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Bridger Cunningham of Big Timber took this photo of these impressive long horn cattle against the backdrop of an amazing sky. This photo claimed 3rd place in Triangle's 2022 Photo Contest.

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MONDAY, MAY 29TH**

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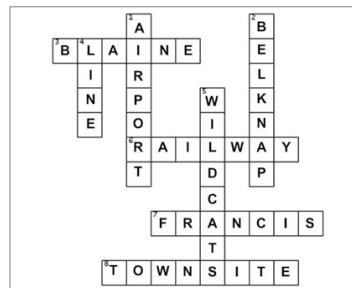
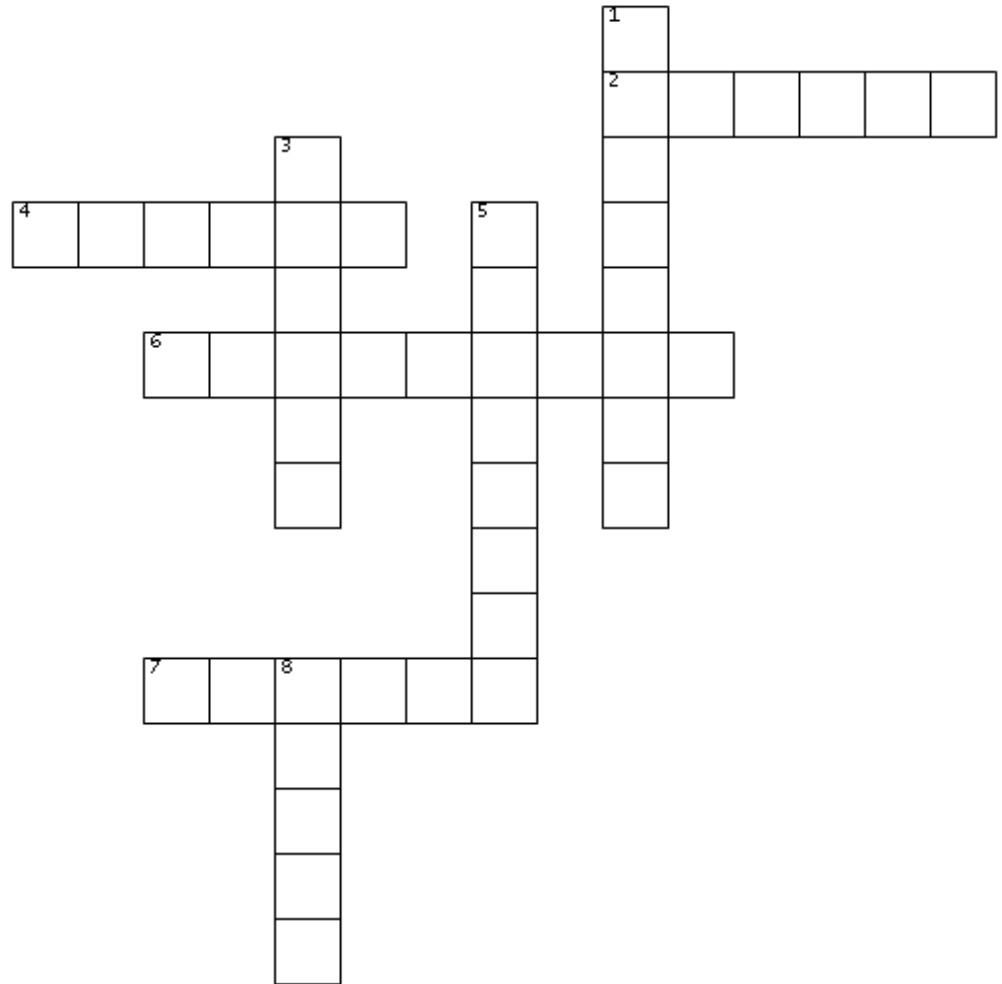
HOBSON CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. _____ Lake, near Hobson, offers water sport opportunities and is stocked with rainbow trout.
4. The Hobson _____ has an interesting collection of old agricultural machinery and artifacts of pioneers from central Montana.
6. A local rancher and legislator along with 3 partners purchased the townsite from the railroad and formed the _____ Townsite Company.
7. _____ was once known as the “Gateway to the Judith Basin.

DOWN

1. The _____ solved the problem of what the town name should be, picking Hobson over Philbrook.
3. Hobson is located in _____ Basin County.
5. In 1908, the Great _____ Railway’s Billings and Northern branch line established another town 4 miles west.
8. S.S. Hobson owned two ranches and later became a state senator from Judith _____ County.



ANSWERS

For the March/April
Harlem Crossword

COOK'S CONNECTION

DISHING UP MONTANA'S BEST RECIPES

Thank you to everyone who has shared their recipes, keep them coming! If you have a favorite recipe of any kind that you would like to share, we would love to have it.



EARN A FREE GIFT JUST FOR SHARING!

Photocopy, print or type your favorite recipe and send it in one of the following ways:

Mail to Newsletter, PO Box 1220,
Havre, MT 59501

E-mail newsletter@itsTriangle.net

RECIPE

Broccoli Salad

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

2-3 bunches fresh broccoli cut into bite size pieces
4 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
½ medium red onion, cut into rings
½ cup raisins

Place in a bowl

DRESSING

1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup sugar
2 tsp. cider vinegar

Mix well and pour over broccoli mixture. Store in an airtight container. Tastes better if made a day before it is served.

RECIPE

Carnitas

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

2-4 lbs. uncooked pork roast, with or without bone
1 onion, chopped into big chunks
1 bunch cilantro, chopped
1 jalapeno, chopped or jarred equivalent
6-8 garlic cloves, crushed or jarred equivalent
Salt and pepper
Paprika, optional
1 can 7-Up

DIRECTIONS

Add all ingredients to a crock pot. Cook on high for 8 hours. Throughout the day you can stir it as the meat will fall apart. Season to taste. You may need to add more seasoning. **Note: Serve as taco or burrito meat or use as a great filling for enchiladas.**

RECIPE

Babe Ruth Bars

INGREDIENTS

1 cup white sugar
1 cup corn syrup
1 ½ cups crunchy peanut butter
5 cups Special K cereal
1 package butterscotch chips
1 package chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

Stir in 1 ½ cups crunchy peanut butter and 5 cups of Special K cereal. Pat into a 9x13 inch pan. In a saucepan, melt 1 package butterscotch chips and 1 package chocolate chips. Spread over cereal mixture. Cut into squares while hot.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: COMMUNITY POOLS

There's no better way to spend a summer day than swimming in a sparkling pool of cool water. Pools bring communities together throughout the summer months in Montana by providing swimming lessons, lifeguard training, swim teams, exercise class, birthday parties, and other summer fun!

The Chinook City Pool is a must-stop along the Hi-Line. It features diving boards, a pool slide, a wading pool, and a city park next door with benches to enjoy a picnic after swimming.

Hobson is also home to a community pool. Throughout the summer, youth, young, and old, can be seen going down the slide, jumping off the diving board, and playing with friends.

North Star Schools manages the only public indoor pool in our cooperative serving area. The pool was originally part of the Hingham School District and is located right on Highway 2.

The City of Big Timber manages the Ramsey Family Pool. Community members can splash in the pool and then play a game of baseball, horseshoes, use the playground, enjoy a picnic, and the many other fun activities at the Big Timber Town Park where the pool is located.

The Chester Memorial Pool has been a mainstay during the summer for the area community. The Hi-Line Pool and Recreation Foundation constructed a new swimming pool and pool house in 2008. The pool was built with donated funds and turned over to the Town of Chester for operations.

The Harlem City Pool has been a pillar for the community for generations. In 2022, a generous sponsor provided free swimming passes for all swimmers for the first 2 months of the summer. The Harlem pool has a diving board for those swimmers brave enough to take the plunge.

The Big Sandy City Pool has been serving the community for decades. The pool attracts visitors from outside of the community with young children with its splash pad and sprinkler park. The pool also has two small water slides.

Next to Geraldine Schools, you will find the Geraldine Community Pool. It is complete with a slide in the shallow end, a diving board in the deep end, and a basketball hoop for everyone to use. The outdoor area has a covered spot for parents to get out of the sun for a bit while their kids enjoy playing in the pool.

Next to the park in Denton, you will find the swimming pool. Throughout the summer, you will find the area youth going down the slide, playing basketball, and enjoying time spent outside with friends.

Fort Benton also offers an outdoor swimming pool with an outdoor recreation area next to it that accommodates basketball, horseshoes, and tennis. If you look out from on top of the diving board, you might be able to catch a glimpse of the mighty Missouri River.

The Malta City Pool features concessions onsite to keep you hydrated and snacks for energy. The pool also has a diving board and a covered area next to the pool to enjoy a snack and get out of the sun for a bit.

The park in Stanford is home to the community pool, a playground and park benches. A diving board and slide are big attractions in the summer for the area youth.

Watch the Triangle Communications Facebook page for a summer promotion for a chance to win a swim pass to your favorite local community pool!

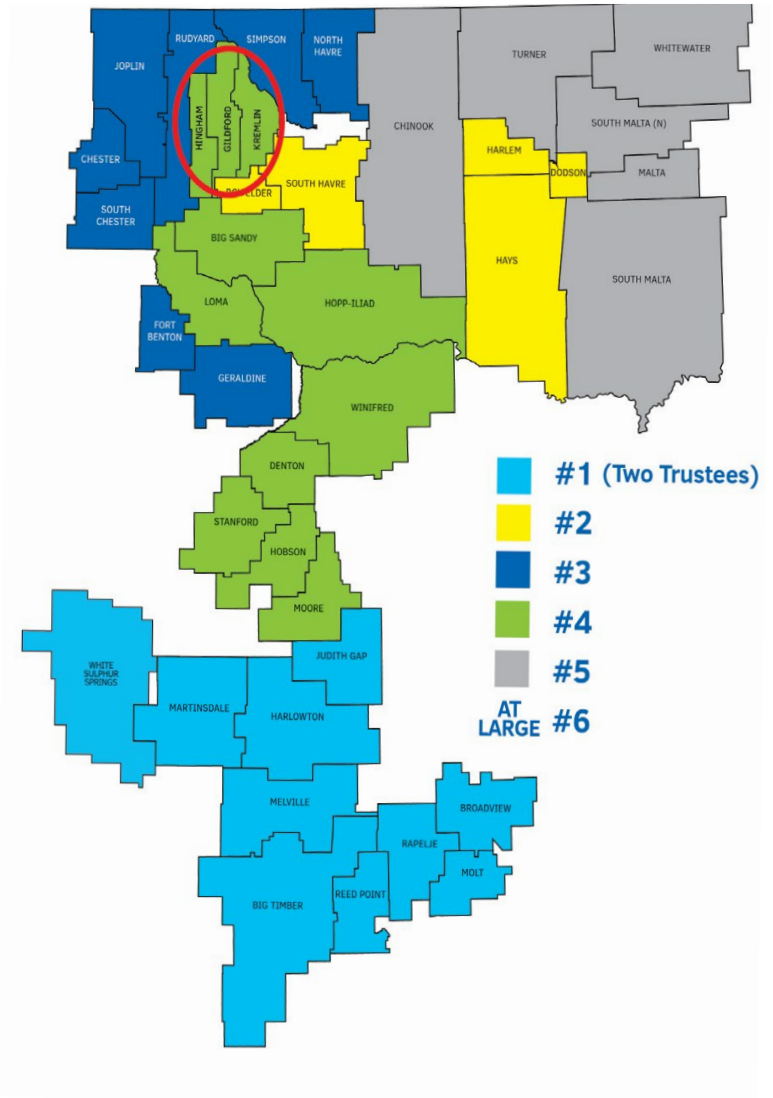
CEO MESSAGE



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

The Board of Trustees would like to inform the Triangle membership that they approved adding additional exchanges into District 3 at the November board meeting. The change in districts is a direct reflection of the bylaws (Section 5.02, Trustee Districts) and the policy to review districts at least every six years. The Board of Trustees does its best to ensure that each district has about the same number of members per district. This necessitated the need to move Hingham, Gildford and Kremlin from District 4 to District 3 and has closely equalized the number of members in each district. This message serves as notice to all members of the redistricting. If you live and are a current member in Kremlin, Gildford or Hingham and would like to run for a Trustee position in the future, you will now have to run in the District 3 election instead of the District 4 election.

With the change in the district boundary, District 3 will gain the Kremlin, Gildford and Hingham exchanges (circled in red), the exchanges will go from green to dark blue on the next map once issued. Please check our website for the latest information on news about the cooperative and for the new district map.



CALL MT 811 BEFORE YOU DIG...IT IS THE LAW

Whether you are an excavator, farmer, or homeowner, if you are digging or placing any object in the ground, you are required to get marks indicating the location of the underground utilities. The person doing the digging is the person who must call 811 to request the locate.

HERE IS THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED WHEN YOU CALL 811:

- Your name, phone number, company name (if applicable) and mailing address.
- An alternate contact person in case the utility companies have questions and cannot reach you.
- What type of work is being done.
- Who the work is being done for.
- The county and city the work is taking place in.
- The address or the street where the work is taking place.
- The nearest cross street or road.
- The distance and direction to the worksite from that intersection. (Directions are required if no address is provided.)

- Specific instructions to where the work is taking place.
- Please use white or pink paint or white or pink flags to outline the area you are digging in.
- Township, range, section, and quarter section of the worksite and GPS Coordinate of the center point of the digging area.

This information helps the 811 customer service representative determine which utility companies need to be notified of your excavation plans. This process makes sure all the utilities are located and those facility owners who do not have lines are not needlessly notified.



**Know what's below.
811 before you dig.**

TRIANGLE'S 2023 Photo Contest



GRAND PRIZE **RUNNER-UP PRIZES**
\$200 **\$50**

This contest is open to members and member dependents of all ages who subscribe to Triangle landline service.

Photo Qualifications:

- Must depict the scenic or abstract beauty of the Triangle service area.
- Trademarks, commercial names and advertisements must not appear in the photo.
- Must be previously unpublished
- Must be a minimum of 300 dpi, high resolution and a minimum of 1500 pixels on the longest side.
- See website for full details.

Entries must be submitted on our website by July 7th. Limit two entries per person.

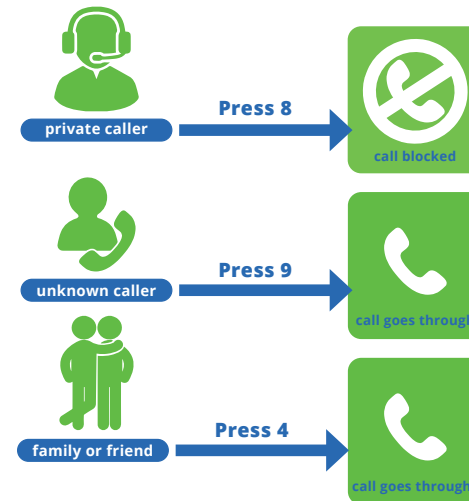
Triangle reserves the right to disqualify incomplete entries or entries that do not meet the criteria. By submitting an entry, you agree to give Triangle complete, royalty-free publication rights to the photo. One Grand Prize and five (5) Runner-up Prizes will be awarded. All valid entries will be posted on Triangle's Facebook page by July 14th for First Round Voting. The top 20 photos by August 4th will proceed to Second Round Voting in the September/October 2023 "Keeping You Connected" magazine. The top 10 from the magazine voting by September 29th will go to Final Round Voting at the 2023 Triangle Annual Meetings in October. Award winning photos will be featured on the 2024 covers of the "Keeping You Connected" magazine.

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Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, doing business as Triangle Communications, respects your privacy and observes the privacy rules established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Montana Public Service Commission. Under federal law, you have the right to confidentiality of information regarding the telecommunications services to which you subscribe, and Triangle Communications (Triangle) has the duty to protect that confidentiality. This confidential information includes specific telecommunications services you purchase, the number of services purchased, who your provider is for a service, call detail records and charges related to services purchased. This information is referred to as Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI).

Triangle does not sell your account information or provide details of your telephone calls to other parties, unless required by law enforcement. Triangle is authorized by the FCC to

market, without approval, services to our customers within the categories of telecommunications service to which those customers subscribe. Specifically, those services are local, long distance and wireless telephone service. Triangle provides long distance and mobile telephone services through its subsidiary, Triangle Communication System, Incorporated. From time to time, we may market additional features to customers who subscribe to one or more of the service categories and do so through our subsidiary's.

Federal regulations require that telecommunications customers be given the opportunity to decline if the provider plans to use CPNI to market communications-related services outside of those to which customers subscribe. Communications-related services include Internet in addition to local, long distance and wireless. Declining to receive these offers will not affect any of your current services. If you decide to opt-out of having your CPNI accessed or used for marketing communications-related

services outside of those to which you subscribe, please let us know within 30 days by e-mail:

Send an e-mail message to CPNI@itsTriangle.net; we will need your name, telephone number(s), and the effective opt-out date. This information will be kept on file and your CPNI will not be used for marketing any communications-related services outside of those to which you subscribe unless you expressly revoke your opt-out notification by the method listed above. Please be aware that if we don't hear from you after 30 days has passed, we will presume that you have not opted-out but know that you can notify us at any time if you change your mind.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding our use of CPNI, please contact Triangle Communications at 1-800-332-1201.

SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

Check out the current version online at www.itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop! Ads submitted online are usually added within **2 to 3 business days**. Due to print deadlines and space available, some ads may appear in the next magazine.

1951 Ford 3/4 Ton Pickup

Ford F250 truck with flatbed. Has a good motor, new radiator and new battery. In good shape, call 406.301.4035

Professional Candle-Making Equipment

Includes everything needed to make candles, wicks, dyes, scents, additives, etc. Include tall metal molds that are different shapes and short round molds. Approximately 10 molds and instructions, too many more items to list. Asking \$300, or best offer. You pick up, one large plastic tote and a smaller box. Call 406.622.5170, please leave a message if no answer.

Upright Piano and Organ

Church piano and Organ free, need work. Located in Havre. You haul, message denisekova@gmail.com if interested.

Tractors and Machinery For Sale

1956 IHC 350 utility with loader and 3 pt blade; 1976 986 with loader and blade; 1972 4166 with duals; Ditch Witch trencher with backhoe trailer and extra parts; 1972 IHC 1700 16ft box and hoist 404; 1969 IHC 1750 16ft box & hoist 392; 1970 New Holland 1048 stacker; 1978 IHC 1460 24ft header; 1970 Case 30 ft cultivator; 1970 Geyser 24ft cultivator. As is condition, make offer. Call evenings 406.781.4245 or 406.739.4361

Mazama Luxury Touring Tires

4 new tires off a 2023 Chrysler 300 with less than 300 miles on them. Size 215/65 R17 99H, tires are siped. Bought at Les Schwab, saved for new car but didn't fit cross posted. Pick up and delivery options can be discussed. Paid \$1,000, asking \$650. Contact Allan or Kathleen at 406.945.0705 or 406.265.6839.

Fuel Tank and Stand For Sale

1,150 gallon fuel tank, asking \$650 or best offer. Wooden stand for tank, asking \$200. Also iron supports for stand. Call 406.737.4486.

Lowry Holiday Organ and Banquet Tables

The Stanford Presbyterian Church has a Lowry Holiday Organ to get rid or give a donation to the church. Also available are five 8-foot banquet tables for sale; \$10 each. Call Rose at 406.366.4625 for more information.

Nosler .45 ACP 185 grain HP Custom Competition Reloading Bullets*

Nosler .45 ACP 185 grain HP Custom Competition reloading bullets. 250 per box, asking \$70 (about 3000 bullets available). Call 406.669.3200 (located west of Billings area).

.243 WSSM Winchester Unprimed Brass

For Sale 49 pieces of .243 WSSM Winchester unprimed brass, asking \$80. Call 406.669.3200 (located west of Billings)

Oak Table For Sale

Oak table with two leaves, seats 14. Asking \$300 or best offer. Call 406.378.2503.

Brand New Troy Snow Blower

Never used 24-inch Troy snow blower with electric start, forward and reverse. Asking \$1,500, call 406.473.2308.

Farm Equipment For Sale

CIH 1680 Combine 4500 hours near new 30.5x32 tires. CIH SRX 160 sprayer 134ft booms, sprayair 10x70 swing away auger, two 30ft Honey Bee Heapers 1280 mount, CIH Trimble 750, E-Z Steer. Call 406.398.5593 or 406.265.0937 for pricing and more information.

Fifth Wheel Hitch For Sale

Fifth wheel hitch in great condition. Manufactured by RBW Industries, model LR-1000. Asking \$200, call 406.945.3651.

John Deere For Sale

John Deere 60 wide front. Call

406.326.2287.

Farm Equipment For Sale

CIH 9280, 5500 hrs, very good 24.5-32 tires. CIH 1680 Combine 4500 hrs, very good 30.5-32 tires. CIH SRX 160 Sprayer with 1600 Gallon tank, 134' booms, 10x70 swing away auger. Call 406.398.5593 or 406.265.0937.

John Deere Single Hitch*

John Deere Single hitch for 9400 or 9450 Grain Drill. Asking \$200, call 406.292.3680.

Restorable Vehicles

Many older model restorable vehicles. Call 406.395.4611 to see.

**indicates photo available to view on the website version.*

Swap & Shop is a classified advertising section of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric websites and newsletters. It is maintained as a service to customers and communities wanting to buy, sell and announce non-commercial items. To have an ad included, simply enter all the pertinent information on the online form. An administrator will review the information within two business days and if approved, the ad will then appear. It will stay online for 60 days unless you notify us to remove or change it. It will also appear in any of the newsletters printed during that 60 day window. Triangle reserves the right to abbreviate ads and if the section is full, we will display ads on a first come, first-served basis. If you're unable to enter your ad online you may mail or e-mail it to us using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping!

CONGRATULATIONS TRIANGLE YOUTH TOUR WINNERS!

Congratulations to Kataya Kill Eagle-Flansburg from Dodson High School and Allana Holderman from Reed Point High School for winning an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

Every summer, the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour brings together high school students from across rural America to visit our nation's Capital and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for

students to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities as well as key legislative, regulatory and government figures.

Triangle Communications is proud to partner with FRS to provide this opportunity of a lifetime. Triangle also partners with FRS for their scholarship program. High School seniors can apply for the FRS scholarship as well as the scholarships through Triangle.



MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER ISSUE WILL WIN \$25

We received 44 entries with the correct answers. The FCC defines spoofing as “when a caller deliberately falsifies information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity” and the mystery photo was the scholarship ad from page 7. Congratulations to LaRae Ereaux and Renee Evans who were randomly drawn to receive a \$25 credit on their next Triangle bill.

Try your luck with this issue's quiz and mystery photo shown on the right.

TWO CHANCES TO WIN!

1. What does CPNI stand for?

2. Mystery Photo (right):



My Name: _____

My Triangle Phone Number: _____

Yes! I want to receive e-mail notifications about special events or deals in my area.

My e-mail address is: _____

Entries must be received by May 26, 2023 to be eligible for the drawing. Please return this slip with your payment or mail to: Newsletter, Triangle Communications, PO Box 1220, Havre MT 59501. You can also submit your answers at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz.

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