

PSC STAFF REPORTER

DECEMBER 2021

Happy Holidays, Office closed December 24

PSC Staffer Marches in Veterans Day Parade



Mike Staden (AIT) marched with Tallahassee's community band from Lofty Pursuits in the Leon County-Tallahassee Veterans Day Parade, held November 11, on Monroe Street. Seeing Mike's smile always makes us smile!

Electronic W-2 Forms Available

Did you know that you can receive your W-2 form electronically? There are many benefits to electronic delivery, including:

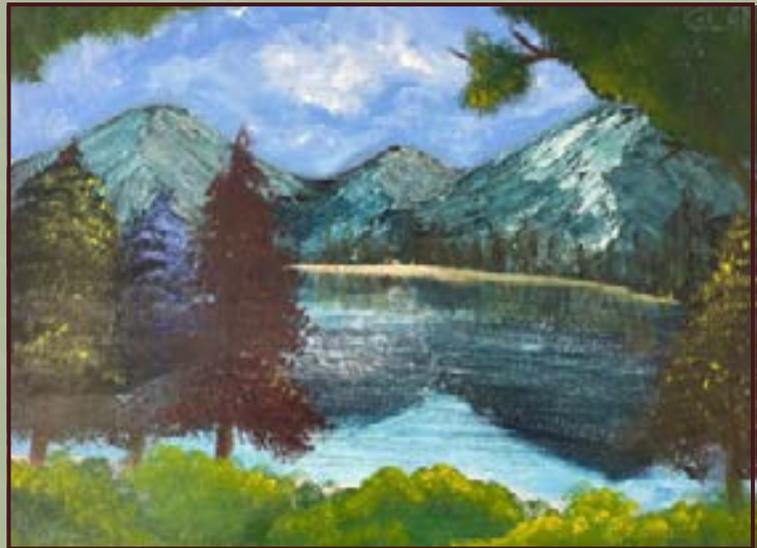
- ◆ Electronic forms are available before paper copies are distributed.
- ◆ Employees can access current and prior year W-2 forms anytime, from any computer.
- ◆ Access to your W-2 form is secure and requires a password that you set up.
- ◆ Electronic forms save paper.

To sign up to receive your W-2 form electronically, please register at <https://apps.fldfs.com/EIC/EmployeeInfoCenter> by January 5, 2022.

If you have any questions about electronic W-2 forms, please contact Human Resources.

Justin Burton (AIT)

Art of the Month



My son, Greyson, painted this piece of art work in his art class at school.

Adria Harper (GCL)

**Happy New Year
2022
Office closed
December 31**



Congratulations

Mary Anne (GCL) and Joe Helton's daughter, Sarah, spent the bulk of her COVID time studying for her masters at Florida State University's College of Business, where she was the recipient of a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Scholarship. When she was not studying for her Masters in Accounting, she was studying for the CPA exam. Sarah graduated from FSU this summer and she learned this Fall that she passed all four CPA exams. She is now living in Orlando where she is working as an auditor for EY. *We are very proud of Sarah!*

Condolences

Our condolences to **Brenda Stallcup** (IDM), whose father, Charles Wayne Fogle, passed away on Veterans Day. He was a 20-year Navy Veteran with tours of duty including Hawaii, the Philippines, Virginia, Japan, the Azores, Pensacola twice, Guam, and Washington D.C. After retirement he went on to become a licensed general contractor for many years.

I have always been a military brat and proud of all of our Armed Forces; however, Veterans Day will now take on an additional meaning to me. RIP Dad.



Random Employee Facts

Dale Eastmond

Public Utility Analyst II
IDM

- 1 I would like to visit:** Ireland
- 2 My all-time favorite movie is:** *"The Longest Day"*
- 3 If I had an unexpected free day you can find me:** at the dog park with my dog, Shenzi.
- 4 My favorite season is:** fall, at least this far north in Florida the leaves turn a little bit in color and the temperature gets a little bit more cooler.
- 5 What holiday do you like most and why?** My favorite holiday would have to be Christmas; it's the best time to see and spend time with family from back home.
- 6 My favorite quote is:**
"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."
– Attributed to Aristotle
- 7 What was your most interesting/challenging/enjoyable/frustrating school course and why?** I really enjoyed taking "Financial Markets, the Banking System, and the Monetary Policy" in my undergraduate program at FSU. It really opened my eyes from an economics point of view on just how much the monetary system really affects everyone and their everyday financial decisions from personal investing to their purchasing power of goods and services.



Holiday Cheer

Holiday cheer has arrived in GCL! Each year, **Jennifer Crawford** brings joy to the office with her wonderful seasonal display and Lego creations. Jennifer's hard work and attention to detail is evident in every corner of her festive space and is so very much appreciated during this time of the year. Thank you for generating smiles and winter wonderment, Jennifer.

Margo Duval (GCL)



Where in the World?

HINT:
My grand-
sons Elijah,
left, and
William,
right, at
a Marine
Specimens
Lab in
Florida
holding a
harmless
horseshoe
crab.



A N S W E R : The Gulf Marine Specimens Lab in Panacea.

Lynn Deamer (APA)

Pet of the Month



This is my pet Simba. He is a 7-year-old rat terrier, who loves Mexican food. He is very active, loves to run in the backyard and goes for walks with my husband everyday. Simba likes to sleep in bed. He loves my son, Michael, and misses my daughter, Stacy. He is truly like another baby to me.

Rosalia Haddix (CAO)



DECEMBER EVENTS

December First Friday Happy Hour

Friday, December 3,
5-7 p.m.
Domi Station

Tab Benoit & Samantha Fish Concert

Friday, December 3,
6:30 p.m.-12:15 a.m.
The Moon

Operation Christmas Tree 2021

Saturday, December 4,
2 p.m.
Lake Ella Dr.

Tallahassee Farmers' Market

Saturday, December 4,
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tallahassee Farmers' Market, 2904
Kerry Forest Pkwy, Tallahassee

2021 Big Bend Heart Walk

Saturday, December 4,
12:30 p.m.
2073 Summit Lake Dr. Tallahassee

LeMoyne Holiday Show: Art Deco The Halls

Wednesday, December 15,
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
LeMoyne Arts, 125 N Gadsden St,
Tallahassee

The Nutcracker Ballet

Saturday, December 18,
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Lake Ella Growers' Market

Wednesday- December 22,
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
MidTown Farmers Market at Lake Ella

St. Marks Wildlife Refuge

A beautiful morning—sunshine and a crisp breeze—made an excellent setting for a visit to St. Marks Wildlife Refuge.

As I wound my way toward the lighthouse, there was a small group of birders and photographers on the side of the road next to the salt marsh. I'd previously seen a bald eagle in this area so I stopped to maybe get more pictures.

To my immense surprise, instead of a bald eagle enjoying sushi on a stump, the small group of folks had stopped to take pictures of a pink flamingo. I'd never seen a pink flamingo in a natural setting so this was an excellent treat! After the rush of the flamingo sighting was still coursing through me, I drove on towards the lighthouse for what I hoped would be more excitement.

Following the flamingo, I had a photoshoot with this juvenile blue heron. He seemed fearless as he was checking me out while fishing for breakfast.

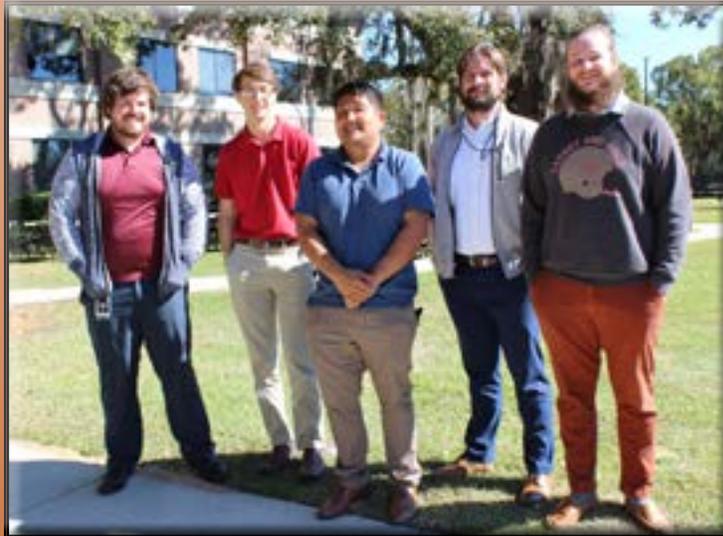
While “visiting” with the heron, there was a commotion farther into the marsh near a bed of sea grass. I looked up when the sound of thrashing was punctuated by calls from the close-by herons.

When I first spotted the alligator, I thought it had caught one of the birds, but it turned out to be a very large fish that had been soaking up the sun in a shallow pool.

Jeff Bates (IDM)



Chairman Clark Hosts BBQ to Thank PSC Staff



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SPOOKY TIMES AT THE PSC



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SPOOKY TIMES IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

To celebrate Halloween, staff in the Office of Commission Clerk held a door decorating contest on October 29.



Volunteers from the General Counsel's Office were asked to judge each door on the following criteria: Originality/Creativity, Visual Impact and Craftsmanship. It was a very close competition; five different entries received at least one first-place vote and first through third place were each separated by only one point. The winner of a special, one-of-a-kind trophy designed and built by **Hong Wang's** husband was **Tiffany Brown**.

Happy New Year

Wishing you all the joy of the season.

December Holidays

The best way to be rewarded for a long year of hard work is with a much anticipated holiday season.

Kicking off with Hanukkah and wrapping up with Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's, the month of December is filled with several opportunities to celebrate peace, joy, and generosity with friends and loved ones.

For many, this year's festivities will be graciously received given it will likely be the closest to a "normal" occasion since the COVID-19 pandemic started in March 2020. As we close out 2021, we want to welcome 2022 with hope for great health and fortune.

If you are in a position to, please consider giving to clothing, food, and toy donation drives or preparing and serving meals in your community.

Mia Permuy (CAO)



RECIPE
OF
THE
MONTH

Pecan Pie Mini Muffins

INGREDIENTS :

- 1 cup – brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup – pecans, chopped
- 2/3 cup – butter, melted
- 1/2 cup – all purpose flour
- 2 eggs – lightly beaten
- 1 tsp. – vanilla extract (optional)

DIRECTIONS :

1. In a large bowl, combine the brown sugar, all purpose flour, and chopped pecans; set aside. Combine melted butter, lightly beaten eggs, and vanilla extract (optional). Stir into brown sugar mixture.
2. Fill greased and floured miniature muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 22-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Immediately remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

Penny Buys (ENG)

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