Bagdad Village-Wide Yard Sale

Sept. 15th, Saturday, 8am—2pm
Come stroll, browse, shop and walk the quaint streets of historic Bagdad

Low hanging moss in live oaks, picket fences, dirt alleys, large wood windows, wood shutters, wood lap siding, front porches, old brick chimneys, deep dark black river water and 172 years of a rich history makes Bagdad more than just a walk in the park. Be careful, it will draw you in.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the streets of Bagdad will display possibly the areas largest collection of local yard sales in one walk-able location. Reflective of days gone by when nothing was disposed up, discarded or trashed. There was no garage pick up or hauling to a dump because there was no garbage or items to throw away. Everything was used, reused, restored, refurbished or regenerated for the next generation to use and cherish.

While walking and looking, grab a sausage dog, homemade ice cream, popcorn and an ice cold drink at the Village Center. And don’t forget the historic Sweet Tooth barber shop where savory sweets and homemade treats await attention.

SAUSAGE DOGS—HOT DOGS—DRINKS
homeMADE ice cream
LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Today, one man’s ceiling is another man floor, one man’s loss is another’s gain. What one does not need, another may cherish for a life time. Come see what Bagdad’s historic residents, churches and community can offer your family and pick out a little something for yourself.

Free spaces for yard sale vendors in the Village Center
First reserved—First served—See page 11 for details
CALL 850-293-5349 or EMAIL Michael@VillageHomesandLand.com to reserve a booth
NOTE: SORRY, NO FOOD VENDORS, PLEASE. FOOD PROVIDED BY BVPA
Also, feel free to have your own yard sale on your own property
GOOD TIMES IN BAGDAD

Burning of Bagdad happened almost to the day 150 years ago. It was portrayed on the original street with some of the ordinal structures present in the dear old Village of Bagdad. An event when Confederate troops burned the mill, the mill inventory and many homes of mill owners. Patrick Nooner, Eli Chandler, and scores of other re-enactors and living history participates portrayed the event of May 1862 when Southern Troops were ordered to burn the mill to prevent the use of materials and supplies being used by Northern troops. Pictures are worth a thousand words:

Casablanca in Bagdad A black tie evening in the Museum, not unlike the days of Humphrey Bogart in the all time classic movie Casablanca. Singer Kathy Lyons presented an outstanding performance of live music of Casablanca while being accompanied by a talented pianist playing our 19th century square grand piano. With Moroccan décor, foods and drink of the period the museum was turned into Rick’s Café. A night to remember, indeed.
Museum Lecture
Series 2012

Get off your porch and start making plans to catch a lecture at the museum for a true culture outing and adventures into interesting and intriguing subjects. The year is filled with lecturers filled with intrigue and wonder. View Website for times. Lectures are the first Saturday of each month except January and December and begin at 10 am. It is held at the Bagdad Museum at 4512 Church St. in Bagdad and is free to the public and refreshments are served. Come meet friends, old and new, at the Bagdad Lecture Series.

Bagdad
Makes Florida book

The Civil War Historic Sites in Bagdad according to the State of Florida are:
- Village of Bagdad
- Bagdad Village Museum
- Thompson House
- Bagdad Cemetery

Recently published by the State of Florida, this 84 page book also covers all Civil War events, battles and trails in the entire state. Get your complimentary copy from the museum for a donation.

EDITORIAL

Beginnings
by Michael Johnson, president
Bagdad Village Preservation Association

There is much to be said about the first phase of anything, the commencement, the opening, the start, the ‘beginning’. Our first memories, our first experiences, our first kiss, will always remain fresh as a daisy. Regardless of our desire or need to remember, or, possible necessity to forget our beginnings, they hang like a ghost, an angel, or, God forbid a demon, just off the stage of life behind the edge of the curtain. They hide like an welcomed or un-invited character which stands ready, at any moment, to pounce onto our stage like a bad or good dream. What might be a scary thought to some, our beginnings influence ‘who we are’, ‘why we are’ and, most importantly ‘what we have or may become’.

In 1938 a young black man in his 20’s took a guitar to a recording studio in Mississippi, set down on a stool where he played and sang 12 blues songs he had written. At the time, this seemingly insignificant studio recording session remained obscure and forgotten and the unknown artist, named Robert Johnson, died the following year.

That providential recording session produced the most ‘covered’ song writer in American history. To cover a song means to redo or alter a song while dancing on the edge of the melody but never, ever changing the words. A good example of covering a song is the our National Anthem. At thousands of sport games, it has been performed by everyone from symphonies to rock bands. The melody must remain, thou strained and bent, but the lyrics can never be changed.

Legendary black blues men like Muddy Waters, Lighting Hopkins, John Lee Hooker, Hubert Sumlin and other beloved black musicians like BB King, Albert King, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Robert Randolph, and Jimmy Hendrics have all covered Robert Johnson’s songs named Crossroads, Ramblin on my Mind, Walking Blues, Steady Rollin Man, Little Queen of Spades, the Devil Blues and many others.


In 1968 the Allman Brothers Band came to realize its creative musical style or prowess. This historic beginning of Southern rock was a mix of blues and rock cooked up by two young boys named Gregg and Duane Allman from Macon, Ga. Duane Allman, a foremost renowned guitar player, died in a motorcycle accident in 1971, but the dye had been cast. The band continued to progress in new and interesting styles and forms of the Southern music creation. But attend any Allman Brothers concert today (40 years removed) and the songs of their ‘beginning’ in the 1960’s still garner the most praise and appreciation by fans.

Like a finger print or DNA test, the birth of their music continues to be known and recognized as part of their identity. At concerts the brothers must play Mountain Jam, Southbound, Whipping Post and other songs from their first album. They may progress in their music but they cannot deny or break the chain of their ‘beginning’.

And so it goes. There is a manifested and dedicated reverence of ‘beginnings’. Who we are, how we came to be and what started all this? Beginnings may or may not be fabulous, majestic or grand, but they remain the ‘beginning’. They are our start, our birth, our first, our founding.

In 2012, the country’s founding father’s words are still important and relevant. Tough many times bend and slanted, the principals and concepts of our ‘beginning’ as a nation, will remain relevant, applicable, achievable and significant.

No matter where our dear Village of Bagdad may go in the future or what might become of its present status, quality, or importance, it will always be remembered, influenced and cherished for its ‘beginnings’. The over 170 years of Bagdad history will always remain its heart, its soul, its destiny, its song………defining who, what, why and how it came to be.

Bagdad’s quaintness, solitude, historical majesty, importance, all run deep on a firm foundation just like the first 3 words of the most printed book of all time, “In the beginning”. O
Adelia Rosasco-Soule and her Panhandle Memories

The indomitable Adelia or Miss Adelia or Miss Baby depending on what age you see her life is somewhat of a legend in her beloved Florida Panhandle, a genuine Faulkner like personality who lived a life of near epic proportions. "I have been most everywhere, done most everything, save going to jail, swimming naked and smoking opium", she says with pure Rosasco candor.

Born in Genoa, Italy in 1901, moving with her family to frontier Northwest Florida in 1902 and the daughter of a lumber barren and owner of Bay Point Lumber Mill, Miss Baby began early in her life becoming an outspoken, proud descendent of Italian intrigue and posterity. Her detail accounts of life ‘in the frontier’ on Garcon Point peninsula in Santa Rosa County beginning in 1902, is beyond measure in detail and fascination.

Interesting accounts of details make her book a must read for anyone interested in early Northwest Florida and early family life in Santa Rosa County. From her accounts of the boat the Tampa, life at Bay Point mill, and her recanting of Bagdad mill, possibly the largest economic concern at the turn of the 20th Century in Florida, brings to mind through the eyes of a child and young adult, life in the rugged frontier in our area. And be careful, she names names, places and things…… in detail.

From the book:

And so it was with the account of the Man of God. On the happy days that I go to Milton, I find myself always taking the Bagdad cutoff. Why? To be able to ride by slowly and study a white and green house: dear old Dr. Humphreys manse. I guess I could say parsonage, but he always called it the “the manse”. Dr. Humphreys fought in the Civil War with Lee at Appomattox and often held the bridle of the long since dead Traveler, General Robert E. Lee’s horse.

Dr. Cravet W. Humphreys, man of the cloth, Southern gentleman, scholar of Latin & Greek, cultured, cultivated and benign, was my friend. I learned that after Appomattox, he returned home to find only two chimneys standing on the plantation, he and others gleaned corn to roast and deceived themselves into believing it was coffee; planted sweet potatoes and prayed that they would grow quickly.

Dr. Humphreys did as he was requested by Robert E. Lee at the surrender at Appomattox; he tried to forget and surely to forgive because that was the Christian message. His words would soften, he would look away, and his voice took on a tender drop at the end of the telling. The doctor helped me connect to the United States, his by birth and mine by adoption. I feel I have always shared a part of the history of this country through Dr. Humphreys. To me, a hero and a man of God.

The last paragraph of the book:

Mrs. Thompson of Bagdad (of the famous Thompson House) was hard against liquor, wine and spirits in any form, and stingy to boot. Poor soul, she grew up after the War Between the States and knew hard times, like roasted corn for coffee and ‘long sweeting’ for sugar (cane syrup). She had Mary Pryor for their washwoman. Madam paid Aunt Mary’s boy $1.50 to fetch and wash the clothes. Mrs Thompson had four men in her household, excusing the women, so that made for a heap of shirts. There was her husband the Judge [her husband] the oldest boy Harry Thompson (noted savior of the Pensacola Navy Yard) who learned to fly airplanes in the first war, Mr. Larry Scott and Mr. Wirt Walker, named for Mr. Thompson’s father who lived with the family. The judge knew his wife was stingy, so he made up for it. He told the Pryor boy to come by the courthouse after delivering the clothes and pick up some silver. Every Saturday, he did just that, and Mrs. Thompson thought she had saved a dollar and a half. Good woman, but pitifully stingy; even her face was pinched.

Adelia was designated Poet Laureate of Northwest Florida by ordinance of Santa Rosa and Escambia counties and the city of Milton and Pensacola in 1986. The declaration was signed by Pensacola Mayor Vince Whibbs, Milton Mayor John Gray, Escambia County Chairman Commissioner Willie Junior and Santa Rosa Chairman Commissioner William Carrol. Panhandle Memories is published by West Florida Literary Federation and the Pensacola Press Club, Oct. 1987.
After the Burning of Bagdad

150 years ago, April last of this year, the burning of Bagdad occurred in history and reenacted in Bagdad May last at the annual Mill Days event. Here is a paragraph from a letter from Alex C. Blount (Blount Building, Blount Street and Blount School) of Pensacola to the Governor of the State of Florida, John Milton who was elected governor in Nov. 1860, was the governor-elect when then Governor Perry presided over the succession of Florida from the Union. One month later John Milton was sworn in as governor of Florida which was then in the Confederate States of America.

Letter written less one month after the burning of Bagdad begins:

From A.C. Blount, Destruction of Mill, etc. at Milton

Pensacola
April 8, 1862

Governor John Milton,

In compliance with your request, I submit to you the information you desired upon the subject of the destruction of Mills and other property in this vicinity by order of the Military Authorities [Union troops].

The Mill burners were of a detachment of 100 men, under the command of Leunt. Col. Beard accompanied by Alex McVoy who acted as pilot and counselor to Beard.

Following is a paragraph pertaining to Bagdad. There are other paragraphs, not shown here, concerning other areas on the Blackwater and Escambia River areas

Then to Bagdad to E.E. Simpson Co., burnt all the mills, lumber and grist mill containing 500 bushels of Corn. When applied to for leave [asked to leave] to removed the corn, it was reused and the corn burnt. Burned the negro quarters. A fine building and contents belonging to Mr. Benjamin Overman, and two other private residences. Also several vessels lying at the wharf and every flat boat at the place, leaving nothing in which the river could be crossed. Also, Machine and Blacksmith shops and everything of the kind in [on] the way to the port. They met Mr. Simpson with his family on a small steamer bound for their office containing an iron safe in which were papers of the Forsyth estate amounting in value to between $3+400,000 [$300,000 to $400,000], [they] were not allowed time to remove anything from safe, large piles of lumber near Simpson’s dwelling house were fired, thou, requested by Mr. Simpson to delay the burning until night when the wind would have lulled [calmed] or to fire the lumber at such points as would not damage his house which cost $40,000, this was refused and his house caught fire several times, but was extinguished by the negroes with his own fire engine.

(The closing of the letter follows) The effect of this unnecessary wanton and atrocious vandalism reaches much beyond the individuals who have suffered. This Milling business was the only support of Milton, St [Santa Rosa] County and contributed in no little degree to the prosperity of Pensacola. The sudden and utter destruction of the basis of that which it has cost 30 years to build up and establish completely annihilates the population of St [Santa Rosa] County and inflicts a stab upon Pensacola she will not recover from for many years, and the Government which allowed and permitted, unrebuked, such an uncalled for act of atrocity upon its people, does not deserve the countenance of any honest man or patriot and I have yet to hear any other opinion than that of utter condemnation of the act.

I would have complied with your request upon this subject sooner, but have delayed that I might be able to give you the true statement of the matters derived from persons who were conversant therewith.

Respectfully Your Official Servant,

(signed) Alex C. Blount

Letter provided by Roy Oberto, West Florida Education Coordinator West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. and William J. Overman, Jr. decedent of Benjamin Overman, Bagdad mill partner 1850-1861 and Confederate Civil War veteran born 1797, died 1888 at age 91, buried in St. Michaels Cemetery near E. E. Simpson.

Upcoming BVPA Events in 2012

MAKE NOTE

Sept 8th
Museum Sat. 10am
Dr. Charles D’Asaro speaks on Hidden Wildlife in Bagdad

September 15th
Bagdad-Wide Yard Sale

October 27th
Bagdad Plein Paint Out

December 1st
Bagdad Heritage Tour

December 15th
Christmas Gala, a black tie affair in the Museum
Passings in 3’s

Maybe you don’t believe what you have heard from your grandparents that ‘death comes in 3’s’. It just seems a little farfetched. Then comes a week in July of 2012 when 3 long standing, long time involved and dedicated Bagdad residents pass away in one week. Betty Lewis, John Davis and Lee Lariviere were all beloved Bagdadians.

On Monday, the wake of Betty Lewis and her funeral on Tuesday, followed by the wake of John Davis on Wednesday and his funeral on Thursday. Lee Lariviere’s family decided to have a memorial service later. If the Lariviere family had used the wake and funeral formula, family and friends of all three would have attended the local Lewis Funeral Home 6 straight days in a row.

John H. Davis

John H. Davis 73 years of age lived all his life in Bagdad, Florida. He was born in old Sacred Heart Hospital on 12th Avenue, Pensacola, Fl. to Leo Vance Davis, Sr. and Lois Sindorf Davis in November of 1938.

He attended the historic Bagdad United Methodist Church. He was educated in Bagdad, Milton, and Sewanee Military Academy. He later attended Florida State University and studied engineering at the University of Alabama.

After serving a tour of duty with the United States Army in Germany and France, he returned to his beloved Bagdad. He joined the engineering firm of Phillip R. Jones and Associates as a Mechanical Engineer and was the last remaining partner in the firm of what is now known as PRJ Associates LLC.

He was a member of an engineering organization, ASHRAE. He served his community as Chief of Bagdad Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years. He took an active part in Bagdad Village Preservation Association and Bagdad Waterfronts, Florida. He enjoyed his RV club, the Emerald Coast Sandpipers. He also became a member of the Blackwater Pyrates, but his failing health prevented him from being as active as he wished. John loved the outdoors and enjoyed a lifetime of camping, boating, and fishing. He was also a long standing member of the Florida State Seminole Booster Club.

John was preceded in death by both parents, his brother Leo V. Davis, Jr., his first wife Susan Melson Davis, and his niece, Emily Watts.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 44 years, Janet (Jan) Davis, his daughter Amelia (Amy) Davis, Sister-in-Law Alice Davis, a niece LoisAnn (Doug) Watts, and their children, Miranda and Davis of Atlanta, Georgia.

Active Pallbearers: Bud Allen, Fred Cotton, Doug Lasater, Will Meloy, Kenny Cranford, and Dr. Bill Scott. Honorary Pallbearers: Jack Locklin, Sr., Dwayne King, Ronnie Arnold, Emerald Coast Sandpipers, and Blackwater Pyrates.

Betty Bishop Lewis

Betty Bishop Lewis of Bagdad, Florida, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother was born on June 1, 1937, and passed after a heroic battle with cancer on June 8, 2012. A native of Moselle, Mississippi, she married James Richard Lewis, her high-school sweetheart in 1958, and in 2008, Betty and Richard celebrated a golden wedding anniversary.

Betty attended Milton High School and earned bachelors and masters degrees from Florida State University. Like her parents, Vernetta and Harvey Bishop, Betty was a skilled, dedicated, and accomplished educator, teaching elementary school in Venice, Florida, tutoring children in Frederick, Maryland, and serving as guidance counselor in Fort Myers, Florida, and Yorktown, Virginia. Upon retirement, Betty and Richard returned to Bagdad to build their dream house, where Betty’s skills as a planner and master gardener made her yard and greenhouse a neighborhood showplace. She was especially talented with roses and camellias.

Betty served with numerous community groups, including Bagdad Elementary School, Santa Rosa Master Gardeners, and most recently as president of the Bagdad Village Preservation Association.

Betty was devoted to children, first her own, Tony, Shelley, and Catherine, then to her many nieces and nephews, and finally to the hundreds of children she taught. She was a gourmet cook, who would experiment with exotic dishes such as Indian curry, but could also make wonderful Southern favorites such as biscuits, pot roast, and tomato gravy.

Betty is survived by her husband, James Richard Lewis and her children: Richard Anthony "Tony" Lewis (wife Jae-Hwa Shin and their children Christian and Colin), Shelley Andrew (husband Bill Andrew, and their children Benjamin and Sarah), and Catherine Lewis (husband, John Companiotte and daughter Emma). She is also survived by beloved sisters Bobbie Jernigan and her husband George "Bunny" Jernigan; Elaine Williams and her husband Oswell "Ozzie" Williams; and sisters-in-law Joan Baxley and her husband Glenn "Peanut" Baxley; Ina Ferguson; and Ann Rader and her husband Robert Rader, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lee Lariviere

Lionel W. Lariviere, Sr., known by friends and family alike as Lee Lariviere, age 81 of Bagdad, went home to be with our Lord and Savior on June 6, 2012. He was born July 21, 1930 in Lewiston, Maine and in 1948 joined the U. S. Navy and served during the Korean War. He is preceded in death by his wife Marjorie Sue Lariviere, a longtime resident of Bagdad.

He is survived by his son, Lionel William Lariviere, Jr.; daughter, Sharon Kay (Lariviere) Metzger; son, Phillip Charles Lariviere and son, Michael Earl Lariviere; 14 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 12 Noon Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Bagdad that will memorialize both Lee and Marjorie Lariviere, both long time residents of the Bagdad Community. Lariviere’s last wish was that everyone not only remembers him, but the wife who loved and helped him threw his life as he loved and helped her.
Help Make It Happen—Send Your Membership Today

The BVPA does not receive major funding in the form of grants or corporate endowments; it is a grassroots, local non-profit organization supported almost entirely by local residents, businesses and sponsors. It has been the organization’s desire to continue to defray the cost of publication and mailing of the Mill Times to everyone interested. However, due to increased cost in publication, printing, and mailing we must restrict delivery of the Mill Times to paid members, sponsors and public servants.

Don’t let this be your last issue of the Mill Times. Mail your tax-deductible membership today. See the membership form below and mail in your membership fee to keep receiving the best little newspaper in Santa Rosa County dedicated to the Village of Bagdad, a one time flourishing center of commerce in the State of Florida.

Note, as a member of the BVPA you can request two issues of the Mill Times be sent to a friend or anyone you choose.

Fill out this membership form and mail today

Date ________________
Name _________________________
Street _________________________  Family   $25  [  ]
City _________________________  Individual $20  [  ]
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Phone _________________________  amount enclosed $___________
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I would like to (X)
_____ donate or loan items to museum _____ volunteer for museum
_____ volunteer for special events _____ other____________________
_____ become active to help as needed _____ Just receive the Mill Times

Established in 1986, the Bagdad Village Preservation Association, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization licensed in the State of Florida. Our mission is preservation, education and furtherance of historic, cultural, community affairs and community planning.

Bagdad Properties
- Bagdad Museum
  4512 Church St.
- Milligan House
  4516 Church St.
- Old Post Office
  256 Thompson St.

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Visit Santa Rosa County’s Largest Historic Museum
Bagdad Village Museum
4512 Church St. at Bushnell & Church St
Open First Saturday each month and every Tuesday 9am—noon

Old Bagdad Post Office
cir. 1912
The Old Bagdad Post Office still exist today just off Forsyth St. on Thompson St. It is owned by the BVPA and stands on its original location. Much work has been done to restore the structure. Your donation could help complete the project.

2nd Annual Plein Air Paint in Bagdad
It’s a culture outing. Come browse streets of Bagdad and use a provided map looking for sandwich signs pointing to artist locations. Places to look could be Forsyth Street, Oyster Pile Landing, and Church St. Spend time with each artist as the scene begins to materialize on their canvas.

October 27th 9am to noon
Set your calendar and don’t miss this outstanding event

Make checks payable to BVPA or Bagdad Village Preservation Association, Inc. Tax deductible donations for restoration of Old Post Office, Museum Complex or a special project can be identified in the “I would like to” field under “other”.

mail to BVPA, P. O. Box 565, Bagdad, FL 32530
Bagdad Village-Wide Yard Sale

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Special Thanks Due
There are some special people to thank for their outstanding hard work and dedication in making both Bagdad Mill Days and the Bagdad Spring Gala very successful events. Some were planners and some workers but they spent this time, energy and funds making it happen. At the risk of leaving someone out the following people are so noted for their call to service to the community of Bagdad.

Bagdad Mill Days

Bagdad Spring Gala
Richard Lewis, Joan Baxley, Elaine Willis, Gloria Cook, Sylvia Streeter, Maurine Wingate, Gloria Cook, Lana Allen and many, many others who joined the fabulous event. A special Thank You to all those not named.

Published in the ‘Southern Lumber Journal’ April 1939

History of Bagdad Florida
by Charles H. Overman, chief engineer of Bagdad Land and Lumber Co.
The name may bring to your mind the city of that name of Old Arabia, but this take has to do with a subject more close to your hand—the history of Bagdad situated on the Blackwater River near a point where it empties into the arms of Pensacola Bay. The history of this town, while not possessing the same kind of interest as would hold in the history of the Arabic town, is replete with the romances of the development of the principle natural resources of this territory—timber. Bagdad has been since its early settlement, one of the largest producers of long leaf pine timber and lumber in the world.

Tradition has it that soon after Florida was purchased from Spain a young man named Joseph Forsyth came to Florida. Forsyth, through an unfortunate accident, killed a Frenchman in the city of New Orleans, La. And circumstances surrounding this accident were such that he feared his life would be forfeited. He therefore departed in haste, leaving that city in a dugout canoe and without guide or compass, succeeding in beating his way along the beach to the placed waters of Pensacola Bay. Working at different jobs among the John Hunt Brickyards, near the present site of Bagdad and in the sawmills in the neighborhood, Forsyth accumulated enough gold to purchase in 1828 a track of land, the present site of Arcadia and began to erect a dam across the creek to provide power to operate a saw mill. His capital being limited and being seriously hindered by a shortage of labor, caused by the fear of the site Indians who were then numerous and by no means friendly, it seemed that his efforts would fail. Fortunately, men of considerable wealth had left their homes in North Carolina and were seeking some new field for profitable investment. Continued in next issue of Mill Times
Vessel log, 1866

One year after the Civil War, the log of vessels enrolled for repair in present day Santa Rosa and Escambia areas.

The following vessels listed by ship names, owners and masters [skipper or captain], are registered by local government. Other columns, not listed here, refer to type of repairs.

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*Names known in Bagdad during the period and there may be many more recognized

Bagdad Sewer Addition to Commence

Jerald Ward, public works director for the City of Milton has confirmed the sewer system for the East side of Forsyth Street will be commencing in September or October this year. This will include the entire area East of Forsyth Street from Pond Creek bridge to the north to Oak Street to the South. If funds are available, a portion of the west side, south of Bushnell is being planned for sewer.

The system will enable these portions of Bagdad to be able to adhere to the Bagdad Historic Land Development Code for property sizes and property line setbacks. Also, this area of Bagdad will no longer be subjected to septic tanks and drain fields which have been deemed responsible for pollutants draining to Blackwater River. Special thanks to Sheila Harris of Santa Rosa County and others for their dedicated service to our dear Village.

Published Poets of Bay Point and Bagdad

Moon over Bagdad
Sometimes the moon seems to hang low over Bagdad,
I don’t if know if it simply wants to shine on its beauty,
Or, to chase away any blues with the soothing effect it’s always had,
I do not know that I can look at the moon and go anywhere, or away from anything, here or there.
But it always brings me back to where I started, beautiful Bagdad

Inspiring Poems of Raymonde Slack—book Raymonde Slack, published by Vantage Press, NY, she lives in Bagdad

Compass Bearings
To revolt without creating a revolution,
To dissent without creating a disaster,
To object without being objectionable
To reform within the bounds of charity, prudence and good will—
For all the People of God, and not merely to change for the sake of Change itself—
These important compass bearings Help me, Lord, to chart.

Adelia Rosasco-Soule—book, Panhandle Memories, 1901-1987, she lived at Baypoint

Thanks My Friend
This decorated World War II hero
Resides in Historic Village of Bagdad
A true traditional music singer
He has written songs about love, heartbreak and hardcore prison blues,
Living his songs in each line
Songs such as ‘Dim Lite Bars’, ‘Are You Mine’ & ‘Free Again’
Just to mention a few,
This highly decorated soldier,
Just happens to be Charlie Locke
Thanks for the memories, my friend
I have enjoyed everyone.

Stuart Pooley—International Society of Poets’ nominee for poet of the year, 1995, he lives in Bagdad
The resting place of lumber merchants, river rats, shipbuilders, engineers, loggers, lumbermen, seamen, slaves, freed men and their families & loved ones.

On a hill just west of the Village of Bagdad, Florida, in Northwest Florida, in the middle of mighty live oaks, rest the people who created, with their own bare hands, the first industrial site and the largest economic concern in the State of Florida at the turn of the 20th Century.

Here lie the Forsyths, the Bruces, the Sindorfs, the Crearys, the Rosascos and many of their associates, employees, and friends along with their families.

They were the corner stones of lumber, milling and ship-building during a time when virgin heart pine was literally organic gold, they put Bagdad on the economic map of the State of Florida.

Santa Rosa County’s oldest active cemetery with the earliest marked grave dated 1853.

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PO Box 134
Bagdad, Florida 32530

Bagdad Cemetery contains 16 Civil War veteran graves, the founder of Bagdad and a wooden headstone of the Civil War period.
Tee Ball Founded in Bagdad

Tee ball is not just a community, state or national game but an international game which began in Bagdad, Florida in the late 1960’s by a local preacher and teacher by the name of Dayton Hobbs in, what is today, the parking lot of the Bagdad Pentecostal Church. What began as a way to teach baseball to 5 - 7 years olds has been parlayed into a universally known game trademarked as T-ball.

With incredible foresight, Dr. Dayton Hobbs of Santa Rosa Christian School, founded and created an offspring of baseball facilitating a means for small boys and girls to learn the basics of the great American past time most of us know and love.

Baseball was invented in Camden, Ohio during the Civil War and ultimately has became the most popular, most attended, and most loved sport in America history. Believe it or not, more people play and attend baseball games in America every year than all other sports combined. Yes, that includes car racing, basketball, soccer and football. More fans see baseball live than all other sports combined.

Then add T-ball to the mix where a relatively small area like Escambia and Santa County will support over 80 teams having approximately 1000 players and you have the formula for the most popular sport in America. It is the only sport where communities see the value of supporting a sport from 4 year olds to high school to the professional level. Those who cannot excel in the game still want to watch the game and participate in supporting the game for their children and community.

No other sport even comes close to producing the amount of participants and the number of fans than baseball. Why? People just love the game. It is indeed safe to say there is more to the game than the game itself. There are lessons of life defined, learned, practiced and implemented on the diamond. The character created by the game is noticed by parents, grandparents, and community leaders alike.