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Employee Scene

With Blake Minter of the Assessor's Office

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I like learning about all kinds of various aspects of my job. From seeing different types of houses or going to various parts of Henry County that I have never seen before. Every day that I've been working here has been an interesting one!



Do you have any hobbies/pastimes? I would say some of my hobbies/pastimes would be learning as much as I can about automobiles and sometimes working on them. Also playing video games, both new and old.





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What movie could you just watch over and over again?

I could probably watch "The Empire Strikes Back" or "Spaceballs" over and over again.

What is your favorite restaurant and your favorite menu item?

My favorite place to eat would most likely be Fenderz with their Fender's Melt.

What is your favorite genre of music?

The type of music that I love to listen to 80's pop or Synthwave. Synthwave is basically a reimagining of 80's music with a modern twist.

What do you enjoy most about the summer?

What I like about the summer season is the long hours of sunshine but I rather be in winter time as I like the cold weather and snow.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

I would to travel to Sweden. I love the beautiful countryside and landscape the country has to offer in it. It's full of rich history and beautiful cities. Plus the country makes my favorite car brand; Volvo.





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Pet of the Month

With Duke Sturm

What is your name?

My name is Duke. I belong to Jason Sturm of the Department of Public Safety.

How did you come to take over your current owner's life?

Somehow I became separated from my previous owners and my new folks found me at the SPCA.

What's the most trouble you've ever been in?

Chasing deer in the field and not listening to my dad when he calls me to come inside.



What are your favorite snacks?

Pop Tarts that my kids drop

What is your favorite toy?

My kid Tanner

Do you have any fur-brothers or sisters?

I have a bunch! Ozzie, Whiskey, Ruger, and Maggie

What is your favorite thing to do?

Lay on my back and let my kid Tanner love on me!!!!



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Swiftwater Rescue

Members of Henry County Volunteer Rescue Squads and Fire Departments along with HCDPS staff completed the American Canoe Association's L3 Swiftwater Rescue Course in June. Due to the increase of flooding and in tourism relating to fishing and kayaking the Smith River over the past several years, the need for certified Swiftwater Rescuers has become a priority. The Harvest Foundation awarded a grant to HCDPS to train 25 responders and purchase safety gear that will be distributed to volunteer and career agencies who have the highest frequency of water-related responses. Within two weeks of the class, responders performed a rescue on the Smith River using the skills learned in the class. Agencies who participated in the first Swiftwater Rescue Course included Bassett Fire Department, Bassett Rescue Squad, Fieldale Fire Department, Ridgeway Rescue Squad, Ridgeway Fire Department, Martinsville Fire/EMS, and HCDPS.





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Winners of the Mask Contest



Cindy Adams



Steve Eanes



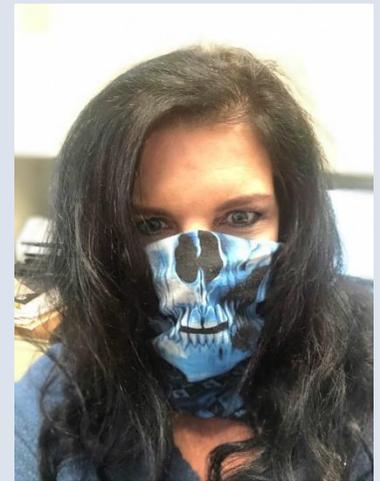
Patricia Foley



Jamie Hutchins



J.R. Powell



Sheila Scott



Sharon Steele



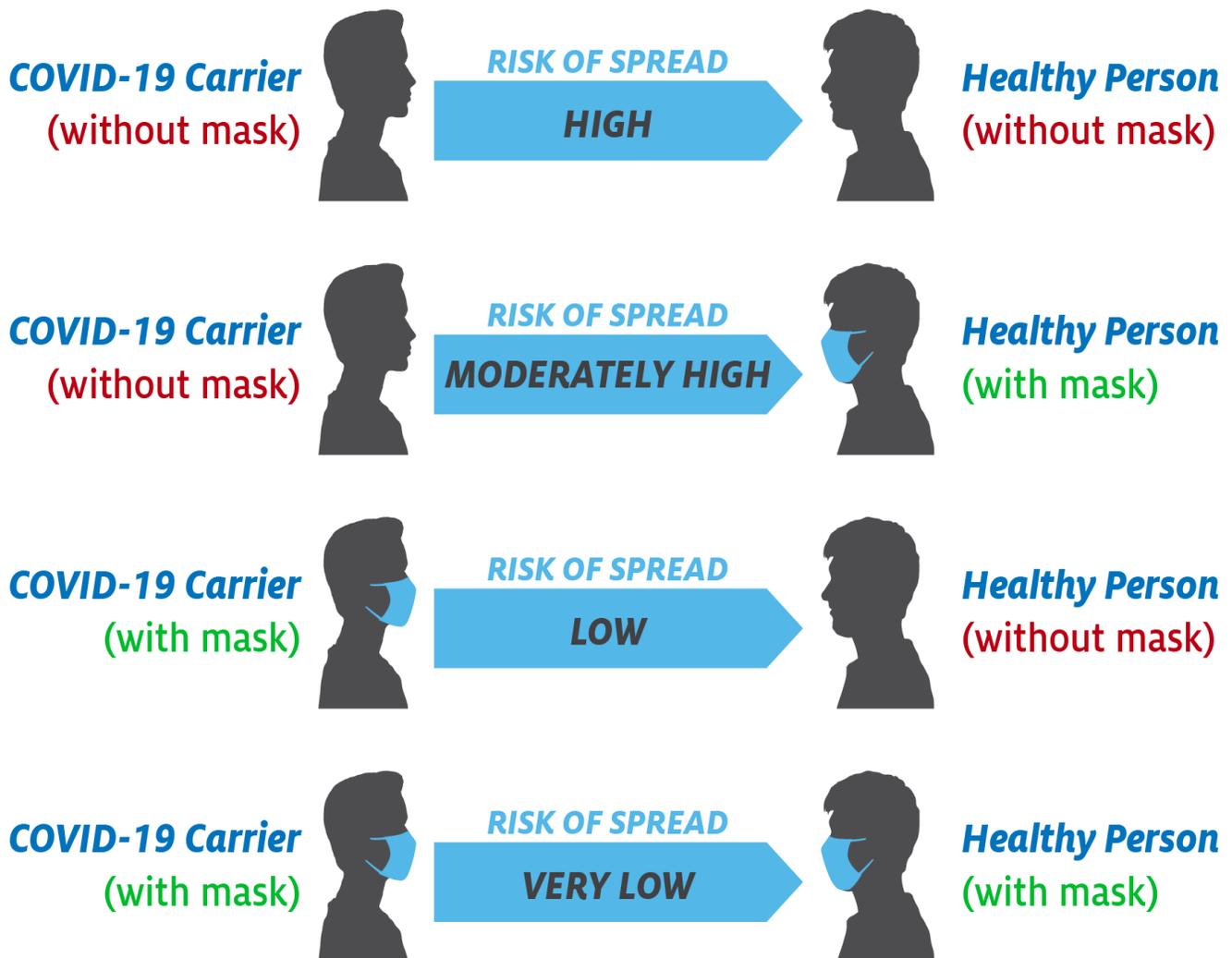
Dale Wagoner



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WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS





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Vacationing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The following information is from [Mayoclinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org)

Traveling:

Before traveling check the websites of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for health advisories and self-quarantine requirements. Consider checking the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's website and your airline's website for additional guidance.

Consider the risks associated with different types of travel. There might be a risk of getting the COVID-19 virus on a crowded flight if other travelers on board are infected. On a bus or train, sitting or standing within 6 feet (2 meters) of others for a prolonged period can put you at risk of getting or spreading the COVID-19 virus. Traveling by car or recreational vehicle often involves stops that could put you in close contact with infected people.

If you're planning on booking a hotel room, check the hotel's website to learn about precautions being taken and if amenities, such as the gym or restaurant, will be open. Bring cleaning supplies with you. When you get to your room, disinfect all high-touch surfaces, such as light switches, sink faucet handles, door knobs and the remote control. Wash plates, cups or silverware (other than pre-wrapped plastic) before using. Also, confirm the hotel's cancellation policy before making a booking.

Restaurants:

Before you eat at a restaurant, check the restaurant's safety practices. Are the employees wearing cloth face coverings, regularly disinfecting high-touch surfaces and practicing social distancing? Is there good ventilation? Are tables set far enough apart from each other to allow for social distancing? Is the menu digital or disposable?

Ideally, the restaurant won't offer salad bars, buffets and drink-filling stations that require people to use common utensils or dispensers. If you need to wait in line for service, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet (2 meters) from others. If possible, use touchless payment.

When ordering takeout, try to pay online or over the phone to limit contact with others. If you're having food delivered, ask for it to be left outside your home in a safe spot, such as the porch or your building's lobby. Otherwise, stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from the delivery person. If you're picking up your food at the restaurant, maintain social distancing while waiting in the pickup zone. After bringing home your food, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Steve Isom	2 Randy Helbert	3 Tonya McGuire	4 Independence Day
5 Amy Huston Alvin Hagwood Bobby Parnell	6 Barry Shively	7 Carole Jones Kenny Shumate	8	9 Roger Adams Austin Steffey "Roudy" Roudabush Kevin Clark	10	11 William White Kendra Smith
12 Rodney Pritchett	13 Alan Nunn	14 Nathan Miracle	15	16 David Parnell	17	18 Richard Stanfield Brandon Hatcher
19 Nate Riddle	20 Ricky Shelton Blake Clark	21	22 Gail Minter "Hub" Hubbard	23	24	25
26	27 Davis Pilson Eddie Hankins	28 Joel Bateman Amy Boles	29	30 Jeffrey Hatcher	31 Robert Miller Tony Turner Justin Pruitt	

