



# OFF THE PRESS

News from the Panama City Publishing Company Museum  
March ~ April 2025



## PI DAY ~ MARCH 15

While the “real” Pi Day is March 14, we are celebrating on Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This annual event brings out some of the best homemade pies in St. Andrews! Come get a slice and coffee for \$3.14, to eat in with your friends and neighbors, or get it to go. This event combines the goodness of supporting the museum and neighbors gathering. Savory or sweet, you’re bound to find your favorite.



## EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

**March ~ George’s Gardens** is an exhibit of original photographs, maps, and writings of George West. An avid botanist, West photographed his prize vegetables, and wrote many articles about our native plants. Some are published in a collection called *Gems Gleaned*, printed here by Lillian West in 1938. A limited number of *Gems Gleaned* are available at the museum for \$10 each. Come enjoy springtime in St. Andrews and the exhibit.

**April ~ Poetry of Philander Bailey West** is a collection by George West’s father. Dating to the 1860s, some are handwritten, and some were published in the *Brandon Times* newspaper. Most railroad depots had printing equipment to print the weekly time tables for the trains, to avoid multiple trains on the same track at the same time. In 1866 George West took advantage of the printing press and equipment in the Brandon Depot and began publishing the *Brandon Times*. In celebration of National Poetry Month and Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 18, the museum is pleased to share these historic writings.

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



## WELCOME NEW MUSEUM MANAGER

The Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership is pleased to announce Mandy Yourick as our new Museum Manager. With a background in visual art and art history, Mandy brings her exhibit expertise to the museum, along with plans to offer more activities for all ages. She looks forward to working with the museum’s dedicated team of volunteers to continue bringing engaging and enriching experiences for visitors and the local community.

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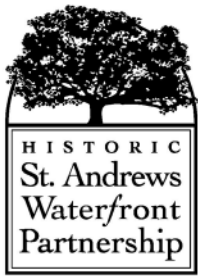
Brad Vetter  
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Teresa Lamonte in Memory of Flo Planey  
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You can join these folks and donate at [historicstandrews.com](http://historicstandrews.com) or use the QR Code below:



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

Tues - Fri 1 – 5 p.m. and Sat 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Historic District Walking Tours: Wed & Fri @ 1 p.m.  
1134 Beck Ave, Panama City, FL 32401  
Museum@HistoricStAndrews.com 850-872-7208



### MARKET AT ST. ANDREWS

Your support of The Market at St. Andrews not only helps small businesses. The vendor fees help support the museum each month! Thank you for shopping!

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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Visit [HistoricStAndrews.com/news](http://HistoricStAndrews.com/news) for rules and application.

Exhibit open June 28 - August 2.

Awards reception July 19, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

### KNOW HOW TO FIND IT?

Online resources are growing!

Find historic Bay County newspapers and maps online at [FIHiddenTreasures.com](http://FIHiddenTreasures.com).

Find the collection of West family documents online at [Archive.org](http://Archive.org) and search for "Panama City Publishing Company Museum."



The historic documents and photos in the museum collection continue to surprise us. This photo is circa 1920, possibly during the first St. Andrews Bay Splash event. This was an annual 3-day event started in 1920, to celebrate the establishment of Bay County on July 1, 1913, and the July 4 holiday. The name Bay County was chosen as most popular, as it best described the new county that encompassed all of the St. Andrews Bay shoreline.

Seaplanes visited the area and pilots performed aerobatics to the amazement and entertainment of the thousands who attended the event. The background shoreline has been identified as downtown Panama City. Without the generous donation of these artifacts from the West Family, and the archival work of volunteers, these moments in history would be lost.

