



...Tackett takes helm of NOLC

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was vice president of Local 330. The dislocated workers program at Labor's Community Service Agency had been called in to assist the workers, and Executive Director Glenn Shuck was looking for volunteers to be "peer advocates" to help in the transition.

The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Tackett jumped in feet first to assist his co-workers. He did such a fine job that Shuck hired him full-time.

"At the time, Boeing and Freightliner were experiencing significant layoffs," Tackett said. "I was already trained, so Glenn hired me."

Tackett served as a member of the WorkSource Portland Metro Rapid Response Team for Labor's Community Service Agency from 2000-2007.

In August 2007, he went to work for the Oregon AFL-CIO as their WIA labor liaison, which covers the entire state. In that capacity, Tackett was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, which represents professional staff at the state labor federation.

"That's where I had planned to stay until I retired," Tackett told the NW Labor Press. "I liked what I was doing."

He said he was approached by O'Connor several months ago about running for the top post at the labor council.

"For me, it came completely out of left field," Tackett said. "I didn't know Judy wanted to retire; and I had never even given a thought to that job."

Tackett initially declined ... twice.

"She and Bob (NOLC President Bob Petroff of Machinists District Lodge 24) were pretty persuasive," Tackett said.

Tackett was the only person nominated for the post. He was declared the

winner by acclamation to fill the remainder of O'Connor's term, which expires in December 2011.

"Judy has been there a long time. She knows all the ins and outs. I know I have some big shoes to fill," Tackett said.

His first day at the office was Aug. 31, but his first big test will be on Labor Day.

NOLC sponsors the largest Labor Day picnic in the Pacific Northwest each year at Oaks Amusement Park. Fortunately, O'Connor agreed to stick around long enough to show Tackett the ropes on how to coordinate a picnic for 18,000 people.

"I'll be honest, I'm nervous about it," Tackett said.

As soon as the picnic is over, Tackett says he will move quickly to launch a Web site so that NOLC has more visibility. He also says he will continue

holding informal monthly breakfasts with elected city and county officials — a program O'Connor started many years ago for officials from the construction trades.

"I need to get up to speed politically," Tackett acknowledged. "My position as a WIA labor liaison was a totally non-political position."

Tackett says he knows what labor's issues are and he knows most of the players in the council's jurisdiction, though not personally.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

In other election results, Jeff Anderson, secretary-treasurer of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, was elected by acclamation first vice president of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. He was installed alongside Tackett at the delegates' meeting on Aug. 24.

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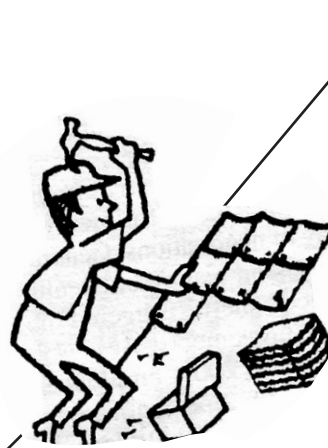
Eugene/Springfield — Labor Day Picnic at Jasper Park in Springfield/Pleasant Hill. 12 Noon. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Council. Contact Pat Riggs-Henson at 541-914-6928 or Cj Mann at 541-913-0056 for more information.

Medford — Labor Day Picnic at TouVelle State Park in White City. 11 a.m. – to dusk. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Council. Call Kathy McUne at 541-664-0804 for more information.

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Portland — Labor Day Picnic at Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The Labor Council will sell food scrip for 25 cents each. Three scrip will get you a hot dog and chips, two scrip a soda pop, and six scrip a beer. A deluxe bracelet for carnival rides costs \$8.75. The ride bracelet also includes admission to the roller skating rink. Guest speakers from 1 to 2 p.m. and pro wrestling matches will be featured throughout the day. Sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Call 503-235-9444 for more information or to order scrip.

Salem — Oregon State Fair. The Oregon AFL-CIO labor booth in the central canopy area continues to be staffed with union volunteers during the entire two weeks of the fair, including Labor Day.



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