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Lawmakers: Road funds for sheriff unlikely

County seeks to spend reserve to fund sheriff's patrol operations

By **TY BEAVER**
H&N Staff Reporter

State lawmakers representing Klamath County aren't confident the Oregon Legislature will allow the county to use its road reserve funds

to shore up the patrol division of the sheriff's office.

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners, along with Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger and Klamath County District Attorney

Ed Caleb, met with state Sen. Doug Whitsett and state Rep. Bill Garrard, both R-Klamath Falls, to discuss legislation that would give the county temporary access to tens of millions of dollars typically reserved for roads

and schools.

"We're losing officers at a tremendous rate," Commissioner Al Switzer said of patrol deputies leaving for other jobs. "We're in the desperation stage."

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■ Without road funds, commissioners say the only funding source would be other public safety-related budgets **A6**

■ The county may ask the city of Klamath Falls to help fund the jail **A6**

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Complaint filed before probe

An investigation into Klamath County Treasurer Mike Long originated as a criminal complaint filed with the Klamath County Sheriff's Office. See page A3.

Woman's death being investigated

The death of a Klamath Falls woman whose body was found Nov. 6 is being investigated by the Klamath County Sheriff's Office. See page A3.



Coming Sunday

Dan Crawford could have been a farmer. Instead he spent his life photographing them.

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Making ends meet (barely)



H&N photo by Lee Juillerat

The Cox family — from left, Otille, Garnet, Steven and Dominic — enjoy spending time together at home in Klamath Falls.

Family struggles to pay bills, can't afford to fix car

By **LEE JUILLERAT**
H&N Regional Editor

A disabled large-screen TV sits in the living room of the Cox family's rented home near Fairview School.

Steven and Garnet Cox and their two children — Dominic is a fourth grader and Otille is in second grade — try to make ends meet on one income while struggling to pay medical bills and survive without a car they couldn't afford to fix.

Health issues, including bipolar and panic disorders, forced Garnet, 29, to quit her job at NEW Corp., where Steven, 31, is a case manager. He has worked for the DirecTV customer service company for six years.

"We can usually make the bills work out, but there's nothing left over," Garnet said.

To make it work, the family cut back on any unnecessary expenses.

"We don't buy video games any more. We don't buy movies any more," Garnet said. "We've limited trips to the gas station," a combination service station-convenience store just a few blocks away. "I hate buying milk from them because it's so expensive, but when you run out and you don't have a car ..."

Thanks to Steven's job, the family gets free DirecTV for their small, but functioning television.

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ABOUT THIS SERIES:

Our annual Money Matters series kicked off two weeks ago, focusing on manufacturing and agriculture.

Last week, we focused on retailers, medical services, tourism and real estate markets. This week, we look at impacts on area workers and their families.

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■ Klamath Basin nonprofits have been struggling, but after two years of recession, not only are donations still low, but backup funds are depleted. **A7**

■ The best way to attract jobs is to make locating a business here as easy as possible, says Klamath County Commissioner Al Switzer. **A7**

Walden working to achieve GOP goals

Bloomberg News Service

WASHINGTON — In Boehner-Land, the constellation of loyalists and associates surrounding the soon-to-be House speaker, Rep. Greg Walden has become the indispensable jack-of-all-trades.

A former radio station owner from the high desert plateau of Eastern Oregon, the six-term Republican tackles every thankless task assigned by House Minority Leader John Boehner with the precision

that he learned as an Eagle Scout.

Walden's latest assignment: to oversee his party's transition to the majority — and to somehow translate its campaign promises to reform the way Congress works to a practical rule book that, well, reforms the way Congress works.

This is no sexy task. And it will not culminate in a landmark bill that bears Walden's name. This is a matter of floor-vote calendars and committee-hearing schedules.

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Rep. Greg Walden, a six-term Republican, tackles every thankless task assigned by House Minority Leader John Boehner.