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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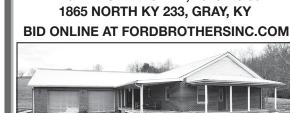
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Anderson claimed that she, Fang

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A pediatrician diagnosed the child

with bed bug bites, bruising and

other injuries, prompting DCBS to

remove him from the home and re-

port suspected child abuse.

stated.

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

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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