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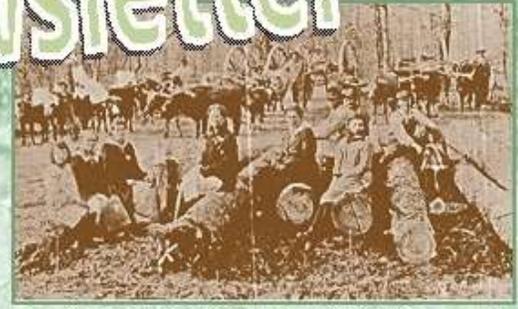
Newsletter



Hope McDonald, Tommie Simon



Canoe Community, Church, ca 1920



Pyron Chapel Community, 1915

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Remembering Okaloosa's military

July 2012

American Legion Members, 1947

November 2015

Honoring our Military Service Members.

It's part of our heritage. Learn more on the next page, "Consider This" and by reading from our past newsletter topics. . .

If we don't preserve the history and culture of our families and community, who will?"

CONSIDER THIS.

"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a life time".

Adlai Stevenson

Our local community lacks no enthusiasm and pride in our country's military, military people. May that always be so. Wouldn't you agree it is wonderfully presented when it is folded into our heritage as citizens of Okaloosa County.

What? This: look at the quilt hanging in the background of the [WWI Veterans'](#) photo. And, what about the open shirts and belted slacks on the membership; don't see that much anymore on folks, do we. See any computer cords or monitors around the perimeter of the room? The whole photo screams 1950s doesn't it.

Did you know that [Kossie Akins](#) was a fixture at the First Baptist Church of Ft. Walton Beach in the 1960s? He had packed away his uniform to serve in tandem with his neighbors in his church.

Study the photo of the troops returning from [728th Air Control Squadron](#), Eglin AFB. Us. People. And so many like them. The citizenry; bedrock of our society. Steady pride. Invested patriots. Constant belief. Moving forward day by day.

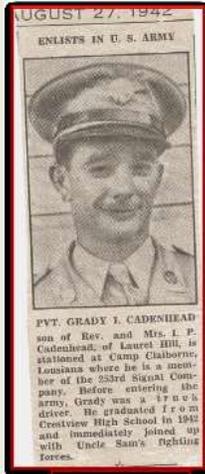
How about [Grady Cadenhead](#) who was a truck driver in Crestview at the time he joined the Army in 1942. The local newspaper acknowledges his proud Laurel Hill parents. And, notes that Grady is serving in the Army Signal Corps at the time. He, too, was a pillar of his church. *Mr. Grady* died this past month, on 28 May 2018 – yes, Memorial Day. He had just turned 100 years old in early May.

May [each of us](#) individually – and as a community – continue to live and teach this way of life. May God have mercy on us if we don't.

Veterans of WWI of the USA Barracks #1024. Niceville (ca 1955)



Kossie Akins, US Army, WWII (Ft Walton Beach)



27 August 1942 (Laurel Hill)



This man is believed to be John E. Spoon, Civil War Veteran, who lived in Pensacola, FL. at the time this photo was taken. Was he related to the Spoon family in Okaloosa County? Please share info with us at bakermuseum@aol.com



Bob Barrrows, (Eglin Ft Walton Beach)



CW3 Jo Ann Drum (Ret.)



728th Air Control Squadron, Eglin, AFB. Return from Iraq



Gen David Petraeus, USA, awards Josh McCart the Purple Heart following McCart's injury in Iraq. (Baker)

See this page and more

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SHOWING OKALOOSA PATRIOTISM NOW.

Perhaps you know someone – the spouse or son or daughter of a neighbor from Okaloosa County who is serving on active duty – perhaps in the U.S. Army as a Religious Affairs Specialist AND - who is stationed away from home right now. Maybe a quick note of thanks and encouragement would be in order? Why not? They are the future of our community: they have the potential to come home and continue making our county a good, satisfying place to live.

What do you know about these military collar devices:



The devices are worn by Religious Affairs Specialists who provide much-needed support to the chaplains during missions and everyday activities. A Religious Affairs Specialist's primary purpose is support for the unit ministry team programs and worship services.



Visited our War Memorial lately. . . ?



July—a time when we celebrate our Nation's birth. What historical & cultural values are we preserving for future generations?

The museum's research library has acquired a history of local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars groups. Both histories are not only indexed, but replete with local photographs and surnames. In particular, there is a postcard sized collection of American Legion membership cards from 1947—men from Valparaiso, Ft. Walton, Crestview, and Niceville. The cards are frail and most of the names are written in pencil so they have been placed in an air tight, acid free folder within the history binder.



This is a partial list of surnames noted in the American Legion binder



Adams,	Childs,	Evans,	Henley,	McKinney,	Porter,	Taylor,
Anchors,	Coon,	Franklin,	Hodge,	Mayo,	Powell,	Weidner,
Atwell,	Dake,	Gilman,	Howell,	McLeod,	Prichard,	Wells,
Booth,	Day,	Griffin,	Hollis,	Meigs,	Rollins,	Willingham,
Boone,	Dunn,	Griner,	Hutto,	Nichelson,	Scott,	White,
Brabham,	Edge,	Hefling,	Jones,	Paggett,	Snider,	Wimlinger,
Bullock,	Edwards,	Helms,	Keel,	Pataniello,	Shoemaker,	Wood.
Cadenhead,	Eardley,	Hamilton,	King,	Peters,	Spencer,	
Carter,	Early,	Hart,	McClellan,	Pitts,	Spence,	

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Visit our website at
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Use our Research Library



A list of items in the Research Library may be viewed under the *Digital Resources* section on-line at **bakerblockmuseum.org**

You are free to browse and read all items on the shelves. Tables and work areas for your convenience where you may read and study documents. Many volumes are one-of-kind family histories in book binders. If needed, we can assist you in copying a page if need be. Do not remove pages from their plastic sheet covers; we can easily Xerox through the covers. We ask for a ten-cent donation per page copied. Be mindful of copyright laws. Books or other library items must remain in the library.

Hours: Anytime we are open – regular hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and the 3rd Saturday of the month.

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Digital Resources

Okaloosa Co. Time Line
Catalog, Research Library
Catalog, Older Newspapers
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Maps
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Tombstone Project

On-site Resources

Use of Research Library
Exhibits & Collections
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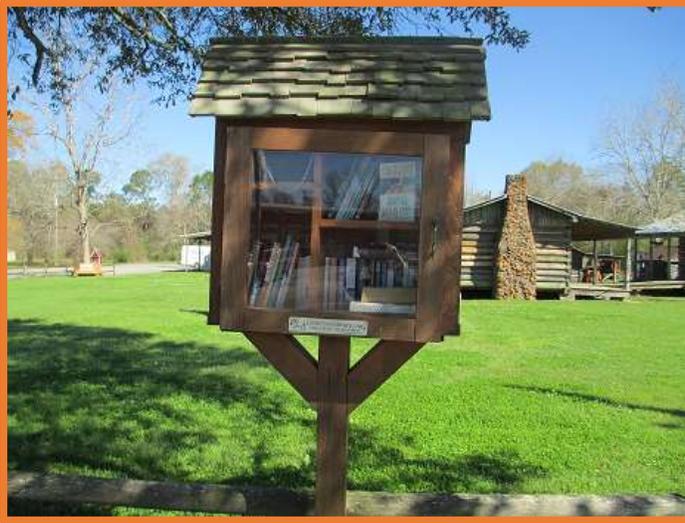
Find these educational pamphlets in the library and reading room area.



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**Don't forget to visit the
Little Free Library
in our park area**



We're still here. . .



FOOD STORY PROJECT

Join the museum in recording oral documentation of the food stories of our local citizen's memories. The recordings will be archived in our research library and the senior story-teller will get a copy of it to take home with them.

We can accommodate up to four people who might want to share a story together. We can do 'Friday walk-ins' (3 – 5-minute stories) if you phone in and tell us you're coming.

Food grown, made or shared. . .

Church events. . .

Covered-dish gatherings. . .

Family meals. . .

Cooking methods. . .

Meal types or food combinations. . .

Best grits...or worst 😊. . .

The Food Story Project can also travel to senior centers, retirement facilities, and in-home recordings can be made as well.... Call for details. (850) 537-5714

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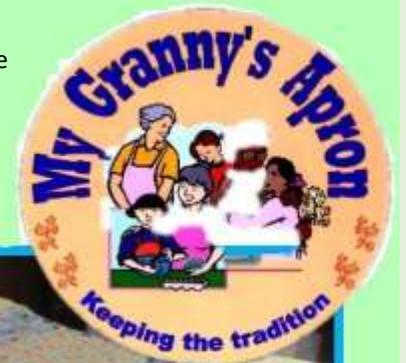
Baker Mercantile is inside the museum and has its own entrance at the front of the building.

▶ *Visit us on*
FACEBOOK, too

We are a non-profit. Proceeds from the mercantile are used to fund library and exhibit needs, etc., in the museum.



You'll love the story card that is attached to these! Because they are homemade, we get them as our volunteer is able to sew them; call ahead for info. . .850-537-5714



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