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FIRE ATTACK

Buck-Hayes pleads not guilty

Suspect appears for arraignment ahead of weeklong jury trial

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A suspect facing charges in a brazen attack last summer when a member of Danville City Council

was set on fire, pleaded not guilty to the charges in his arraignment Wednesday afternoon in Danville Circuit Court.

Shotsie Michael Buck-Hayes appeared in court for the first time



Buck-Hayes

hair for the quick proceeding on Wednesday afternoon. However, just like in other appearances, he was still wearing an orange jail jumpsuit with his hands shackled in front of him.

The arraignment marks the first formal court procedure before a jury trial scheduled April 20-24.

The 30-year-old defendant was indicted on attempted first-degree

murder, aggravated malicious wounding, and breaking and entering while armed with a deadly weapon.

On July 30, Lee Vogler, a member of City Council, was doused in a gasoline substance and then set on fire at Showcase Magazine, where he was the director of marketing.

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EBOYZ INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTER

'YOU FIND GOLD MINES'

After-school program by Edmunds brothers unlocks hidden talent



Art students at the EBOYZ Innovative Learning Center work on creations on March 18.

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Bryson Adams was new to singing. The 11-year-old student at Active STEM Academy in Danville didn't realize he had a talent.

That was before a new after-school program.

Dauna Jessup, the director of the EBOYZ Innovative Learning Center, spotted it right away.

"I walked in and heard this voice," she told the Register & Bee. "And I'm like, who is that?"

The sixth grade student is one of what Jessup calls "hidden gems" emerging in a new program that started in late February.

The Eboyz Innovative Learning Center is located at the Glenwood Campus and is designed for middle school students to explore dance, music, drama and the arts from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

It was formed by the famed football players Trey, Terrell and Tremaine Edmunds.

Jessup and Kameron Walker, the associate director, have been gearing up for the recent debut since late summer.

Both work with one another at their day jobs for Bonner Middle School. Jessup teaches dance and Walker is the band director.

"We have been faithfully here laying the foundation for this vision that the Edmunds family had," Jessup said. "Trey has always wanted a fine arts school."

She explained that he saw a similar

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