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For all of you who missed last week's column please know the paper and I did our best. It got lost in cyber-space again. That is frustrating for all of us.

Memorial services were held for Charlse Schipper McDonald Saturday, February 10, 2006 at the IOOF Hall in Trinity Center. Charlse past away at her home with her grandson and his wife at her bed side. Besides her husband, Jack McDonald, she is survived by one son in Arizona, six grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Charlse and her sweet, loving nature will be missed by her family and many friends.

Louise Birch's daughter, Sandy Greene, said Louise went into the hospital Thursday, the 2nd of February, with pneumonia and stayed until the following Monday. She was released to Highland House, but has not fully recovered. Sandy said, "We all feel she is in her last days on this earth and she is certainly ready to meet her Lord. Of course we are all saddened to see her in this state, but she is being kept comfortable and her sister, Jean, is here from Florida, as well as the rest of the family". A week later we received word that Louise woke up this morning, smiling and hungry and has been in a very upbeat mood all day. Wow! The power of prayer! We all hope this turn for the better continues. Sandy and her family thank you all for your prayers and concern, and will keep you posted on her mother's well being.

I spoke with Arlene Birch on the phone and even though she was terribly homesick for Trinity Center and all her friends here, she is doing extremely well and has finally gotten her driving privileges returned. She said she was out driving all day the first day she got her "wheels" back. Her arm is doing great, but she is continuing with physical therapy to work on a kink in the inner ligament in her shoulder.

Trinity Center resident, Judy Pflueger, is running for Supervisor of the First District. Pflueger's primary platform is the "financial solvency of the County", and said her extensive hands-on experience in the financial field will be vital and instrumental in helping her work with the supervisors to resolve the budgetary requirements and deficits of the county.

Pflueger graduated from St. Mary's College with a Bachelor of Arts in Management, and spent the next 30 years in the banking industry, retiring in 1993 as Vice President and Branch Manager of the Fairfield Branch of Heart Federal Savings and Loan, which later became the US Bank. Judy has been very active in the political aspect and decisions making processes of the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Board of Directors as Secretary, and in the Solano Work Services providing training to developmentally disabled adults, She was on the Board of Directors of the Modoc County Private Industry council, and a member of the Professional Business Women's Association, and is currently on the Board for the Far Northern Regional Center, serving the needs of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Pflueger has served two terms on the Trinity County Grand Jury, the last term as Foreperson. She has been dedicated to the needs of youth, serving as a 4-h leader for many years, and 2 1/2 terms on the Trinity Center School Board. She is also Secretary of the Community Services District of Trinity Center,

Judy and her husband Hal are currently co-owners of a small business building Hardwood Instrument Panels for light aircraft.. They, started to build their Trinity Center Home in 1980, and upon completion, made it their permanent residence while continuing to travel with their jobs. They became full time residents in 1993, at which time their son, Alex started the 4th grade at Trinity Center School, and going on to graduate from Trinity High School. Alex is now a Lance

Corporal in the US Marines and has spent 2 tours of duty in Iraq. He is now stationed state side in Twenty Nine Palms with his wife, Brenda

Pflueger is running against appointed incumbent, Bill Chambers from the Lewiston area, and Carmen (Sissy) Arey, also from Lewiston.

Joe Solven, son of Rick and Linda Solven, and a sophomore at Trinity High School, took first place in his weight category in the Shasta Cascade Wrestling League at a match hosted by Trinity High School. Congratulations, Joe.

It is not all Academia for Trinity Center students. Linda Solven is coordinating a "Club Live" for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and has invited them to attend a dance at Lewiston Elementary School Friday, February 10 and another dance at Douglas City School Friday, February 17. Linda is sending permission slips for these dances and parents will be contacted to transport interested students.

Linda Spliethof, a Coffee Creek Resident, is one of the people who spend 12 hours a day, 7 days a week directing traffic around the mud slide on State Highway 299, 10 miles south of Trinity Center. She said they expect the repair/rebuild project to take approximately 1 month, and they began February 4. The construction crew feels they are ahead of schedule dumping 75 truckloads of rock a day, trucked in by 25 trucks that each makes 3-four hour turnaround trips from the Mountgate Query.

Spliethof said they are trying to keep inconvenience to commuters to a minimum. The motorist wait time could be anywhere from no wait up to a 15 minute wait. She said one of the best parts is she gets to see locals she has not seen in a long time, and most people are friendly and thankful the road is being repaired as fast as it is. And it is a HUGE job.

The first load of rocks was the base load that an earthmover, positioned at the bottom of the ravine, set in place, forming a ledge covering the rocks with soil. Then the second and future layers were put in place, forming a step ladder effect until it reaches the road surface where a culvert will be put in place, and then paved.

Don't forget the FEAT meeting at the Fire Hall Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00. This vitally important Fire Emergency Assistance Team will be thoroughly explained, and can use all the people to participate that they can get