



ABOVE. LONGTIME wheelchair basketball player Jack Chase shows Boring Middle School students ball handling techniques. Right, students gaze intently as one of Chase's eighteen foot hook shots sails towards the basket.



Photos by Don Ryan

Rolling roundballer visits students



"It's tougher to get through to kids now. They've seen so much more with television. They're more sophisticated. But I happen to have a commodity that they're not familiar with."

The commodity that Jack Chase happens to have is an ability to handle a basketball while rolling through maneuvers and a rapid-fire routine with children throughout the United States.

Chase was at the Boring Middle School Thursday, one of more than 5,000 schools he has visited with his one-man basketball clinic on wheels.

Crippled by polio while attending college in Washington, Chase became familiar with wheelchair basketball in 1949 in Illinois.

That year he participated in the first National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

Chase also has been chosen four times to an All-American team and played on national championships teams in 1955 and 1957. In addition, he was a member of the para-olympic wheelchair basketball team that won the world championship in London, England, in 1962.

Chase also demonstrates his skill in handling a wheelchair. In 1962, he was winner of the national obstacle course slalom and students were transfixed as they watched him go through his moves at the Boring gym.

Chase, an ordained minister, is a resident of Corvallis.



LEFT, CHASE puts in a layup. Above, eighth grader Mitch Paola had a chance to try his basketball skills in a wheelchair but had problems picking up the ball.

Sandy to get share

Clackamas county to reap urban county benefits

by Bernadette Bischke staff writer

Clackamas County has a chance to reap the benefits of being the fastest growing county in the state—and the City of Sandy will be getting a share of the harvest.

With a population figure over 200,000, the county has become eligible for approximately \$2.3 to \$2.5 million in federal funds, according to Sandy City Manager Paul Helton.

"Clackamas County recently became eligible for a Community Block Development Grant from the federal Housing and Urban Development project. It is the only urban county in Oregon presently eligible for the funding program," he said.

Susan Greer, administrative assistant to the city manager, said citizen input is a key factor in determining how Sandy's "fair share" of the funding will be allocated. The city is looking for specific project recommendations from area citizens.

A public meeting of the Sandy Citizen Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. in the Sandy City Council chambers. The council hopes the meeting will be a first step in involving area residents in the Community Block Grant Project.

The projected \$2.3-\$2.5 million amount will be available to the county in the first year of funding, Greer said. "We anticipate a total of \$7.8 million will be allocated over a three year funding period."

With more than 60 citizen planning groups in the county scrambling to untangle red tape and get their projects outlined for funding, county officials realize the need for an individualized approach on the part of each community.

"All cities in the county have signed intergovernmental agreements. This

means the cities will work cooperatively with the county, which in turn will be the applicant agency for project requests," Greer said.

Greer said the basic objectives of HUD Community Development legislation are to provide "decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons with special emphasis on elderly, handicapped, minority and low income persons."

She stressed that participation from these groups is especially desired. "In fact it's required by the federal government in order to have projects funded."

Helton said, "In the first year of the grant it has been suggested that cities focus on projects of a very tangible nature that can be completed in one year."

Project titles range from residential rehabilitation to historical preservation. A special concern listed by the county is removal of architectural barriers for handicapped persons in public facilities and the provision of a housing counseling service for people who find it difficult to find or maintain adequate housing.

Local citizen committees will forward project recommendations to the city council. These committees include service organizations, agencies, citizens at large, minorities, the handicapped and persons of low and moderate income.

Community planning organizations and neighborhood associations working through the county will forward their project requests to a Community Development Advisory Committee comprised of 10 to 12 community planning and neighborhood association representatives. The county planning staff would approve these requests.

Both city and county project requests would then receive approval from the Community Development policy board, with 15 city and one county representatives.

The next agencies in project approval would be the board of county commissioners, the Columbia Region Association of Governments and the HUD regional office. Final approval would be given by Washington, D.C., Greer said.

There is no one-step method in the planning process, Greer admitted. "Some scrambling now is necessary. In the future the county would like to have priorities developed before funding becomes available."

Greer said the original HUD funding program was based on the "old Model Cities and Urban Renewal projects." She said some persons may not readily see how the project would be applicable to small cities in urban counties.

"Out here we don't have the blighted areas so easily identifiable with big city improvement projects."

HUD secretary Patricia Harris said the agency is focusing its attention on distressed big cities but also is committed to offering "housing and community development aid to rural areas and smaller cities and towns."

Although Greer is hoping for local participation at the Feb. 7 meeting, she said a low turnout won't spell disaster for the project.

"We can always reschedule meetings or people can utilize other channels. They can talk directly with the city staff or go right to the county commissioners."

"It's not as though someone were saying we might get funding—we know we're going to get it. It's up to the people to decide how the money is going to be spent."

Commission to hear partition request

The Clackamas County Planning Commission on Monday, Feb. 13, will consider a minor partition request by Dale Campbell for property located near

Boring. The commissioners will consider the minor partition consisting of two lots on 18.65 acres in an RA-1 zone. The property is located on the

south side of Haley Road about one-fourth of a mile west of Southeast 282nd and approximately three-fourths of a mile north of Boring. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Clackamas

County courthouse in Oregon City. The record and application is available for inspection in the office of the Clackamas County Planning Department.

Welches budget group to meet

The Welches School District Budget Committee will receive the budget message and budget

document at a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. Welches Superintendent Jack Callaghan said the

budget committee will discuss the budget proposals during the session and that public comments will be welcome. Callaghan said a copy of the budget document will be available at the school office.

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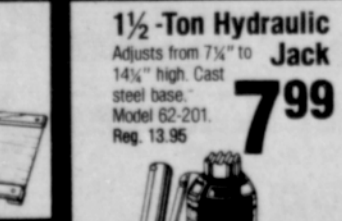
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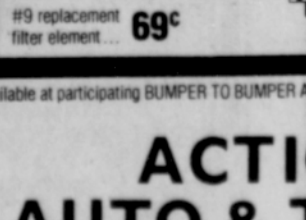
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