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but said Shelley is highly qualified, works well with the board members and staff, and knows the community.

She also said he is a top candidate for a superintendent position at another district, adding he would be a "top candidate in any pool, in any state."

Harrisburg School District officials confirmed Shelley was one of three finalists for the top job there.

At Monday's meeting, board vice chairman Zach Williams spoke in favor of hiring Shelley as did board members Mike Cosgrove, Gordon Larson, Kelly Stokes and Tracie Unterwagner.

Williams referred to all the personnel changes underway in the district, and said while he didn't always agree with Shelley on everything, he would be the strongest choice.

Larson said he was "100 percent confident" in Shelley's competence and abilities.

Unterwagner said the decision goes to what's best for the kids – "not just continuity, but a strong leader who

can lead the district."

She said she had looked at salary ranges from the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, and the mid-range was \$98,000 to \$110,000.

The lone dissenting vote came from newly appointed board member Ben Holliday. He said that while he has the "utmost respect" for Shelley and his wife Elizabeth, he didn't feel a rushed decision was a good idea. He said he felt the board should follow its timeline, not Shelley's.

Several spoke of the continuity that would be lost with the departure of Shelley and also his wife, who is a career coordinator and English and leadership teacher at Grant Union.

While the majority of the remarks from the audience were supportive of the decision, a couple of people urged the board to take time and consider a wider search.

Shelley was at the meeting, but made no comment at that time.

The board is scheduled to finalize the hire at the next board meeting, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.

Humbolt grade-schoolers cash in on Adopt-a-Classroom program

Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY – Five classes at Humbolt Elementary School have received cold, hard cash for classroom use, from the Quaker Oats Company and Chester's Thriftway in John Day, through the Adopt-A-Classroom program.

Chester's store manager Bill Wylie, grocery manager Robert

Hunt and operations manager Thadd Cowan Thompson were on hand Feb. 26 to present the checks in the school cafeteria.

Fifth-grade teacher Georgia Boethin, who pursued the program, received \$1,500 for her students, which she plans to use on several iPad minis. Even though there won't be enough for each student to have one, Boethin said, "The kids are ec-

static, to say the least."

The other teachers each received \$375.

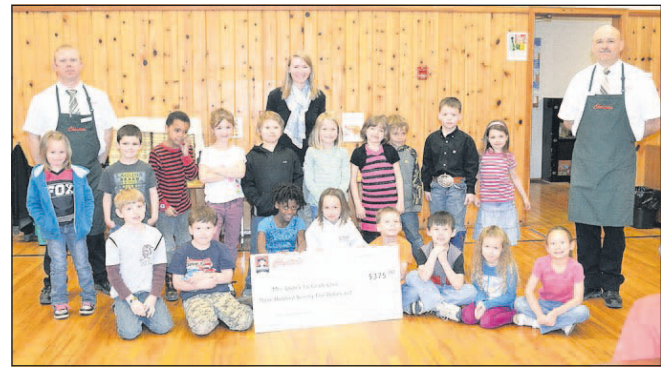
First-grade teachers Peggy Murphy and Mandy Ipson are using their money on whiteboards for the students. Murphy also bought privacy barriers, phonics cards, a place value flip chart for math and two sets of "100th day of school" glasses. Ipson hopes to buy new books, too.

Third-grade teacher Caroline Colson bought books, art and classroom supplies, and fifth-grade teacher Lorie Croghan bought an iPad for her classroom – the first of many she hopes to purchase.

Ipson expressed her thanks to Chester's Thriftway and Quaker Oats for the generous award, saying "We are so grateful to get these new supplies."



Humbolt Elementary teacher Peggy Murphy and her first-grade class.



Humbolt Elementary teacher Mandy Ipson and her first-grade class.



Humbolt Elementary teacher Caroline Colson and her third-grade class.



Humbolt Elementary teacher Georgia Boethin and her fifth-grade class.



Humbolt Elementary teacher Lorie Croghan and her sixth-grade class.

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WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO AT HOME TO HELP WITH THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN: Families play a very important role in the education of children. Parents need to read to their children at an early age. It is also important to talk and listen to them.
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Library Advisory Board: Seven members serve four-year terms and meet monthly to promote public awareness and support of library services, receive public input, review and update library materials, and coordinate activities with the Grant County Library Foundation. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

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Raschio said the motion to suppress would deal with issues from a warrantless search.

Cramer was clearly frustrated with the new developments last week.

"I'm not impressed," he told the attorneys, noting that new motions are being filed in a case that dates back to last summer. He said he usually expects a plea within the first 30-40 days of a case.

Cramer told Martin and Graves he will consider the counsel request, but simple dissatisfaction wouldn't be enough to warrant a change. He said the defendants must show some Constitutional inadequacy in their attorneys' performance to get them removed.

Cramer set a March 12 hearing on the attorney representation issue, but cautioned the defendants he would not let that delay the case further.

"This case is going forward," he said.

He said the defendants could be putting themselves at risk with a counsel change.

"You have a right to be your own attorney. You have a right to hire your own attorney," he said, "But there will not be another court-appointed attorney."

If new attorneys are retained, he added, they need to be ready to move forward on March 26, when a hearing is scheduled for the motion to suppress.

Raschio said the defendants cite communication problems, but he said the situation is complicated by the fact his client is homeless and telephone contact has been difficult.

He said Martin is being advised by his religious leader to drop him as lawyer.

Graves was accompanied by two supporters who also drew attention from the bench – one was told to refrain from shaking his head at the judge's statements or he would have to leave the courtroom.

"I'm an American," the man replied.

The other man stood at the close of the hearing, declared "amicus curiae" meaning "friend of the court," and began making a statement. Cramer stopped him after a few sentences and said he was moving on to the next case.

The hearing also was marked by a paperwork shuffle after Deputy District Attorney Matthew Ipson told Cramer that a packet of papers had been left on the prosecution table, addressed to the district attorney's office, from Graves. Ipson said he had not examined the contents.

A similar packet was found on the defense table, and Graves said she was filing the material with the court and providing copies to the lawyers.

Cramer told the attorneys to return their copies to Graves, and said he would seal the one filed with the court to review it.

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