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## Experts reviewing data in vehicular homicide case

Judge recommends maintaining trial date

By Jeremy D. Wells  
Carter County Times

Attorneys for Spencer Burnett and the Commonwealth met before Judge Rebecca Phillips last week to discuss details for the defendant's upcoming trial in a vehicular homicide case.

Burnett is charged with vehicular homicide under the influence of alcohol stemming from his March 23 arrest by Kentucky State Police for the same. As such, the results of his toxicology report are particularly

pertinent to the case at hand.

Burnett's attorney confirmed that the Commonwealth had provided the defense with the toxicology report and all other reports, and that those reports had been shared with defense's experts. However, the defense was unsure how long it would take for their experts to review and evaluate the documentation.

Despite that uncertainty, Judge Phillips chose to maintain their current timeline for trial. She set the case for review again on October 24, noting that they could discuss changes to the current timeline at that time if the defense experts needed more time to review evidence.

The 44-year-old South Charleston, Ohio man currently has his jury trial scheduled for

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Spencer Burnett (submitted photo)

## Embracing autumn vibes

Octoberfest returns to Grayson

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

Octoberfest, the City of Grayson's annual fall festival event, returns to downtown next Saturday, October 25, and brings a ton of fun with it. Fans of the annual event can look forward to more of what they enjoyed last year, plus a whole lot more, Grayson tourism director Lana Axtell said. There will be events taking place all day from 11 am until 10 pm, but the sweet start

to the day begins at 9 a.m., and runs until 10:30, when Prichard Elementary holds their Hocus Pocus Pancake Breakfast.

Axtell said that if you would prefer something savory instead of sweet to start your day, there will be plenty of options, including samples from the cooking contests and offerings from food trucks – but of course everyone is welcome to enjoy both options.

"There will be a Chili Cook-Off over at the fire department," Axtell said, highlighting one of those savory options. "And that will be run by the East Carter cheerleaders, so that's a big thing."

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Families decorate pumpkins during a past Octoberfest event. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

## In and out

Fiscal court discusses roads

By Charles Romans  
Carter County Times

The Carter County Fiscal Court discussed road reports during their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday night (October 13).

The meeting opened with county residents speaking to the court and requesting that a portion of Sassafras Road be taken into the county maintenance schedule, amounting to a length of about one quarter of a mile. The gravel road has three tiles, two at eighteen inches and one ten inch tile, the residents informed the court. They told the magistrates that the tiles and

roadway were in good shape.

Judge Executive Brandon Burton informed the residents that county protocol states that the road must be examined by two disinterested magistrates, not from the district where the road in question was located, before it can be taken into the county road system. If the road is found to meet the requirements, then the matter will be revisited at the next regular meeting, he explained.

"It usually takes two meetings," Burton told the residents. "And then we can vote on it."

One of the ordinance requirements is a center line survey, Burton explained. Once that survey and other requirements were met, then an open hearing would follow before the road could be officially taken into the

county system. The court voted to start the process to accept Sassafras Road into the county maintenance schedule.

The court also went over the findings on other road reports during the meeting as well.

For instance, Forest Trail was found to meet the criteria to be accepted into the county road system, as the .255 mile distance of the road under consideration had a good gravel surface and had been maintained. As a reference point for those living or traveling near the road, the court noted, county maintenance would stop at the 'Y' in the road. A public hearing for accepting in the road was scheduled for November 10, at 5:30 p.m.

The court also voted to begin the process of taking Country Vista Road (.305 miles) into the county maintenance schedule as well. That road is located near Forest Trail and will need to be examined by the magistrates.

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## Weekly arrests report

The following individuals were arrested and booked into the Carter County Detention Center over the past week. This list includes local arrests only. It does not include federal inmates being housed at or transported through the detention center.

- Danny Withrow, 38, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, failure to notify d.o.t. of address change, careless driving, failure to wear seat belts, and failure to produce an insurance card, arrested and booked October 8.
- Shannon Waggoner, 46, of Olive Hill, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of public intoxication under the influence of a controlled substance, arrested

and booked October 8.

- Travis Gant, 33, of Columbus, OH, arrested by Rowan County Detention Center, for failure to appear, arrested and booked October 9.
- Timothy Barber, 31, of Olive Hill, arrested by Kentucky State Police, on charges of first degree rape, incest – of a person less than 18 by a person 3 or more years older, first degree sexual abuse, and first degree sodomy, arrested and booked October 9.
- Joseph Leamon, 44, of Grayson, arrested by Grayson PD, on a charge of fourth degree assault (with minor injury), arrested and booked October 10.
- Timothy Hammons, 41, of Grayson, self-surrender, week-

ender, arrested and booked October 10.

- Anthony Light, 54, of Grayson, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place, arrested and booked October 11.
- Jamie Evans, 59, of Webbville, arrested by Carter County Sheriff, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, third degree assault of police or probation officer, and failure to appear, arrested and booked October 12.

All of the charges listed are arrest charges only, and do not indicate an indictment or a conviction for the charges in question. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information is compiled from publicly available sources, but may not be comprehensive.



### This Week's Obituaries

Lester Wayne Bowling, 74  
Carolyn Sue "Suz" Dixon Burger, 81

Violet Rae Yarber, 59

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