where Is That (in McIntosh)?" for our town. The answers to all the locations is on page 28. See how many YOU can point out as you walk along the streets at this year's festival. All photos by David Dodder



A. Where is THIS? \_\_\_\_\_

CLUE: This cistern is behind the building that Mrs. Betty McKoon used to live and work in.

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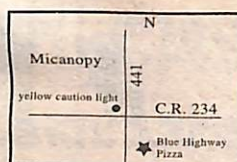
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## In the 1890s...

- The first locomotive to be built entirely in South Australia was completed in 1890.
- Vincent Van Gogh created the sketch below in the south of France, and sent it in a letter to his brother, Theo, in July of 1890.



"Old vineyard with  
peasant woman,"  
- Vincent Van Gogh

## George Ferreira invites you to come visit... The Ice House Gallery



Photo by David Dodder

The Ice House Gallery has been a growing business in McIntosh for 14 years now, it's previous use exactly what the name implies: an ice house.

Through a lot of hard work and sleepless nights, owner George Ferreira and his partners put a beautiful gallery together inside the old ice house, and that is where Ferreira still works today on his own unique art and furniture.

"We feature mostly Florida artists and our new show, which opens Nov. 17, is called "Big Wood, Big Paint," and will

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# ON THE MAIN STAGE

The McIntosh 1890s Festival and the Friends of McIntosh are proud to present the following entertainment, absolutely *free of charge* to the visitors and patrons at the festival:

9:00 a.m. The Osbornes

10:00 a.m. Jim Worthing

10:50 a.m. Karah Johns

11:00 a.m. Katie Brooks

12:00 p.m. Soul Purpose

1:00 p.m. Jim Worthing

2:00 p.m. Katie Brooks

3:00 p.m. Lake City Slickers (Bluegrass)

4:00 p.m. Tom Bryant (Whistlin' Tom)  
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Jim Worthing



Katie Brooks



Tom Bryant

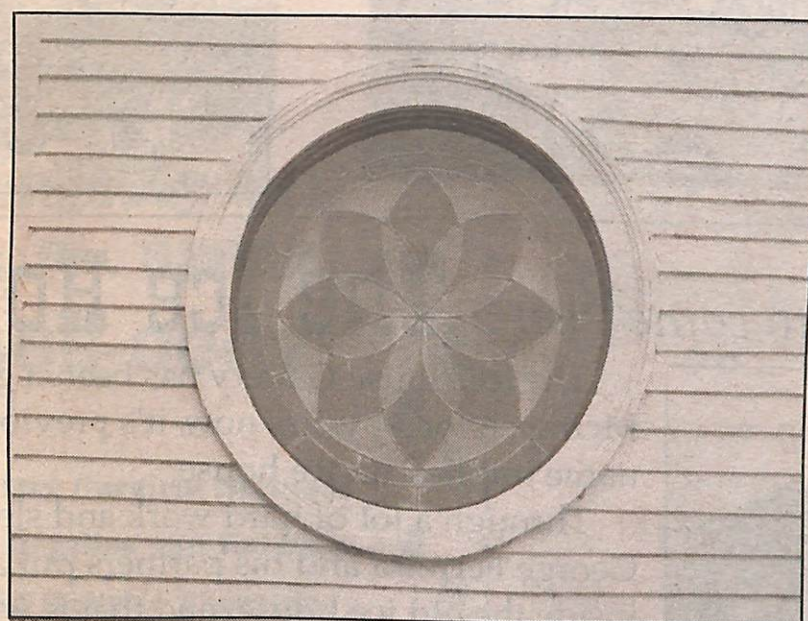
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## WHERE IS THIS? AND THIS?



B. This is at \_\_\_\_\_

CLUE: It's near a sports area.



C. This is at \_\_\_\_\_

CLUE: It's busy on Sunday.

## HOW ABOUT THIS?



D. This is at \_\_\_\_\_

CLUE: It's at the base of one of the largest trees in McIntosh



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### In the 1890s...



Ice was the only way that people in the 1890s had to keep their perishables cold, and men with horses and wagons went around the towns selling huge blocks of ice for home ice boxes.

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showcase large and panoramic canvases of Florida landscapes," Ferriera mentioned. "As for me, I'm just about through making another series of furniture from the used lathe of the old McIntosh Hotel." Ferriera's style of furniture and woodworking has really caught on with both visitors and locals who collect fine Floridian art. Ferriera calls the furniture he creates from the lathe "Florida Sticks." He also creates what he calls his "Florida Ranch" and "Fish Camp" pieces, both *totally and independently studio-crafted, one-of-a-kind*.

Ferriera likes using both Shaker and Japanese design in his work. Recently, the Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando commissioned him to create three "Florida Ranch" benches, and has asked him to design a couple of chairs as well for permanent installation at the museum.

Ferriera uses mostly indigenous woods, such as pitch pine, cypress and coconut. *But, Ferriera is also a salvager, never hesitating to look for old discarded wood from which to craft his work.*



George Ferriera of the Ice House Gallery

The Ice House Gallery features works in oils, acrylics, encaustics, ceramics and, of course, wood, by as many as 50 Florida artisans at a time. It's open from noon to five p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and during the week by appointment.

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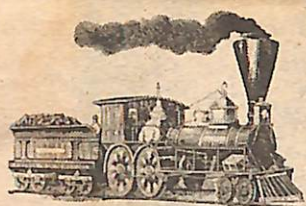
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The McIntosh Grocery is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

## Early McIntosh Gazettes...

Early McIntosh Gazettes featured a Children's Page, with a full sheet of paper doll images of Billie Bumps and Dolly Dingle (and their pull-cart horse, Toodles and Dolly's doll, Gypsy-Jane). Billie had a Rough-Rider's Suit and a Foot-Ball Suit, and Dolly had a Milk-Maid Costume, Roller-Skating Dress and a pair of Fine Rompers.

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# 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 Tom Lloyd)

Services held 11 a.m. on Sundays with bible study on Sunday evenings, 6 p.m.

This church of 70 members was 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

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:

## Lalla Gallagher

Lalla has been very busy with the Friends this year – and last year, she was instrumental in getting a Diaper Station installed at the Festival, which was a great help to all the new mothers! Lalla also works hard at the Information Booth. Lalla is working on a new logo for the Friends of McIntosh.

## Paul Kelly and Melvin Lanfair

Paul Kelly and Melvin Lanfair (now retired) work for the Town of McIntosh. Both Paul and Melvin constantly keep watch over the town utilities, keeping 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. Melvin retired from the Town of McIntosh in April, after working with the town for 13 years. He will surely be missed! Paul Kelly continues to work for the Town of McIntosh.



Paul Kelly, left, and Melvin Lanfair, right, retired

## Alex Kallenbach

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 word out about our Festival and coordinating all the media.

## Wylene Pearson and Hugh and Carolyn Brooks

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.

## Tim Cranis

Tim Cranis, of Serve All Catering, Inc., has been supplying our Festival for years with great food vendors and coordinates all of the ice, soft drinks, generators and food for the staff. Without Tim's help, the Festival would be a lot harder for all of us!

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## Julie Musselman

Julie Musselman, who took over as Town Clerk from Wylene Pearson in 2004 has worked tirelessly to keep all the paperwork up-to-date and the office neat and clean! Julie breezes through and keeps that smile on her face and in her heart. Thanks, Julie!



Town Clerk Julie Musselman



# Historic Homes of McIntosh

McIntosh has over 60 historic homes and buildings. Each building has a documented history, and is usually known by the names of the original 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 collecting the information used below, which took long hours of 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
30. Presbyterian Church, 1907
31. Baptist Church, 1903
32. Estridge House, 1898

## AVENUE E (EAST TO WEST)

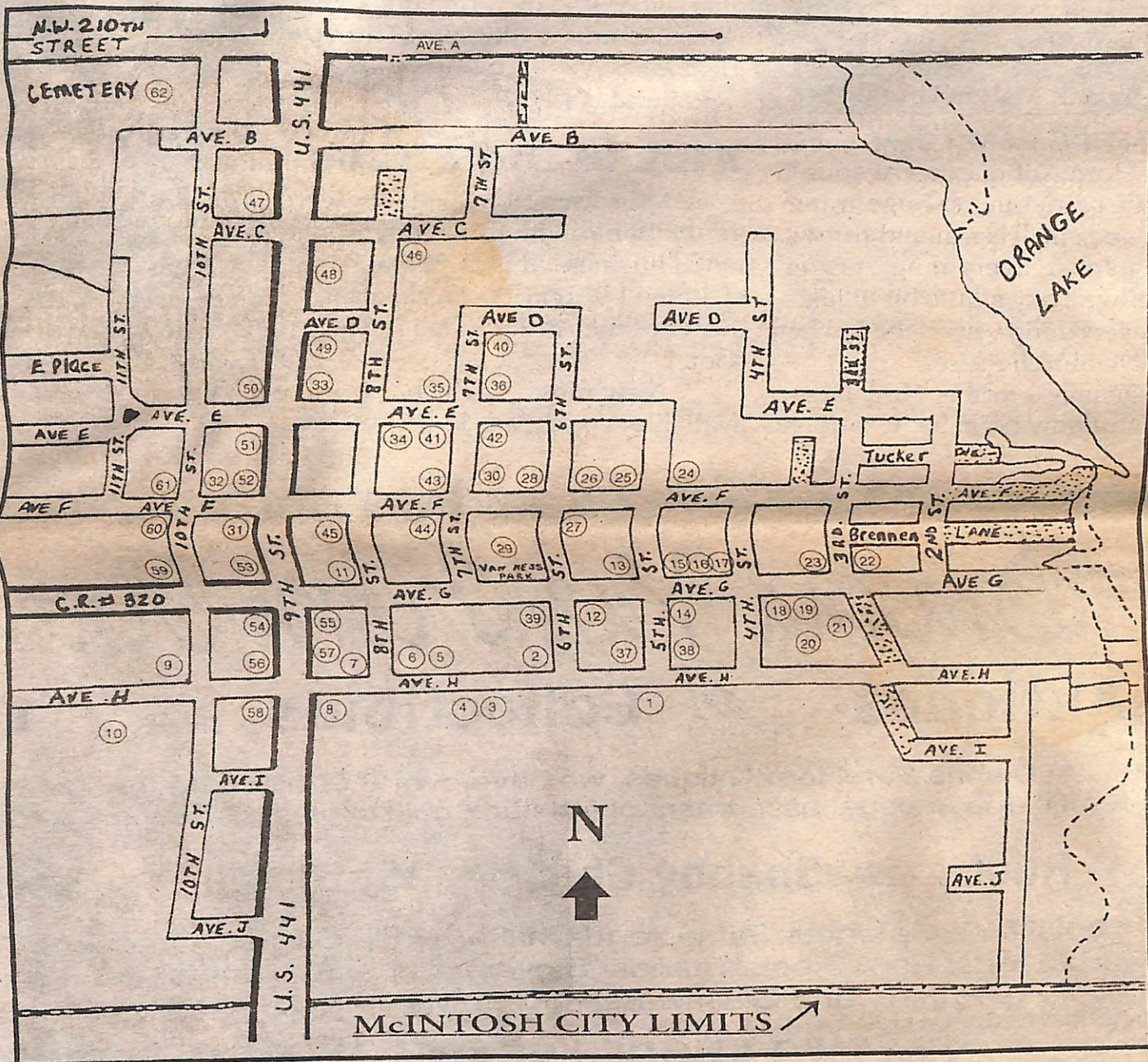
33. Archibald/Walton House, 1920
34. Murrell House, 1895
35. Farnbach House, 1915
36. Christian Church, 1904

## 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

## 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 shop on Hwy. 441, just a little north of town.

Both of the shops hours are the same: 10-2 on Mondays, closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday 10-2, Friday 10-3, Saturday 10-4 and Sundays 11-4.

## 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

## Antique Deli

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

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# The Windmill Gallery is a labor of love

Ask Sean Dowie, owner of The Windmill Gallery, what drove him to open an art gallery just outside McIntosh, and he'll tell you: a positive, undying love for this part of Florida. 'I came to this part of Florida often on visits and vacations. I just fell in love with it,' laughs Dowie, originally from south Florida.

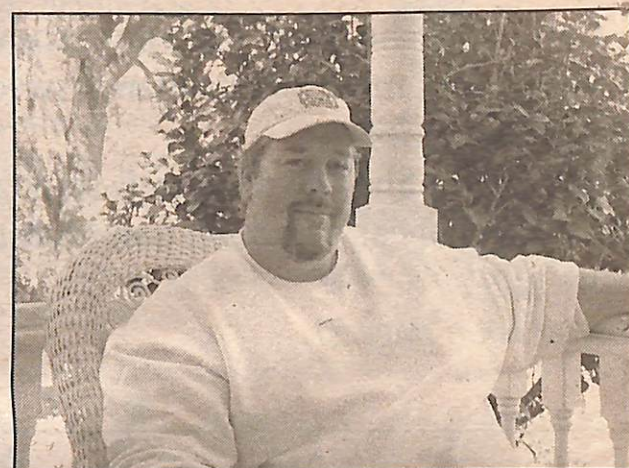
Sean is a professional photographer, traveling the state on assignment. Opening an art gallery is a big step, but one he is ready and willing to take. The gallery, set high on "The Hill," overlooks Orange Lake. The view from atop the old Orange Shop, run for many years by Ollie Huff, O.D.'s widow, is breathtaking, with its acres and acres of orange groves leading down to the large lake, once known as the best largemouth bass fishing spot in the state. Sean has the blessing of Ollie Huff, who divides her time living in Ocala, FL and Blowing Rock, NC, to open an art gallery in the old shop, which has been virtually unchanged since she left. "When the Big Freeze hit the groves, I just didn't have the heart to continue it. We bull-dozed up all the dead trees, replanted some, and let nature take it's course for awhile," remarked Huff, in July, 2006, from her home in Blowing Rock. "I do a lot of golfing now instead of loading up mesh bags of oranges."

Dowie's vision is clear: to show Florida artists in the gallery, and perhaps to reinvent the old Orange Shop a little. "I make this really good orange jam," he said, "so I want to sell some of that here. And, maybe we'll have a place for kids to do art."

Situated right on Highway 441, between Ocala and Gainesville, the Orange Shop was a landmark for years, with it's trademark windmill, standing sturdily just outside the gallery walls. "We're shooting for the opening to be in late fall," remarked Dowie. "We've had some setbacks, but we're moving right along."

Inside the building, some of the original pieces of equipment that belonged to the Orange Shop remain. Memorabilia of O.D. Huff and the empire he and Ollie built are still there, in the form of old promotional license plates, brochures and photos. Dowie plans to keep them all there, instilling them into the gallery as part of the charm of the place.

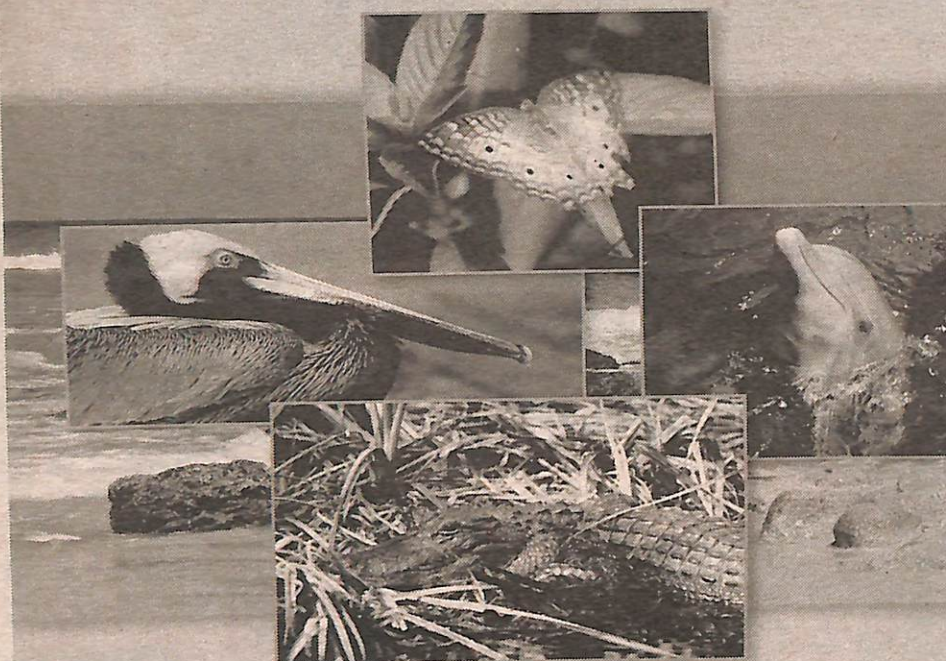
The official hours and opening days have not been set yet, but you can reach Sean Dowie at (352) 591-4644 for more information about the upcoming Windmill Gallery.



Sean Dowie, sitting on the front porch of his home in McIntosh

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# Who's This Lady?

Can anyone identify the photo shown at left of one of McIntosh's most beautiful and sweet-natured former residents?

Here's a hint: She was very well-spoken, intelligent and had a musical ear – and lived in McIntosh almost her entire life.

*Answer is on page 21.*

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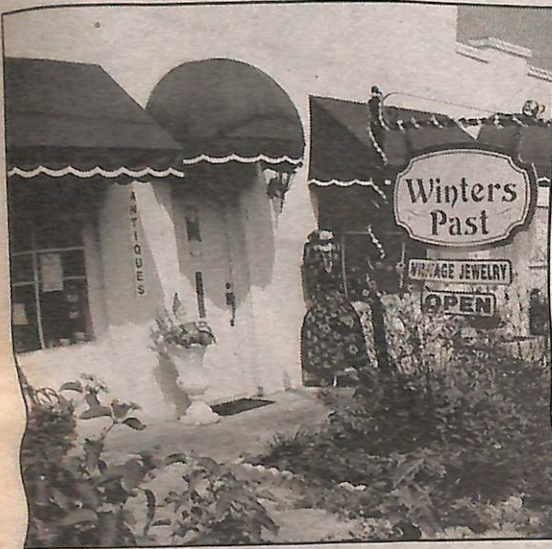
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# One of McIntosh's Historic Treasures: The Norsworthy House

The Norsworthy House (1890) is one of McIntosh's greatest treasures. Currently owned and occupied by **Dennis and Lalla Gallagher**, it is a fine example of an old Victorian Revival farmhouse, with a massive wooden staircase and six fireplaces. The house was originally lit by gas through an extensive network of pipes, and was one of the only houses in town at the time that had interior gas lighting. Almost all the homes in the area at the time had walls or fences to keep pigs and cows out of the yards, and the Norsworthy house is known for its beautiful rock wall. The wall had been built by W.G. Norsworthy's brother, a stonemason, prior to WWI. The stone bench in the front corner of the yard has been used as a "courting bench" by many former residents of McIntosh. The original kitchen was built separately from the main house, and was connected by a breezeway, which was the fashion at the time, both for safety and comfort purposes (fire was a real danger to the wooden homes, and also made the interiors almost unbearable to work in during the summer heat).

The house was originally built for William M. Gist, one of the founders of McIntosh, who moved here from Maryland in the 1880s with his wife, Alice (Fenby). In May of 1885, he helped survey the town for previous owners, Percy and Eugene Van Ness of Baltimore. Blocks were platted 300 feet square and this pattern has rarely been changed. At some point, plots of land were offered to prospective buyers who would build a house of certain value. J.S. Neal, another founding member, took him up on his offer and began building a house on the property. A lightning strike burned the incompleated house down, and soon after, William Gist purchased the land and had a house built. He lived in it and built another house, selling the original home to W.G. Norsworthy. It was turned into apartments in 1946. Eric and Sandy Weidegreen bought the house in June of 1975 and restored it to its original appearance. In 1993, Roberta Beam bought the house, and it is now owned by Dennis and Lalla Gallagher.

Along with the historic Norsworthy House in McIntosh, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, is a second Norsworthy House in Jacksonville, Fl. This house was owned by Lillian Edith Norsworthy, known as Aunt Tay by her niece, Marie Meadowcroft, who currently resides in Mount Pleasant, SC. According to Mrs. Meadowcroft, her Aunt Tay bought and lived in



Photo courtesy of Marie Meadowcroft

An early photo of the Norsworthy House, 20630 7th Street (Corner of Avenue F and 7th Street)



A wedding photo of William George (W.G.) Norsworthy and his bride, Lillian (Dupuy), circa 1880



Photos courtesy of Marie Meadowcroft

Marie Meadowcroft's mother, Edna Dupuy Norsworthy, left and an unidentified friend on the right

the home for over thirty years, and was also lived in by Louise Norsworthy and her brother, Walter. They, along with three other children, are buried in the Norsworthy plot in McIntosh. Marie Meadowcroft inherited the house upon the death of her Aunt Lou, but the house had fallen into such a state of disrepair, it was too much for her to do. It is now restored and is in the Historic Springfield District in Jacksonville.





Photo courtesy of Marie Meadowcroft

The Norsworthy Family (left to right): Walter Norsworthy, Lillian Edith Norsworthy, George Norsworthy, Ella Norsworthy, Ralph Norsworthy, William George Norsworthy, Edna Dupuy Norsworthy, Lillian Dupuy Norsworthy and Louise Norsworthy (circa 1904)



A beautiful sketch done of the Norsworthy House in McIntosh, 1986, by Marie Meadowcroft's oldest daughter, Annette Neukirch



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## Who's That Lady?

The lovely lady pictured on page 18 of this year's Gazette was Ms. Lois Dickson, a piano teacher for many years in McIntosh, and also a former reporter of the Ocala Star-Banner. Ms. Dickson was born in 1897, and passed away in 1979.

## Wilshire Walkup passes on

The residents of McIntosh are deeply saddened by the passing of one of the icons of its history, Wilshire Walkup. He passed away in April of 2006, just a few months after his beloved wife, Margaret, succumbed to cancer.

## In the 1890s...

Prudence Crandall, a schoolteacher raised as a Quaker, died in 1890. Crandall stirred controversy with her education of black girls in Canterbury, CT. Her school was boycotted when she admitted a 20-year old black female student into her school for education.

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# Schools Have Always Been Important in McIntosh

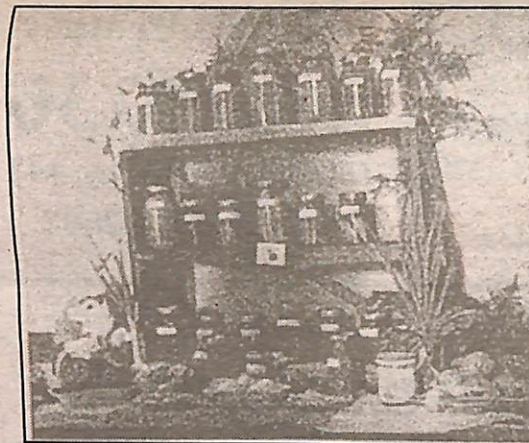
In the new school's curriculum the academics are infused and enlivened by art and music. Morning rituals begin each day with the whole school in attendance, setting a tone of wonder and gratitude. Children gain self-esteem and confidence through hands on experiences. In kindergarten, students begin weekly water color painting sessions. Beginning in first grade students play the recorder and begin handwork classes. Third graders attend to the process of gardening each year, planting a variety of vegetables. Students grow a loving connection to the earth. Third grade salad parties are very special occasions. We have local volunteers who help with these activities. One volunteer, Jack McRay, when a student at the old school, worked in the school garden that was used to feed the students in the cafeteria.



From left to right, the students pictured are Jessica Jenkins, Isabella Nelson, and Alexis Peacock.

The McIntosh Lion's Club, The McIntosh Seedling Garden Club, The Masonic Lodge of Micanopy, the Friends of McIntosh, and the local churches have all been supportive of the school. Also each family volunteers

20 hours each year to the school. They care deeply about the welfare of children. That love and nurturing attitude is modeled for our students. Our vision is to create a learning environment which cares about, supports, encourages and expects adherence to high academic, social, and moral standards. The same mission as the three McIntosh school's before us.



Food that was "put up" from the 1930s garden for the cafeteria.



Jack McRae and classmates working in the 1930s school's garden.



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# The McIntosh Area School Receives Donation

McIntosh has been fortunate in having a wonderful school system in the past, and is now very proud and grateful to have another progressive school in our town.

The McIntosh Area School is a community school that cares about and supports a high academic and moral standard. It is a learning environment that encourages all students to aim a little higher and achieve personal academic growth, self-esteem and mutual respect for all people.

This past March, the Friends of McIntosh heartily donated \$1,000 to the McIntosh Area School.

The Friends of McIntosh



From left to right: Friends' President Charlsie Stott, and school board members Lee Deaderick, Principal Shirley Lane and Linda McCollum

have always supported education, and have generously donated scholarships to local area students entering college. This year, the decision was made to include a donation to the McIntosh Area School as well.



Shirley Lane loves to show off the handiwork of the students of the McIntosh Area School. Here, she proudly talks about all the hard work the children have done putting in a garden. "It's just like the old days, when the children of the previous McIntosh schools grew all their own food," Lane relates. "The whole school participated. They grew the garden, then canned their harvest."

Principal Lane has reason to be proud of her students, and not only because they have a "growing" interest in the school. In an A school district of 31 elementary schools, the students' scores were 8th in math and 5th in reading on last year's FCAT. The school has begun to receive capitol outlay funding and will be able to build a new building. There is over \$130,000 in the building fund, which has been raised by the community in three years.



The student body of the McIntosh Area School stand for a group photo with the Masons during a tribute to 9-11.



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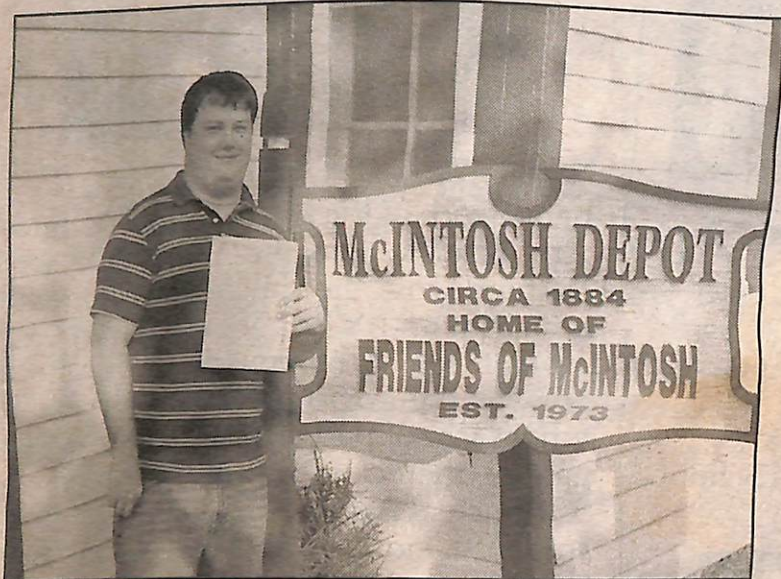
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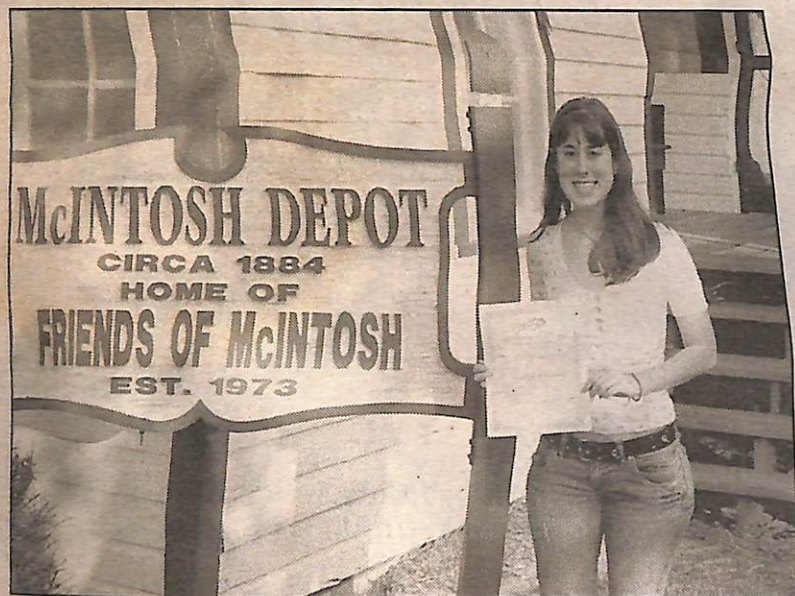


# Friends of McIntosh Scholarship Winners

The Friends of McIntosh are proud to offer annual scholarships every year to deserving students who are from or live in the local area. Each scholarship is \$1,000 and this year the winners were Kayla McKee, Katlyn Woodruff, Suzanne Hover and Brandon Dixon.



**Brandon Dixon** – Graduated from North Marion High School; Plans to attend the University of North Florida and study business administration.



**Katlyn Woodruff** – Graduated from Gainesville High School; Plans to attend Santa Fe Community College and study biotechnology.



**Suzanne Hover** – Graduated from Vanguard High School; Plans to attend the University of Florida and study family and youth community services.



**Kayla McKee** – Graduated from Gainesville High School and plans to attend Santa Fe Community College and study nursing.

**Congratulations to all the 2006 Scholarship Winners from the Friends of McIntosh and we urge all of them to continue with their studies and wish them success in their chosen fields!**



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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 on U.S. 441, plantings in Van Ness Park and later plantings of



crepe myrtles in McIntosh Cemetery. They worked with 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.

# The Horse Protection Association of Florida

The Friends of McIntosh voted to open up small vendor areas to three worthy charities last year, and this year, one of our charities is again the Horse Protection Association of Florida. They 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. The phone number is (352) 466-4366, FAX (352) 466-4072 and e-mail: hpaf@bellsouth.net. The web site is [www.hpaf.org](http://www.hpaf.org)

## Where is it?



Where is THIS?

CLUE: This used to sound out a loud alarm when blazes would occur.

## In the 1890s...

Coffee was 33¢ per pound, unbleached muslin was 6¢ per yard, cakes of soap were 5¢ and a farm wagon could be bought for \$50. (These prices taken from Tariff Tract #3, 1890, Library of Congress)

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## Ursula's Beauty Salon



Ursula Melvin has worked at her beauty salon by the McIntosh Post Office for 23 years.

Ursula purchased the historic 1925 building in 1987, and it has become a local landmark. As well as running her business in McIntosh, Ms. Melvin also lived here for many years until she sold her residence in 2005. The business is also for sale now as well, but Ursula continues to provide quality hair care for many of her regular patrons.

Ursula specialized in perms, colors, styles, washes and cuts. "This is a family hair-care

salon, which means I do it all – children, men, women..." laughs Ursula. Call for appointment – (352) 591-3374.



Ursula Melvin

## In the 1890s

- On Jan. 2, 1890, a record 19'2" alligator was shot in Louisiana by E A McIlhenny. McIlhenny is also known for developing a hot sauce he named...Tabasco.
- On May 2, 1890, the Territory of Oklahoma was established.

## 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."

Last year, the fundraiser for the Trust was the raffle of a vintage tulip-patterned quilt. This year, the fundraiser for the Trust will be the sale of Fried Fish at a food booth at the Festival.

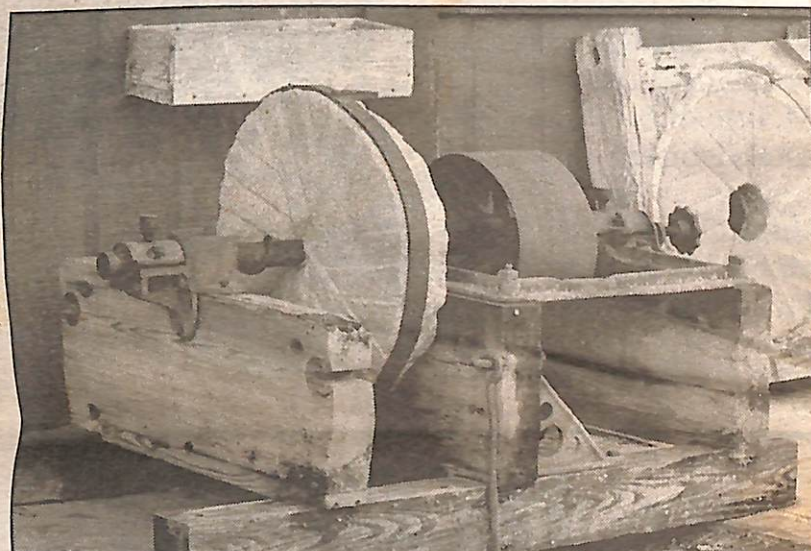
President June Glass urges everyone to come by and get themselves a great fish dinner and help the cause of historic preservation in the Town of McIntosh.

## Where is this?

E. This is at

CLUE: This old apparatus sits outside a building in McIntosh that used to serve fresh baked goods and breads...

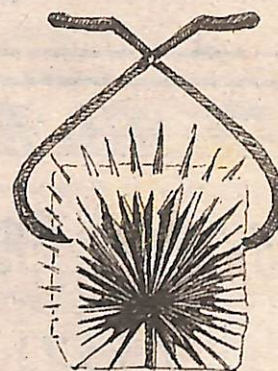
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## Stop by the old Depot for Kids' Events!

The Old Train Depot in McIntosh will be the spot for the kids to get their faces painted (free of charge) and there will be a train ride this year, too. So, make sure you come on out to the Depot while you're shopping at the Festival!

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## Thanks to Progress Energy



The Friends of McIntosh heartily thank the fine people at Progress Energy for their annual donation and for their continued support of our festival!

## Mac's Garage open for business

Ben McCollum is not exactly new in town. He was raised here in McIntosh, and he and his wife Jenny are expecting their second child in October. However, Ben, who has been working with his father at Superior Truck Tops in McIntosh, is developing his own business on site, Mac's Garage.

In addition to selling truck toppers, Ben also offers the following: auto maintenance (ASA certified mechanic on staff), aluminum fabrication, air-conditioning work and a complete line of automotive and truck accessories.

If you need anything in the automotive or truck line, call Ben before you look elsewhere. The phone number at Mac's Garage is 591-2026, and you can also

e-mail Ben at  
ben  
jammer@  
alltel.net.



## In the 1890s...

If you think you have it bad, read this: By 1890, no Native American peoples anywhere in the West lived freely on their own land -- and even the reservations on which they struggled to survive were being broken up under the Dawes Act. Congress had cut appropriations. Rations were drastically reduced. There were deadly epidemics of measles, influenza and whooping cough.

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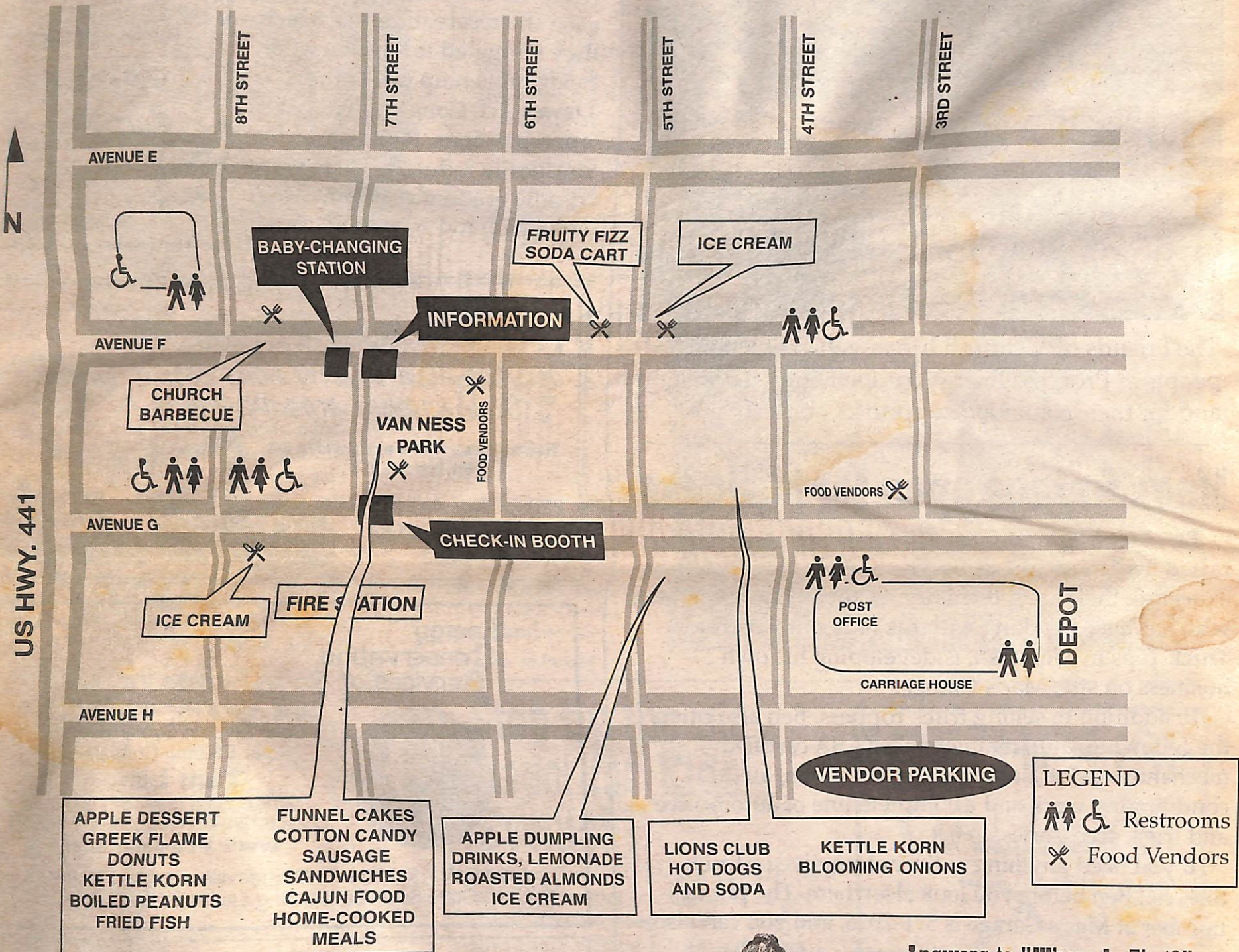
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Alfred Ford (Apple Dumpling)  
Sungate (Cotton Candy)  
Old Fashion (Ice Cream)  
Caryn Gilley (Donuts)  
Queen's Apples (Apple Dessert)  
McIntosh United Methodist Church (BBQ)  
Robert Taylor (Ice Cream, Roasted Almonds)  
Ali Glover (Drinks and Lemonade)

Tim Cranis (Sausage)  
Curtis Musgrove (Sandwiches)  
Darlene Lloyd (Kettle Korn)  
McIntosh Lions Club  
(Hot Dogs and Soda)  
Randy Kyte (Cajun Food)  
Linda Freeny (Home-Cooked Meals)  
McIntosh Historic Preservation Trust (Fried Fish)  
Winnie's Boiled Peanuts



## Answers to "Where Is That?"

- This old cistern is at the McIntosh Hotel, across from the Post Office.
- This is the water fountain at the tennis courts by the Civic Center.
- This is a window at the Methodist Church.
- This figurine is at the corner of Ave. F and 5th St.
- This is the old fire alarm at the fire station on Ave. G
- This is a stone grinding mill in front of the old McIntosh Bakery and Cafe, across from the McIntosh Hotel.