A glitch in "Cyber-Space" kept the North Forty from happening yet again last week. The good part of this is it gave me the chance to see that you folks really do read my column. Better still, you miss it when it is not there. A lot of you know I have started working at the new KOA, but don't worry! I am not giving up the column... I will just need to re-adjust my schedule to make it fit in. It may mean the deadline to get information to me will have to change. I will let you know when I know what my schedule is going to be.

The North Forty has more than its share of people who give and give and give, (whether it is time or money) and never expect or ask for an acknowledgement. Most are a little embarrassed when they have been singled out with a public thank you. Even though we try not to let anyone fall through the "we are grateful" crack, some do. Maybe it is because I was not aware of it or maybe (in my old age) I thought I had thanked the person in a previous column. Whatever the reason, I am sorry, and will try to do better in the future.

And then there is the "Unsung Heroes" that continue to quietly go on his or her merry way, giving and doing way more then their share for the community. An excellent example of this is Norm Zeppa. He is certainly a hero to our community. He is always right there, volunteering his fabulous voice to any and all community fundraisers and occasions. His tireless contribution to the newly formed FEAT organization is way over the top of "over and beyond the call of duty". He has acquired hundreds of dollars worth of equipment and money to buy more equipment. We are amazed where he finds the time and energy to do all of this and still prepare lesson plans and conduct classes for the FEAT members. And on top of all of that, he still makes time to conduct the "Norm Tabernacle Choir" at the Coffee Creek Community Church.

Norm, we want you to know how much we appreciate you, and are very glad you are a member of our community. If any of you have a need for music for your organization or party, Norm also makes time on his calendar to do that sort of work for a modest fee. That could be one way to pay him back a little. You can each Norm at 266-3412.

Two more "Unsung Heroes" are Rick and Pat Gifford at the Sasquatch Restaurant who has at least two fund-raisers a year, plus dinners and lunches for the school children. They are also there for the community when donations are asked for again, and again, and again. The most recent fund-raiser Rick and Pat did as a donation to the fire department was the Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day Sunday. The TCVFD's building fund was fattened by \$1,394.00. A great big thank you goes to Wilma Villaloboz for chairing this function. You community members deserve a pat on the back for supporting yet another fund-raiser. But then, look at the wonderful breakfast you had in return. There are lots of other people who deserve "atta boys", but I am writing this column from Santa Rosa, and do not have all the names yet. I will have them for next week's column.

Coffee Creek School is very proud of their hot lunch program that is offered to the students each school day. And they should be. I have never heard of a more innovative way to teach the students the elements of the food groups, while incorporating reading, math, and current and social events.

Mrs. Doreen Peck lets the students help choose the menus for the delicious lunches that she prepares. She bases the menus on what they are learning in school that week, or what holiday is being celebrated, such as the recent Cinco Demao. One student per week gets to help Mrs. Peck prepare the lunches by reading the recipes and measuring the ingredients. It is Mrs. Peck's goal to

teach the students a healthy way to eat incorporating the basic food groups while spending less money.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! No matter who you are voting for, your vote is crucial The races are very close and this is a race where your vote really could be the deciding factor. There has been a lot of hard work from all the candidates to get their information out to you, and hopefully sway your vote in their direction. The three candidate's nights have all been very well attended and the questions to the candidates continued to get tougher and more direct. A lot of good questions were asked and the answers were forthright and honest. It has not been an easy campaign, and the communities have, at times, acted very emotionally, and tempers have flared. That is not the issue here. The issue is to vote the most qualified person into office. It would be nice if you ALL thought the most qualified candidates were the same ones I support... but then it really wouldn't be a race than would it?

Trinity Centers Supervisor of the 1<sup>st</sup> District hopeful, Judy Pflueger, is winding up her campaign by going house to house meeting the voters and answering any questions they might have. She attended the last two Candidates Nights that were held at the Golden Age Center in East Weaverville on May 17 and in Lewiston on May 23. In between all the campaigning, Judy made time to attend a two day conference for the Far Northern Regional Organization, which is dedicated to making lives of mentally disabled people better by preparing them to live independently on their own or in group homes. The conference was hosted by the "Weaverville People First" organization last Thursday and Friday at Weaverville Victorian Inn. Trinity County's People First Board of Director, Sharon Snieder, brought 5 local consumer members who are in the independent living program.