

Financial Studies West Concrete Sewer Extension Plan

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...secondary sewage dis-
...to serve the entire
...of Concrete took place this
...when the town council ap-
...their engineer's supple-
...design report covering
...of west end service and
...the regular council
...will December 29 for
...on a second bond
...cover extra costs.
...costs to provide
...the western portion of
...is estimated at \$181,
...to the first
...of \$211,000 approved

by city voters in November.
State and federal grant monies possibly available to cover the original project and the additional service total \$276,000, or approximately 58 per cent of the total cost. Voters approved issuance of \$227,500 in the November election, leaving just under \$78,500 to be raised.
James Kors, of the city's consulting engineering firm of Sleavin & Kors, recommended financing the additional sum through general obligation bonds. If this method is not approved by voters, the addition

could be financed through revenue bonds which would have to be paid by an increase in the monthly service fee to all who will be using the disposal system.
Council members approved the engineer's report and authorized his next step, application for additional federal matching funds. The meeting was continued for two weeks to allow later action if indication of approval of this extra federal funding is obtained by that date, the deadline for calling a special bond election in February to coincide

with an anticipated school district levy election.
The addition would serve the area west of Superior Avenue. An engineers sketch of the area to be served including both the first and second phase plans is now posted at the Concrete Herald office for inspection by all interested persons.
In other action at Tuesday's regular council meeting, members approved an ordinance transferring four mills from the street fund to the general fund to meet budget deficits for the current year. The ordinance is

published in full elsewhere in today's issue.
An offer by the Cascade Junior Women's Club to refurbish the community meeting room in the Concrete Library with paneling and carpeting, if the city would first level the building and furnish labor, was taken under advisement until the foundations can be inspected.
A four year contract with Harold Kloes for use of the city dump to dispose of garbage collections from Newhalem, if he is successful bidder for that
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County Leaders to Attend 'Open Space' Meeting Here

Officials including Commissioner Howard Miller and Assessor-Elect James and Planner Lou will be in Concrete to assist in explaining Open Space Taxation

meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. to acquaint owners of forest land with

possible tax benefits to be gained under this program. Jack Crawford, county extension agent, will present a slide and tape program on the subject and other county officials will be prepared to answer questions from the audience.

Landowners who intent to use the open space designation must file an application with the county assessor before December 31.

UGN Campaign Total \$98,063

A total of \$98,063 has been received in the Skagit County United Good Neighbor campaign, bringing the annual drive to 89 per cent of its \$110,000 goal.

These figures were released at the no host awards banquet held last week in Sedro Woolley. Hopes are high, it was reported, that the next 30 days will bring the county UGN drive to 100 per cent.

Judges Pick Top Winners In Christmas Art Contest

An anonymous committee of businessmen-judges were hard pressed to choose among Christmas Window scenes painted by finalists this year in the annual contest sponsored by the Cascade Junior Women's Club.

Prizewinners in the first to third grade category are Ross Wood (whose candle painting adorns a Herald window) and Laurie Neal, creator of the

snowman scene at the post office.
In the Fourth to Sixth grade category Ina Vee Trantham won first prize for her Christmas mouse drawing, also shown at the post office and second place winner is Christine Johnson, whose painting is displayed at Concrete Drug Store.
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Roadway Cleared For Tree Cutting

Public Christmas tree cutting areas in Baker River Ranger District of the National Forest are again accessible, the district office in Concrete reported late Tuesday afternoon.

Up to 18 inches of snow was reported on the ground through the weekend. A slide blocked the roadway to the Pinney Creek area until Tuesday but it is now cleared, the office reported.

District people warn that it is illegal to cut trees within 500 feet of the highway. They say cutters should plan on hiking at least a mile to get a tree. They recommend bringing warm clothes, an axe or saw to cut their tree and a rope to tie it to their car.

Winter Concert

Concrete High School's 22nd annual Winter Concert is scheduled December 16 beginning at 8 p.m. Band Director John Rantschler announced this week.

Traditional, classical and contemporary music of the Christmas season will be presented by the high school band and chorus, the eighth grade clarinet trio and the sixth grade chorus.

A feature of the program will be the community sing, with the combined fifth and sixth grade choruses leading the audience in a selection of well known carols.

Santa Claus Coming

Santa Claus is coming to Concrete.

A special trip to visit all Upper Skagit children has been scheduled December 19. Santa is due to arrive at the Concrete Library at 1:30. Travel arrangements are being made by the Concrete Fire Department, Lions Club, Eagles Aerie and American Legion.



Main Street planters sport a festive holiday air, as the Camp Fire Girls in the fifth grade group led by Joanne Rathvon and Mrs. Orville Kelpers. Mary Howell, Joanne Rathvon, Allison Coon and Nicki Comer,

pictured festooning ornaments they constructed to one of the planter trees, and other members of their organization took part in this annual community service project of the Camp Fire Girls.

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