

Rep. Tim Josi takes time to talk with constituency

By Noni Andersen

Oregon Rep. Tim Josi, the newly appointed Dist. 2 representative, is inviting area residents to join him for a get-acquainted session on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Vernonia

Fire Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.

If the name is unfamiliar to you, don't be surprised—or if you're under the impression that Jackie Taylor is the Dist. 2 representative, here is what has transpired.

Less than two years ago, voters in southwest Columbia County and northwest Washington County, along with all of Clatsop County, elected Jackie Taylor as their representative in Oregon House District 2.

That was before the census, reapportionment and redistricting.

It was also before the application of a really strange and decidedly undemocratic requirement that the Oregon Secretary of State arbitrarily assign elected state legislators to districts newly created by reapportionment, whether they were elected by the voters of that district or not. The representatives aren't even required to live in the district they are assigned to represent.

As a result, Jackie Taylor, an Astoria resident, no longer represents district 2. She now represents a new district that encircles Forest Grove like a doughnut, while Tim Josi, a resident of Bay City, who was elected to represent Dist. 3, has been assigned to represent Dist. 2.

Josi, a first-term legislator whose district now ranges from Hebo to Warrenton and inland to Vernonia, is expending considerable effort to become acquainted with the



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people and concerns of his new district and has been to Vernonia several times.

He grew up on the family dairy farm, on the banks of the Wilson River, and is a self-employed landscape contractor. He has a solid background in community service and governmental experience, including serving on the house Agriculture,

Forestry and Natural Resources committee.

Since redistricting, Josi lives in District 2, instead of District 3, and he plans to run for re-election. Like Taylor, he is a Democrat.

Taylor, who now lives in District 1, instead of District 2, has said she will not run for re-election. District 1 travels along the Columbia River from Astoria to Scappoose.

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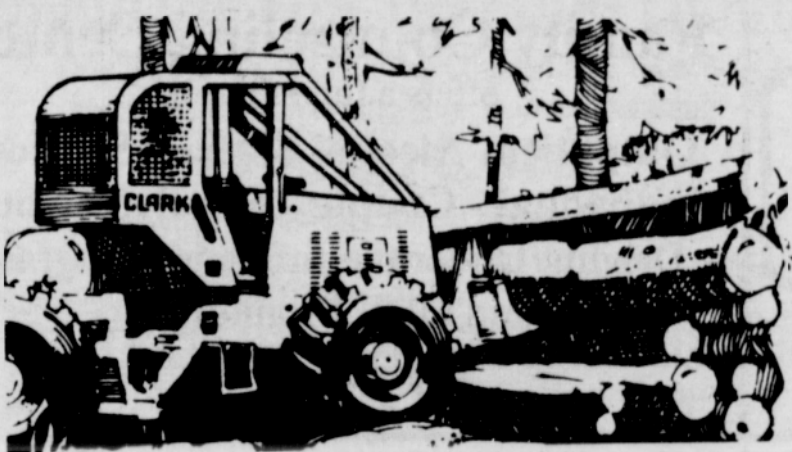
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County asking for public input on law enforcement

What do people think about the law enforcement services being provided by Columbia County? That question is being asked by the county's commissioners at four public hearings in February.

The hearings have been triggered partly by the complaints of Vernonia, Clatskanie and Scappoose city governments. The municipal governments say that the county Sheriff's Department provides inadequate coverage in rural areas, which requires the cities to use their limited resources in costly and time-consuming law enforcement activities that should be the responsibility of the county.

Another factor in the information gathering process is consideration by the county of asking for an operating levy for the Sheriff's Dept.

The hearing in Vernonia

will be on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the city Library. All interested parties will have the opportunity to be

heard.

Additional hearings will be in St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie.

Council given assignments, commission members appointed

Vernonia Mayor Scott Sword assigned 1992 committee responsibilities to City Council members as follows:

Fire/Ambulance-Wells Oviatt, Dave Van Meter, Tony Hyde;

Police-Sword, Hyde, Oviatt;

Public Works-Sword, Kathy Morrison, VanMeter;

Parks-VanMeter, Oviatt, Hyde;

Cemetery-Morrison;

Airport-Sword;

Planning Commission-Mor-

ison.

Four citizens were appointed to the Vernonia Planning Commission. Steve Thomas, Tim Williamson, Linda Webster and Joe Charpentier will join Nancy Dailey, Art Parrow and chairman Jerry Keenon.

Darold Proehl was reappointed to the city budget committee, where he will serve with new appointees Ed Buckner Jr. and Ken Bateman, and holdover members Sam Hearing and John G. Crowston.

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