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involving students.

"I am bound by student privacy laws," he said. "I can't even set the record straight.'

That includes issuing statements addressing social media posts that discuss specific incidents. That arose late last week when a Facebook post called out safety issues at one of the elementary schools. The district released a statement on ParentSquare and Facebook telling the community that school officials are committed to the safety of every student, but specifics about any incident is covered under privacy laws.

"It can look like nothing happens from the outside," Harrell said, adding that administrators investigate every report.

He said that all concerned parties in each incident will be contacted by the district. He also said if those parties believe the process is moving too slowly, they should contact the school principal or the central office.

'We don't engage in sharing information on social media," he said. "Speculation causes specific harm to specific people."

School districts are also required by state law to report any potential violation of the law to law enforcement. The first step would be to discuss the issue with the building's school resource offi-



M G McKinley | The Journal-Enterprise Webster County Board of Education recognized its 1WC Employees of the Month during Monday's meeting. Pictured are (I-r) Board Vice-Chair Venita Murphy, SRO John Shofner (classified), Madison Henshaw (certified), and Board Member David Asher.

cer (SRO).

"Their investigation is completely separate from the district's," Harrell the district had received explained. "The consequences are also separate. We can't tell them to press charges.'

In other business, the board approved an addition to the current work being done to renovate the high school football field and track facility. The addendum to the agreement with Hellas includes work to be completed by Five Star Electric in Clay.

The additional improvements will include \$15,675 to install 400 amp service to the facility, \$8,860 to run underground conduits for electrical lines, and \$6,160 to run lines to the scoreboard.

According to Hellas representatives, the current setup will not be enough to power the new light standards that will be installed over the next few months. The additional conduit work will allow the district to install members also approved more electrical service in the selling of five school other sections of the facil- buses through KISTA.

ity later without digging up the field again.

Harrell also announced three grants, one at the county level and two for specific elementary schools.

The largest of the three is a \$1.3 million Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant to support professional learning for teachers. The sessions will help local educators better implement the current curriculum. Harrell said. The district was one of 39 across the state to receive funding.

Also awarded are two \$40,000 reading diagnostic grants for Sebree and Providence elementary schools. Only 100 schools in Kentucky were funded.

The board also approved the renewal of student accident insurance through Zurich at a rate of \$22,111.20 for the upcoming year, as well as the purchase of a new roof HVAC unit at the high school. Board

HOME

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The deputy ran to his patrol cruiser and grabbed the fire extinguisher that is part of every vehicle's equipment. He entered the home to find it was full of smoke.

"I made my way to the back part of the house, the master bedroom," he continued. "You could just see flames shooting up to the ceiling."

The smoke was so thick that Stone couldn't find the source of the flames, but he was able to put out the fire with very little damage done to the residence.

Wheatcroft and Clay fire departments responded to the fire call. CFD Chief Jeremy Moore said the fire was contained to the bedroom and no injuries were reported.

was believed to have and doing things to betbeen caused by an ter our community. It electrical short. Stone added that firefighters told him it was likely from an extension cord that was plugged in but not being used.

above and beyond to extinguish the fire prior to (our arrival), what a day in public serreducing the amount vice will bring," Braden of damage that would have been caused," said Moore.

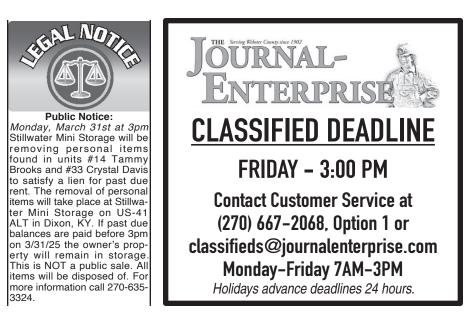
"She got very lucky," Stone said of the resident. "This was the whole reason I joined the sheriff's department, to give back to the community and help where I can. It's not always about doing the things people don't like, the arresting people.

"The part one joy is the part where I can give back" be added. Working with kids, Moore said the fire helping people in need, was a great day."

Sheriff Billy Braden praised the quick action taken by his deputy, saying that the job performed by law enforce-"Deputy Stone went ment isn't always about suspects and handcuffs.

"You never know said in a release "In a matter of minutes, Deputy Stone went from serving a warrant to fighting a fire at the same residence. Deputy Stone's actions were nothing short of valiant, and his swift response saved the structure from what could have been a total loss had he not been in the right place at the right time."

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