

## COMPLEX

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ramp to the river, with the entirety of the project projected was expected to be completed in about six years.

According to earlier reporting in The Mountain Advocate, this year marks more than five years the project has been in development. In addition to the ball fields, it is designed to also include walking trails, playgrounds, a sensory playground, amphitheater, batting cages, pickleball field, basketball courts, soccer fields, a non-motorized boat ramp

for access to the Cumberland River, and a 50,000 square foot indoor recreation facility.

“This is a smart move for Knox County,” Mitchell said at the April 2022 announcement of the project. “We need things that promote a healthier lifestyle and (be) available to the whole community.” Mitchell said in speaking to the Knox County Chamber of Commerce in January 2025, “It’s going to be a really nice facility,” Mitchell said.

In a statement Tuesday to The Mountain Advocate, Mitchell said, “The new Knox County Park facilities is slowly becoming a reality after

a harsh and historic winter.

“During the months of January & February the contractor was unable to complete a lot of the planned work schedule, but now that the weather has somewhat broke, we are anticipating things to turn back around.

“If everything goes well, we anticipate completion of the ballpark in late May or early June of this year. Also, the campground will be completed about the same time, along with the walking trails soon after. This new park will bring a lot of opportunities for all age groups within and outside of Knox County for outdoor activities.”

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## FORCHT

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local radio being a beacon for local communities, and the importance of hometown ownership for media companies like Forcht Broad-

casting. I look forward to helping build upon the significance our radio stations have to our listeners and our local businesses,” Middleton said.

Prior to being named president and CEO of Forcht Broadcasting Radio and Digital, Middleton spent the last 12 years as vice-president

and general manager of WYMT-TV in Hazard and spent 38 years in a variety of roles in management and news with WYMT-TV and its sister station in Knoxville, Tennessee. Middleton started his career in broadcasting in his native Harlan working in several roles for two local radio stations.

## GRANT

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Clinton, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitely, and Wolfe.

The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build community capacity to mobi-

lize local resources, gain leadership experience, and strengthen community institutions and networks.

Grants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grants are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit <https://centertech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>.

All grant applications and sup-

porting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 5 PM (EDT) on May 2, 2025. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to [arc@centertech.com](mailto:arc@centertech.com).

For questions about the application process or program guidelines, please call 606-677-6000 or email [jv-anthournout@centertech.com](mailto:jv-anthournout@centertech.com).

The Center for Rural Development administers programs funds in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government and the ARC.

## ABUSE

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Black mold was also found inside the cabinets.

Authorities additionally observed unsecured medicine bottles, open alcohol containers, THC vapes and drug paraphernalia within the child’s reach. The only bed in the home was a mattress propped against a wall.

Anderson claimed that she, Fang and the child all slept on the mattress, but officers found a small pad with a blanket and pillow inside a hallway closet, “as if the child were sleeping in the closet,” the citation stated.

A pediatrician diagnosed the child with bed bug bites, bruising and other injuries, prompting DCBS to remove him from the home and report suspected child abuse.

Anderson told police that Fang watches the child while she is at work and stays at the home three to four days a week.

Anderson and Fang were arrested and charged with second-degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or younger and endangering the welfare of a minor. Both remain in the Knox County Detention Center. As of Tuesday, no bond had been set.

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