

■ **Reynolds** from A-1

any terms of his probation he would serve the entire 12 months, with no credit for time served.

Phillips told Reynolds that she was going along with the Commonwealth’s recommendation, reached in mediation with the victim’s family, but noted the fact that Reynolds had also been arraigned on Monday in a separate case, on a charge of wanton endangerment involving

the discharge of a firearm, didn’t give the court great confidence. Reynolds pleaded not guilty in that case, and was scheduled to reappear on April 21.

In addition to the two years of conditional discharge, Reynolds was ordered to have no contact with the victim in the first case until after she had turned 18 – the family informed the judge that the victim was currently seven

years old.

Phillips also ordered Reynolds to have no unsupervised contact with any other minors, to neither possess nor use any firearms, and to have no contact with the victim in his wanton endangerment case.

Reynolds, as noted following his arrest and court appearance on these most recent sexual abuse charges last year, also had

a previous arrest for sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age stemming from a 2003 incident. He received five years of diversion after entering a plea deal in that case, according to court records shared with the Carter County Times by individuals associated with the 2003 case.

Judge Phillips also set a trial date of July 8 for Joshua Lewis on charges

of first degree rape and first degree sodomy, and scheduled mediation for Bruce Barnett on charges of first degree rape, first degree strangulation, and fourth degree assault. Like Reynolds, Barnett also has a second, unrelated case before the court; this one involving possession of heroin, possession of meth-amphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The judge also heard a

request for bond modification for Bobby Wages, who is charged with first degree sexual abuse, and third degree sodomy – but the Commonwealth expressed reluctance to lower bond in the case. Phillips scheduled a follow up on April 21.

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Free hearing screenings and diagnostic tests at Carter County clinic

LOUISVILLE — Heuser Hearing Institute’s innovative KY HEARS program is bringing accessible hearing healthcare to the Genesis Recovery Kentucky Center in Carter County on March 20. The team will attend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address for this event is 400 C W Stevens Boulevard, Grayson, KY 41143.

KY HEARS is conducting a scheduled full clinic with diagnostic testing. In addition, guests can complete five-minute

self-guided hearing screenings, and team members will be available to answer questions about hearing healthcare. KY HEARS will also offer free earplugs, educational materials on hearing health and protection, and branded items like pens and hand sanitizer.

Attendees can stop by the center anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Founded as the Louisville Deaf Oral School in 1948, Heuser Hearing Institute is a non-profit organization

in the Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana region providing access to comprehensive hearing, speech, language and balance disorder services to all ages.

Partnering with Heuser Hearing Institute, KY HEARS offers mobile clinics with hearing tests and assistive technology. With a new office opening in Inez, KY in May and plans for growth, KY HEARS is on a mission to ensure hearing care reaches every corner of the state.

Grayson Gallery submits call for work

March show to highlight women in the arts

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The Grayson Gallery and Arts Center will be presenting their 12th annual “Women in the Arts” art show, sale, and celebration in honor of Women’s History Month during their Final Friday show on March 28. They are currently accepting submissions

from any female artist, in all mediums and on any subject. Entertainment will be provided by the Appalachian Ladies Revue, and female owned caterers will also have their work showcased during the event.

Artists may submit up to three pieces each, of any size, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 or Monday, March 24. Artists may also arrange other times for drop off with prior approval from the gallery director or volunteers. Work must be ready to hang, or otherwise display for sculpture or

3D pieces, with the artist’s name, title, and price (or marked NFS for pieces that are not for sale).

For more information look for the Gallery on Facebook, at <https://www.facebook.com/GraysonGalleryArtCenter>, or email them at graysongallery@gmail.com.

The gallery’s monthly Final Friday Art Walk events are always free and open to the public, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the last Friday of each month.

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■ **Goose** from A-6

beginning at 11 am. Other events scheduled are Raiders Run Scavenger Hunt (a ride on June 14), Christmas in July, Rally for Recovery (July 26), The Octoberfest Pageant (October 4), Octoberfest (October 25) and Hometown Holidays which will run from November 29 through January 3 of 2026.

Sports Park Manager Grant Harper gave a report to the commission about the new season at the park.

“We are getting ready to get going,” Harper said. “Last weekend we hosted the 16 region softball panorama. We had nine teams down there and it was a good event.”

“Last night,” he continued, “we hosted the East Carter Baseball

scrimmage with Fairview, and we have Eastern Elite Soccer practicing three nights a week.”

This, he said, was in addition to the 28 softball teams scheduled to play there on the weekend following the meeting.

Harper said there was a lot going on in the sports park, with more being scheduled regularly as the warm weather increases outdoor sports and other activities. The 28 teams in the softball tournament were from around the tristate area, Harper told the commission but pointed out that as the season progresses there will be teams coming from farther away.

“Usually that happens around May,” Harper said, as people start to tie their

vacations into the travel sports.

Given the extended school year, Harper said that he expects the travel numbers to increase drastically during the months of June, July, and August.

“We have a lot of good tournaments, and I believe we will have some big numbers,” Harper said. “We now have five Eastern Elite Soccer games scheduled at the park. Our first official hosted soccer game will be on April 12, and I ordered three different sized goals so we can host three different age groups.”

Currently they are planning to mark out soccer fields, and Harper said it was exciting to get that new chapter of the

sports park started.

The tourism commission also discussed the ultimate fate of the Blue Goose building, as well as future plans for the space in downtown Grayson.

“I believe the consensus of the group,” Tourism Chair Daniel White told the commission, “is to move forward with the issuing of an RFP for demolition of the Blue Goose building that exists currently.”

White referenced a working meeting held by the tourism commission

the previous day, where numerous alternatives were discussed. Part of what was discussed was the demolition of the building (originally the Brown’s Mobile Homes Building) and the reclamation of the land and preservation of the existing green space, turning the entire site into a green space initially.

“The discussion revolved around our vision for the place,” White said.

Consecutively, or shortly after the demolition, the consensus was to move forward with identifying design build

firms to conceptualize what a potential new building could look like in that space.

“The goal is to have the work (demolition) completed and grass sewn by mid-September to have a green space ready for Octoberfest.”

The Commission voted unanimously to proceed, pending approval by the City of Grayson at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

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The Blue Goose building. (File photo by Jeremy D. Wells, Carter County Times)

■ **FOIA** from A-5

manding to know why the Justice Department is not ensuring agencies are complying with the law, and what steps it will take to ensure compliance.

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public to be persistent, and to demand the same level of consistent attention from our elected officials. And it demands our attention yearround, and year-after-year.

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■ **Change** from A-5

cuts were mandatory or beneficial, people online applaud them as if this was a mandate from heaven. It shouldn’t be the worker who bears the brunt of greed, yet here we are.

Musk also has been trying to slash Medicare and privatize Social Security. Let’s be clear, Social Security is a right that working people paid into. So, why are some people so eager to please this lecherous cabal of cretins who don’t care about us whatsoever? Tell the lady next to me at the self-checkout counting her change for some groceries. Bet she’s very

sympathetic.

Then, it circles back to the family, who are just trying to get something to put on the dinner table. With groceries on the rise, we should be conversing about what it means to get taken for a ride. The country voted for this. But where’s the upside beyond seeing Elon look like a big dork with a chainsaw and Trump come off like a child when speaking about Ukraine? I want to be able to grab an omelet at the dinner; I was told eggs would be cheaper on day one. It’s long past. I’ll be here eating my \$16 dinner.

Back in 2015 – the high for our little oval-shaped delights? \$2.15. If you’re gonna send us up the river on action, do it, or get off the pot, as my mother likes to say. The egg timer isn’t just ticking, it’s going to explode like a lot of our patience for a “Great” America.

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