



# OFF THE PRESS

News from the Panama City Publishing Company Museum  
MARCH – APRIL 2024



## Annual Pi Day Event

One of the most popular museum events, Pi Day brings the community together to enjoy a slice of delicious pie, coffee, and conversation. All for just \$3.14 a slice! Bring friends and come together on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> between 10:00AM and 1:00PM. You can also get pie to go. All proceeds help support the museum during the year.

OK, we know that's not the actual date for Pi! It's actually March 14<sup>th</sup>, but most folks can come out on Saturday rather than a weekday!

## Membership Program Revised to Annual Donor

If you have been a Museum Member, we encourage you to continue your support of the museum as an Annual Donor instead. This replaces the membership program. [Visit historicstandrews.com](http://historicstandrews.com) and click on "donate" to type in any amount you want to give, at any time during the year.

Why the change? Many museums charge an entry fee and offer members a special reduced rate. We are open to the public free of charge, and therefore have nothing to offer "members" except the satisfaction of supporting the work we do. It's just a name change to better reflect your generosity.

Thank you to these Annual Donors thus far in 2024:

- Bonnie Blue
- Janis Boatright
- Steve & Lorne Brumm
- Tim & Nancy Hudson
- Rick Story
- Lisa & Steve Tapscott
- Sue Wiles
- Mr. & Mrs. Billy Woolard
- Southern Track Maintenance



## Letterpress Class Registration Open

Ever want to try your hand at vintage letterpress? Now here is your chance! Taught by 3 of our supremely skilled printers with a combined 23+ years of knowledge. In this class, limited to 4 attendees, you will learn print shop rules, setting type, using the 1915 Chandler & Price press, and more. This is an introduction to letterpress and attendees will be using the museum print shop's historic collection of monotype and plates. You will leave with cards you have printed (plus envelopes), and a complimentary print shop apron with our new logo. The class will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00PM until 4:00PM. Pre-registration and payment is required by Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$75 per person. Stop by the museum at 1134 Beck Avenue or call 850-872-7208 to register.

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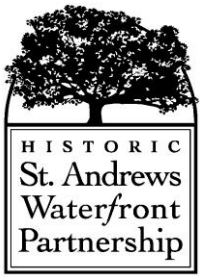


## Archaeological Survey Resumes

The multi-year project, a shovel test survey of "St. Andrews City" (c. 1827-1862), has resumed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year under the leadership of Dr. Jason Wenzel, Gulf Coast State College. The Panama City Publishing Company is pleased to be a partner in this exploration of old St. Andrews. On the first day Dr. Wenzel led volunteers and guests around the area and discussed the attributes that led to St. Andrews being established particularly between Frankford Avenue and Lake Caroline. Ultimately an exhibit of artifacts and information will be displayed at the Publishing Company Museum in 2027, the 200-year anniversary of St. Andrews' first European-American settlement.

### 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.*



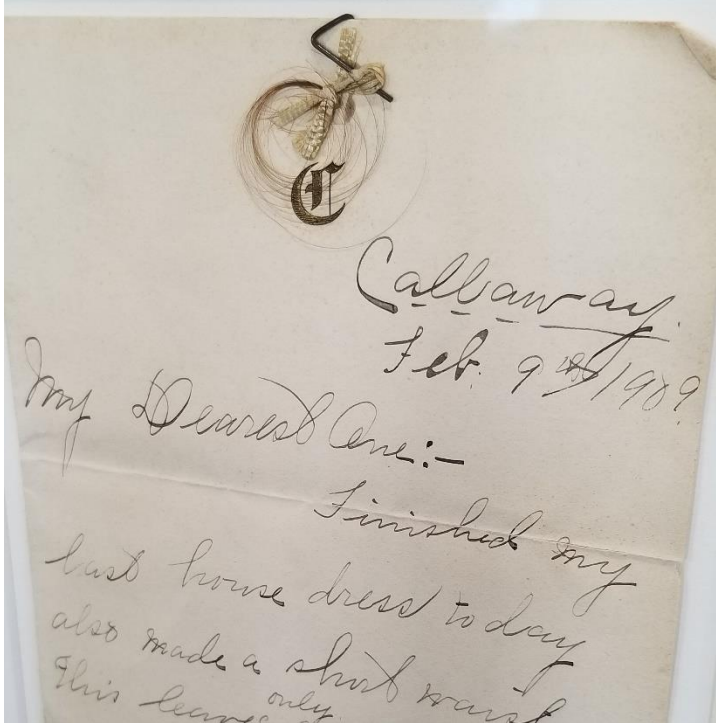
The Publishing Company Museum building is owned by the City of Panama City & managed by the Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership, Inc.

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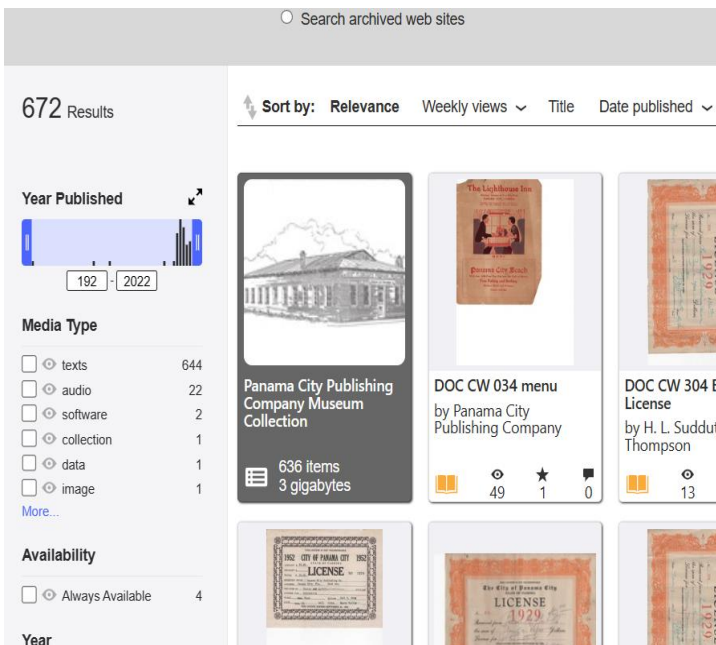
Tuesday-Friday  
1 – 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Historic Documents Online



Volunteers at the Museum have put in many hours to digitally preserve historic documents in the Museum collection, with an ultimate goal of making those available online to the public. The task is not completed, but our online library is growing and available to you now thanks to the work of volunteers! The collection includes treasures such as the photo above, a letter from Lillian Carlisle to George West just 4 days before their marriage in 1909. The lock of her hair clipped to the letter is a touch we don't see in this age. To see this, and many other historic documents visit the museum or our online library at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org).

In the search bar type "Panama City Publishing Company Museum" to reach our online library of museum documents. Click on the collection icon, and enjoy!



### What Are Folks Saying?

"This is the BEST kept secret of Bay County....volunteers were a wealth of information and so knowledgeable and passionate about St. Andrews...Thank you all for keeping the spirit of St. Andrews alive." - Joe and Jill Rodgers

"...went on a tour guided by Margaret. She and the rest of the staff/volunteers at the Panama City Publishing Company Museum were knowledgeable and took time to even show us how the printing process and presses worked. I cannot believe this was free! This place is a treasure!" - Jan C

"...grew up here in the 1940s/1950s and always wanted to come back home to relive St. Andrews history. So thankful that I found Lisa and the (Panama City Publishing Company Museum) to help me relive the history that I didn't take seriously as a young boy...I will support this fine establishment any way I can." - Gerald Sanders

Thank you all for the kind words! Over 4,500 people visited the museum in 2023 and volunteers contributed 200+ hours per month ensuring the visitors had a great experience. While we don't charge admission, so that everyone can visit, it does take support to run a museum. Shop our unique printed gifts in the museum, share our social media posts, attend museum events, volunteer, or even become an annual donor at [historicstandrews.com](http://historicstandrews.com) and click on "donate" to type in amount you want to give.

### Coming Exhibits

March – Don't miss "Forgotten Floridians: Remember the Women" and learn the stories of remarkable women in our state's history.

April – "Butterfly in My Garden" returns for the spring!

