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A few of the cast of “Nutty by Nature” do a read-through on the VFW Post 10281 stage, preparing for a 6 p.m. show Saturday.

VFW 10281 in Vine Grove hosting theatrical performance Saturday

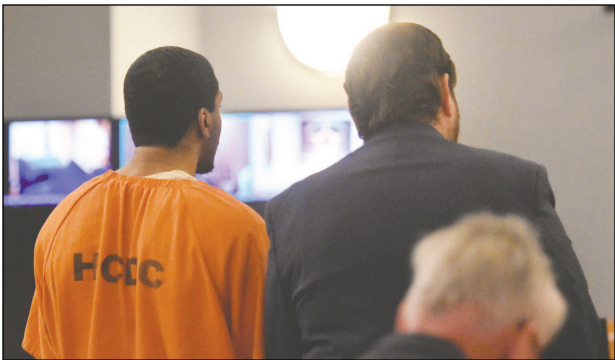
BY GREG THOMPSON
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Between working full time at a physician’s office in Louisville and rehearsing for a stage production in Clarksville, Indiana, Grace Peet managed to find time to write a show. It took about 80 hours from start to finish. The show is called “Nutty by Nature” and will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday at the VFW Post 10281 at 299 Briggs Lane in Vine Grove. Doors open 6 p.m., and it’s first come, first serve as far as seating goes. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. Patrons can pay via cash, Venmo or Cash App. “Nutty by Nature is a product of love, insanity and coffee,” Peet said. The live performance serves as a fundraiser for the VFW Post. A

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Gabe Boykin, seated from left, Caleb Blair and Grace Peet rehearse a scene from “Gin Mill Murder” from last year’s fundraiser performance at VFW Post 10281 in Vine Grove. This year, Peet and ensemble returns with “Nutty by Nature” at 6 p.m. Saturday.



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Damarco Callen, left, appeared Tuesday in Hardin Circuit Court with his attorney, Christopher Langefeld, where Callen entered a guilty plea after receiving a plea deal from the Commonwealth. Callen pleaded guilty to reckless homicide of a 6-year-old boy who shot himself in the head with Callen’s gun that was left unattended.

Man pleads guilty in shooting death of 6-year-old boy

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A Radcliff man has pleaded guilty to reckless homicide of a 6-year-old boy in exchange for a lighter sentence. Damarco Callen, 27, appeared Tuesday in Hardin Circuit Court originally for a deposition hearing but instead entered a guilty plea after receiving a deal from the Commonwealth. In exchange for his guilty plea, some charges were amended or dismissed. Callen originally was indicted on second-degree manslaughter, but the charge was amended to reckless homicide, a Class D felony. Callen also was indicted on four counts of wanton endangerment and unlawfully providing a handgun to a juvenile or permitting a juvenile to possess a handgun. Per the plea deal agreement, the unlawfully providing a minor a handgun

charge will be dismissed, but the wanton endangerment charges remain. Callen will serve a total of two years for all the charges, which will run concurrently with any other sentence Callen may have, according to Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Teresa Logsdon. The sentence comes from the Commonwealth talking to the family and regarding their wishes, Logsdon said. The charges stem from a shooting death when officers responded around 1 p.m. Jan. 25 to a home on North Street in Radcliff. When they arrived, they found a 6-year-old boy lying on the floor with a gunshot wound to the head. According to his arrest citation, Callen told police took a plate to the kitchen to clean when he heard a gunshot, and ran back into the room to find the boy face down on the bed with a head wound.

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Thompson, E'town police chief, named top in state

BY GINA CLEAR
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Elizabethtown Police Chief Jeremy Thompson prides himself on knowing what’s going on around him and believes it is hard to get anything over on him. That is, until Tuesday morning, when he was surprised to learn he had been named the Police Chief of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police at its annual conference. “I was telling my wife, she made the trip up, that I was disappointed in myself,”

Thompson said later in the morning after receiving the recognition. “Usually, I feel like I’m more in tune with what’s going on around me. I had zero clue or any idea this was coming.” Usually involved in the voting as an executive member of the association’s board, Thompson said he was unable to be involved this year, allowing for the surprise to be more easily carried out. “As our executive director started reading the nomination. I was just kind of, again, oblivious to it all, and

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E'town public works unveils new equipment, maintenance vehicles

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Public Works Superintendent of Operations Josh Reed, from right, stands with Crew Leader Jeremy Marrelli, Street Services Foreman Andy Casteel and Supervisor Troy Coogle in front of a new \$300,000 bush loader Monday after the Elizabethtown City Council meeting outside of Pritchard Community Center. The equipment was brought to the meeting so council members and other could see the new equipment.

The Elizabethtown Public Works department showcased some newly purchased equipment to help make its work more efficient. Some of the equipment, consisting of a brush loader to pick up discarded brush and a vehicle to do maintenance at sewage pump stations was on display Monday outside of Pritchard Community Center before and after the city council meeting. Public Works Director Don Hill introduced the new equipment while delivering his annual report during the meeting. Some of the other purchased equipment included a skid steer and a mini skid steer that can be used

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Results of The News-Enterprise online poll as of 5 p.m. Tuesday:

QUESTION: Have you ever participated in a government public survey?

Yes: 52.6% • No: 47.4%

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