



PANAMA CITY  
PUBLISHING COMPANY  
**MUSEUM**

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News from the Panama City Publishing Company Museum  
October - December 2024

## EXHIBITS COMING SOON

**OCTOBER** ~ A new exhibit will be coming to the Museum gallery wall from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>. From the museum archives the Map Collection of George West will make its debut for visitors to the museum. The collection includes small maps printed by West in his newspapers and books, hand drawn maps, local plats and maps by grandson Philip West, and George's own vintage classroom-style 1899 United States map featuring Indian, Military, and forest reservations, and Railroads and canals.

**NOVEMBER** ~ The November exhibit "INK" will begin on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and run through Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will highlight some milestones in the development and use of ink and printing over the centuries.

**DECEMBER** ~ On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Holiday Junction, the miniature HO Scale model railroad replica of 1920 St. Andrews returns! Bring family and holiday guests to see this special museum creation that only comes out in December and January each year.

The December gallery wall exhibit will be "George & Hawk, An Extraordinary Friendship". The strong, individual identities of two remarkable St. Andrews Bay area pioneers harmonized with each other and blended into an extraordinary friendship. The friendship of George West and Narcisco "Hawk" Massalina was documented in West's diaries and in his photography. Because of West's photography, we have photos of Hawk Massalina from the late 1800's. George would travel to St. Andrews Bay each winter where he fished, hunted, and traveled St. Andrews Bay alongside Hawk. When he returned north, George would develop his photographs and he mailed some to Hawk. The 9-panel exhibit, includes photos, diary excerpts, notes, and newspaper stories.



*Museum visitors look over Holiday Junction to try and spot: men painting a house, a goose, boys fishing, the mailman, and more! Come spot what's "new" in the village starting November 30<sup>th</sup>!*



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Thank you to recent donor Susan Llorca for your financial support, and also to St. Andrews Rotary for sponsoring the Dan-D-Donuts for Seniors First Friday! Join them in supporting the museum!  
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## END OF YEAR GIVING

The Museum relies on financial support from donors. As the year end approaches, we hope you will remember the Museum if you need to make a charitable donation to a 501(c)3. Checks can be made payable to "HSAWP", you can donate online at [historicstandrews.com](http://historicstandrews.com), in person at the Museum, or use the QR code:





The Panama City Publishing Company Museum is owned by the City of Panama City and managed by the Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership.

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### OUR MISSION:

*For visitors of all ages, the Panama City Publishing Company Museum preserves and exhibits local history, cultural resources, the vintage printing craft, and the stories of George and Lillian West and how they influenced the development of Bay County.*

**Join in the Museum Committee  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 5:00PM**

### ST. ANDREWS HISTORIC SIGNAGE

The history of the house at 1615 Drummond Avenue has been researched and what a remarkable tale! It will be added to the St. Andrews Historic Trail map in the next printing.

Now named “The Painted Lady”, c. 1886, this property was purchased by Sarah R. Russell during the land boom of 1886. The house was built of heart pine from the saw mill just west of here at Danford Avenue. In 1899 Lewis Earl and Dollie Danford bought the house. Danford and Harbor Pilot, Melvin Beck, operated a general store in this West End neighborhood of St. Andrews. Danford was working as First Mate on the *S. S. Tarpon* when it sank on September 1, 1937 and was 1 of 18 survivors of the 31 people onboard. He deeded the house to Beck in 1925, possibly as part of settlement when the pair ended their partnership in business.

Other families resided here until 2022 when it was purchased and extensively restored and renovated. New pine flooring from a mill in Freeport, Florida and vintage stained glass from an old church were installed. Some of the original heart pine walls remain in the house.



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### MUSEUM PHOTO IDENTIFIED

The museum welcomed friends from Dothan recently. Pitt and Cheryl Tarrant brought his mother, Inice, to see the exhibit “A Callaway Settles in Florida”. Inice’s father was Pitt Milner Carlisle, and Lillian Carlisle West was her aunt. Inice identified the people in this photo for us. Her grandparents Ella Beneta Callaway Carlisle and Moses Napoleon Carlisle are standing. The little girl keeping something away from the dog is Inice’s half-sister Dorothy. We do not however know the dog’s name! The photo was taken by George West around 1910.

**Take Note of  
These Changes!**

### ANNUAL GALA & MUSEUM DAY

We will be partnering with the Historical Society of Bay County to host a special event on International Museum Day in May, 2025. Watch for details in early 2025. The previously held Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day in September each year has been “paused” by the magazine.

The inaugural Gala to benefit the Museum Endowment Fund was first scheduled to be held in spring of 2020. The pandemic delayed the event to October that year and it has remained in the fall. The Museum Committee is moving the event to spring time again. We are so grateful for the support of attendees and sponsors each year and look forward to seeing you at the spring Gala event. If you had planned giving in 2024 or purchasing a ticket, your donation will be much appreciated in this year.

*Be a fountain, not a drain*  
*Rex Hudler*