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# SAVE the DATE

Triangle 64th Annual Meeting | October 21, 2017 | MSU-Northern Student Union Building in Havre Registration begins at 8:30 am - Meeting begins at 10:00 am





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## OUR COVER

The fifth place photo in Triangle's 2016 Photo Contest was taken by Lacie Snider of Hogeland. Lacie waited for the perfect time to capture this amazing sunset and windmill silhouette near her home.

# **LABOR DAY**

Triangle will be closed on Monday, September 4th. Please call 1-800-332-1201 to report any service issues.







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# MAILING YOUR PAYMENT?

We need your help to make processing payments more efficient. Triangle payments are run through a machine that reads the bill statement and the check with the statement. Once the statements and checks are processed they can be posted to our members' accounts quickly. Statements that have payments stapled or taped to them delay the process. Staples and tape can cause problems with the machine and those payments must be processed separately. Please do not staple or tape checks or money orders to your bill statements and make sure to write your account number on your check. Thank you for you help!



# MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

We received 106 entries that identified our last issue's mystery photo as part of the Technology in Education Grant thank you from Box Elder Elementary School and that the date of the 2017 Triangle Annual Meeting in Saturday, October 21st. Congratulations to Blanche Kellam and Dan Nicholls who were drawn randomly to receive a \$25 credit on their Triangle bill.

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



Two Chances to Win! #1. What is Managed WiFi?	A PART DE
#2. Mystery Photo (right):	TO MANAGEMENT
My name is:	
My Triangle phone number is:	
Yes! I want to receive e-mail notifications about special address is:	al events or deals in my area. My e-mail —
Entries must be received by October 9, 2017 to be eligible for your payment or mail to: Newsletter, Triangle Communication	

also submit your answers at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz.

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

# **BIG SANDY**

Kerlev Shannon .406-378-3258 Tan Stacy. .406-378-2670

#### **BIG TIMBER**

Abbott Kenneth D .406-932-5220 .406-932-6218 Alexander Nadia .406-932-5114 Brockett James Cunninham Bridger .406-932-5113 .406-932-5066 Dishman Kim .406-932-5090 Frisk Jeremy. Harris D W & Barb. .406-932-5633 Hurlburt Nancy & Tom .... 406-932-4598 Rakestraw Stacy.. .406-932-6021 .406-932-4586 Rue Jane. .406-932-4260 Walker Mallorv..

# Parker Kyle...

Candelaria Louis.

**BOX ELDER** 

**BROADVIEW** Karpstein Doug & Sarah . 406-667-2267 Nelson Dakotah .406-667-2378 Nelson Dennis & Crystal . 406-667-2330 See Shannon & Anna ..... 406-667-2394

.406-352-3346

.406-352-3117

#### CHESTER

Housley Gary. .406-759-5712 Murphy Dave & Shelly ..... 406-759-5409 .406-759-5786 Richter Chris.. ..406-759-5757 Smith Sherry.. State Farm Insurance -Krysta Bakken Agent..406-759-5184

#### CHINOOK

.406-357-2447 Bovce Nancy M Derry Sandy. .406-357-4106 Haney Daniel & Amanda.. 406-357-3363 .406-357-2428 McClure Marcy. .. 406-357-3323 Schmidtke Christine ..... Scofield Tyler & Emily ..... 406-357-2030 Scofield Tyler & Emily ..... 406-357-2856 Shackelford B .406-357-2072 Shrauger Chet. .406-357-3179 State Farm Insurance ..... 406-357-3198 .406-357-2544 Werk Charles E.

#### DENTON

406-567-3668 Beck Jon & Kattie

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B Social Bar & Lanes	406-622-5040
Christiaens Jamala	406-622-3857
Lane M	406-622-5338
Potts William	406-622-3414
Schara Rulon & Cherlene	2406-622-5388

#### **GERALDINE**

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Baroh Dawson	406-737-4235
Fresh Start Cooperative	406-737-4385
Gustafson Eric	406-737-4502
Moline Colie	406-737-4261
Ronning Jessica	406-737-4525

Archambault Frank	
& Sandra	406-353-2342
Collins Joseph & Erica.	406-353-4940
Foot Richard & Billie	406-353-4566
Huntley Raani	406-353-2775
Rider Anthony	406-353-2989
Shortman Phillip V Jr	406-353-2777
Smith Ashley	406-353-4914
Stiffarm Laticia	406-353-4234

HARLOWION	
Anderson D J & Boss	406-632-5568
Galahan Drew	406-632-5838
Miller's Auto Repair	406-632-4123
Nash Gordon & Leta	406-632-4246
Barn	406-632-5539
Nisen Doug & Kimberly	406-632-4288
Radakovich Robbie	406-632-5558
South S	406-632-4466

#### **HAVRE - SOUTH**

Brown-Florance Allison 406-395-5532
Parker Ted406-395-5472
Roasting Stick Kiana 406-395-5855
Sutherland Allan406-395-4082
Sutherland Dustynn 406-395-5451

Bach John Jr	406-673-3771
Barrows R	406-673-3758
Carrywater Jason	406-673-3510

Moxley Terry & Pamela.... 406-397-3264

#### **HOBSON**

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Turner Joyce	406-423-5424
Ramsey Judith	406-423-5222

#### JOPLIN

Anderson Logan	
& Brittney	406-292-3628
Helena Chemical Co	406-292-3618
Tecca Payton	406-292-322
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#### JUDITH GAP

Kowalczyk Ken	406-473-2209
-	406-473-2393

#### **MALTA**

406 Spray Tan	406-654-2148
Nelson Rick	406-654-1146
Oxarart Cody & Mary	406-654-2239
Rovinson Jodi	406-654-5512
Wilcott A	406-654-2334
Wright John	406-654-1677
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#### **MALTA-SOUTH**

Cousins Heather	406-658-213

## **MARTINSDALE**

Guest Ranch	406-572-339
Checkerboard Cattle C	ompany
LLC Ranch Office	406-572-343
Ranch Office Fax	406-572-361
#9 Guest House	406-572-339
3C Lodge	406-572-337

#### **MOLT**

cott Greg406-669-380

#### MOORE

Mullet Andrew	406-374-2495
Orue Xiomara	406-374-2424
Webster Jason	406-374-2236

#### RAPELJE Hi

xson Dave &	Raeann	406-6	63-213
arsh Mikaela		406-6	63-215

#### **RUDYARD**

Pester James & Maryle L.406-355-4204

# **SIMPSON**

Hanson Donald E	E406-394-2308
Hilldale West Far	m406-394-2320

#### STANFORD

Brown Jerry & Marilyn.....406-566-2771 Ouitugua Gerald Jordan V406-566-2476 Ridgeway Lander.. . 406-566-2935 .406-566-2473 Roland John. Rowland Ralph. .406-566-2224

#### 8 TURNER

27 Zellmer Jamie & Crystal.. 406-379-2694

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406-547-3694 Bacon Melissa... Coburn Amber & Cassie.. 406-547-3297 Zumbrun Lloyd ...... .....406-547-3671

#### WHITEWATER

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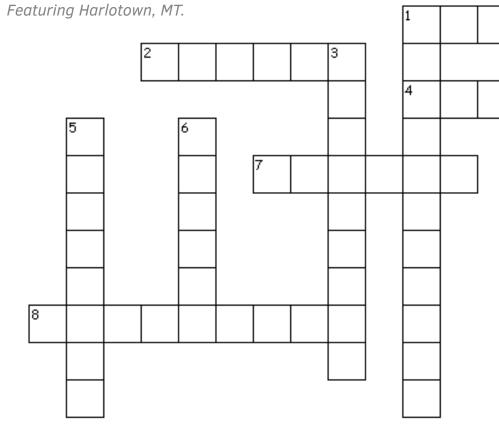
#### WINIFRED

Arthur Franklin & Donna. 406-462-5350 Heggem Logan & Melissa 406-462-5498 Raty Tara.. .406-462-5367 Selph Kevin. .406-462-5551 .406-462-5586 39 Smith Shelby...

Bonanza Creek Country .. 406-572-3366 Triangle Communications 96 directories as a convenience to our members. Every precaution is taken 35 to prevent errors and omissions in the 18 directory. We cannot assume liability for 99 damages caused to a member because 406-572-3376 of such errors or omissions. Please call the Havre office at least six months in advance of the phone book release date 307 to make sure changes are completed for the following year's directory.

> Triangle is not responsible for omissions or other errors in directory listings provided by other companies that appear in our directories. If your 32 service is not provided by Triangle, 53 please contact your service provider to make any changes or corrections to your listing.

## COMMUNITY CROSSWORD

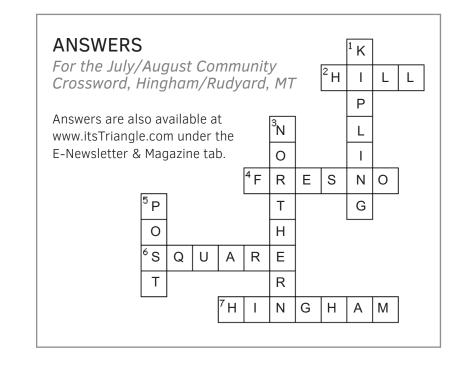


#### Across

- 1. In 1916. Harlowton was the east end of the Road's line between Harlowton and Avery, ID.
- 2. Merino was renamed in 1900 after the Montana Railway Company, owned by Richard A. , reached the town.
- 4. Merino is a breed of \_\_\_\_ raised in the Harlowton area.
- 7. The \_\_\_\_ Hotel in Harlowton is listed on the National Register.
- 8. Montana's largest wind farm is located between and Judith Gap.

#### Down

- 1. The town of Harlowton is located on the River.
- 3. Harlowton is located in \_\_\_\_ County.
- 5. If you are visiting Harlowton, stop by the restored Milwaukee Depot and the Upper Musselshell Museum, which is part of Montana's Trail.
- 6. Harlowton was established in 1881 with the name .



## There's a Rural Revival Going On...

by Anne Boothe - Economic Development Specialist

Innovators across our rural communities are playing an important role in fostering economic development. They are defying the demographic statistics of out-migration. reduced farm numbers and proving that they will survive through the development of strategic alliances and cooperative activities.

We're proud to showcase recent Cooperative efforts in our communities and the local innovators who are creating this rural revival.

Originally from Ohio. Beth Lewis is the Manager of **Fresh Start**: **Geraldine Grocery Co-op** which officially opened in July. Geraldine and the surrounding agriculture community has an estimated population of 525 residents. Working with the Montana Cooperative



Development Center, local innovators worked diligently to incorporate the cooperative model, establish a board of directors and develop a business plan. When I visited the store recently, a new member dropped off a Purchase Agreement for Stock and purchased 2 shares, bringing the total number of members to 122. There is a buzz around Geraldine and in the short time I was there, seven customers came to shop. Beth reported "it just feels good", adding that when the first truck delivery was made, five community members showed up to help. Fresh Start Cooperative Board President, Corev Clark. who moved back to Geraldine with his family in recent years, acknowledges the Cooperative model allows community members to take ownership in the store and helps them build broad community support.



The Turner/Hogelund area (also known as "the Big Flat") has a population of just over 200 residents. The current location of the Big Flat **Grocery Cooperative** has a long history of serving the community as a grocery store, but went vacant in 2013. Young innovators got busy and created a model that inspired others to follow. Challenges such as securing suppliers and transportation remain. The store continues to provide not only the sustenance of life (food). but also fills the role as an economic driver, community builder, employer and meeting place.



Pictured, L-R is employee, Melissa Heppe, Cooperative President, Michelle Keller and Board Member, David Jones.

At present, the building received a much needed exterior facelift with new stucco siding. The project is funded in part with a grant from the Red Ants Pants Foundation and an Economic Development Loan from Triangle Communications, also a Cooperative organized over 60 years ago.





The Red Paint Creek Trading Post will open soon in the community of Lodgepole and will serve the Hays/Lodgepole area which has an estimated population of over 1,000 residents. The new store was developed by the Tribal Community in partnership with Island Mountain Development Group and the Fort Belknap Community Economic Development Corporation with the intent of operating it as a cooperative enterprise.

Josie Cliff has been hired to manage this modern facility that will feature a commercial kitchen and processing area for local fruit and produce from community gardens located on-site and from locations throughout the area.



The Montana Cooperative Development Center (MCDC) has served as a catalyst in developing these and other cooperatives in Triangle's service area and throughout Montana. Their mission is to promote and develop cooperatives to meet the economic and community needs of rural Montana. Janice Brown, MCDC's Executive Director, staff and Cooperative Development Specialists, located throughout Montana, provide technical assistance in all aspects of co-op development. Visit their website, www.mcdc.coop, for details.



Basics Cooperative Summit regional attendees gathered for a photo opportunity

#### PROVIDING GREATER PEACE OF MIND

Triangle Communications has been informed that cybercriminals are destroying many Netgear modem/routers by exploiting flaws in its programming. This will sometimes cause the wireless portion to stop working, and other times they are corrupted beyond repair, rendering it useless.

Prior to 2016, Triangle only sold the modem/ routers to our members at prices that were heavily discounted below our cost. Triangle, over the years, has helped with troubles on member owned modem/routers for little or no cost to you. As with any electronic device, updates and security measures are necessary for continued use. Since 2016, we have been letting our members know that when they have trouble with their customer owned modem/ router, the member is responsible to keep it working and protected. If Triangle employees work on customer owned equipment, service charges will most likely be incurred and time and material charges will be included as necessary.

We began offering members affected by the Netgear hacking, the option to purchase a used replacement modem/router (if available) for \$50 or a new modem/router for \$110. However, Triangle has two better options that will ensure peace of mind and quality of service.

At that same time in 2016, Triangle saw a need to help our members with keeping their modem/router secured and updated. Triangle began offering a \$5 a month lease option that provides members with benefits that aren't available with a member owned modem/router. You will receive a standard modem/router with Wi-Fi capabilities. By utilizing a secure remote management service, we can perform automatic firmware updates to patch vulnerabilities and can manage router settings at the member's

request. We're also including a limited lifetime warranty, so if you continue to keep your \$5 a month leased router, you won't have the unexpected cost of replacing it if something happens to it that is out of your control.

We're also rolling out a new service this year

called "Managed WiFi" that provides even more benefits. It includes the same great features as the lease option mentioned above; however, we upgrade the modem/router to a high-end model with the latest wireless networking features such as 802.11ac Wave2 and dualband frequencies to obtain faster wireless speeds in the far-reaching corners of your home. This high-end router will improve your streaming and gaming experiences. We will also provide a professional on-site installation that includes the setup of your router. We will perform a wireless site-survey to make sure you're using the best wireless frequencies with the lowest amount of interference to improve the speed and reliability of your wireless devices. Once your router is configured, our technician will then connect all of your wireless devices. On top of that, we've included wireline maintenance, so if you end up having trouble with any telephone or network/modem/router cables in your house, we will repair or replace it at no charge. Managed Wi-Fi takes all the worry out of securring the most out of your Triangle Internet connection and it is available for only \$15 a month. (Learn more about Managed WiFi to the right.)

Contact Triangle's technical support team at 877-730-8215 to discuss with them the options we have available and how to upgrade your router to a faster, more secure, and worryfree experience today!



# **Managed WiFi**

Managed WiFi is an add on to your existing internet that is designed to make your internet experience worry free! We set up your new router for you & take care of security updates remotely - which helps protect your personal information. With this managed service,

Triangle is able to troubleshoot most problems remotely which helps resolve issues faster. Plus, if your router stops working it is replaced free of charge. Try Managed WiFi & acquire worry free internet!

## SWAP & SHOP

Free Classified Advertising for Our Customers and Communities

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Great Montana Sheep Drive

September 3, 2017 in Reed Point, MT. Starts at 7:00 am with a pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall. Old time country fair with arts & craft and food booths. live F350 auction, parade, sheep shearing demo, lamb cook off, gun fighters, log sawing contest, bale rolling contest. kid's games plus inflatables. Street dance starts at 6:00 pm. For booth information call 406.326.2293, parade information call 406.780.1074, general information call 406-326-9919.

#### Family History Conference

September 21-24, at Big Horn Resort, Billings, MT. Presenters: CeCe Moore on genetic genealogy (DNA) and Thomas Jones on Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was. Open to the public. Registration required (\$65 - \$124). See http://montanamsgs.org/ for more details. For questions, contact blgsmarket@aol.com.

#### Utica Day Fair & Montana Bale Trail

Roast Beef Dinner at the Utica Community Hall on Sat... Sept. 9th at 5:30 pm. Raffle and auction to follow. Fair starts on Sun.. Sept 10th with breakfast at the Masonic Temple in Hobson at 7:30 am. Vendor booths open at 10:00 am on the Utica Clubhouse Lawn. Vendors from MT. ID and WY. Don't miss the Montana Bale Trial and the Hav Maze half-way between Hobson and Utica. Call Kathy at 406.423.5428 for more information.

#### **AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Bin Doors** 

Three used, complete American grain bin doors (rod & panel style), \$250 per door, Call 406,390,2638.

Combine and Tractors915 IHC combine, 990 David Brown tractor with loader, 36 IHC catepillar with dozer and gravel bucket, 350 Industrial IHC tractor with loader. Heston bale processor and 2 JD 12ft drills. For more details call 406.739.4361, evenings.

Noble 3-bar Tine-Tooth Harrows with mounting brackets and NEW spring teeth. Two 7' sections and five 6' sections. Also two 3' extensions for Melroe duckfoot. Asking \$1000. Call 406.788.8166.

#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

#### Lincoln Town Car Parts

90-93 Lincoln Town Car window regulators for sale. Front LH, part number 3553-1990L, 125-1685L and rear left, part number 3553-1991, 135-1686L. These are still new and in their shipping boxes because the project was abandoned, \$20 each or \$40 for the pair. Call 406.357.4282. (Pictures at itsTriangle.com)

2014 F350, 4x4, King Ranch, diesel, SRW, long box with 76,000 miles. Kodiak Brown and Caribou twotone paint. Extended premium 100.000 mi warrantytransferable. King Ranch leather interior with off road and camper packages, plus spray on bed liner. Call Arville Lammers at 406.632.4140.

#### Vehicles and Four Wheelers

1957 Chevy 4 door car. 1967 IHC pickup with 2 wheel drive, 1973 IHC 4x4 pickup, 1954 IHC truck with box has hoist, 1971 Ford truck with bale rack, hoist, box and grain filler and 1985 F250 4x4 pickup. Suzuki 200 2x4 4 wheeler. IHC stationary engine. Call evenings for details, 406,739,4361.

#### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

#### Cutting Torch Set

Oxygen/propane welding and cutting unit with oxygen tank, propane tank, victor guages, 60ft of hoses. two Smith lifetime guarantee cutting torches, asking \$225. Call 406.321.4008

Longhorn Air Compressor/GenWelder Combo New, never used 2015 Longhorn air compressor/generator/welder combo. Generator is 5.000 watts. 110-220. Welder is 20 -200 amps with leads. Gallons 30 ACFM 21.7-DCFM 31. Honda 13hp, pull and electric start. Paid \$6,500, asking \$4,250. Call 406.462.5521 after 9:00 pm or 406.567.2201.

17 in. wheels with 10 ply tires for GMC Acadia, Chevy Traverse and other GM vehicles. Call 406.398.5330.

Post Hole Digger and Canoe Trailer Eight inch, three point post hole digger. Asking \$50. Canoe trailer, single canoe, Good condition, Asking \$40. Call 406.265.9785.



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 in using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping!

## MANAGER'S REPORT



Craig Gates, General Manager/CEO

Here at Triangle Communications, we are proactive in looking at wavs to make your member experience with us the best it can possibly be. When we first formed in 1953, the focus was getting people connected to neighbors and eventually the world. Times have changed and 64 years later the focus is still on you.

our members, and connectivity with the world. Technology has changed how we accomplish this goal; however, giving you the best service for the lowest possible cost, has not changed.

We have been very busy. We completed the

merger of Triangle and our Central Montana properties into the cooperative. At last year's annual meeting, we discussed the new FCC rules and today those rules are being implemented. We are adjusting to our new lower level of Universal Service support. Universal Service support was established to help rural carriers obtain cost recovery for the dollars spent to provide service into the rural parts of America. As you can imagine, it is very costly to provide service in many of our remote locations. Triangle receives approximately 60% of our revenue from Universal Service mechanisms. This funding is dropping and is currently planned to continue to drop over the next 7 years. Our national association NTCA, is working hard to reverse this issue, as it is affecting not only us, but several different communications cooperatives across the country. We applaud them in this effort and will ask you to join us when the call comes for action in Washington, D.C. to correct this issue.

These FCC changes have required Triangle to change some of the ways in which we have done business in the past. Just as all of us would have to adjust how we operate in our own lives when

the amount of money we receive from year to year changes. Never fun, but necessary. We are moving forward with our eye on the target. We will continue to build out fiber to the businesses/ farms/homes/ranches across all 39 exchanges. covering over 23,000 square miles in 16 counties from the Canadian to Wyoming border. By the end of this year, we will have completely built out 20 exchanges and 3 partial exchanges, for a total of 9,509 lines cut over to fiber optic cable. What an accomplishment set by the direction of your board and the work of our employees at Triangle!

To continue to build the rest of our exchanges, we must execute this by looking at how we carry out construction and find ways to do more with less capital dollars. We have adjusted our engineering and right of way processes for more efficient use of those dollars. We have looked at construction methods and found ways to accomplish the same task for less money. We have looked at the needs of our members and are making sure that our members existing service needs are met first and foremost.

You may have heard that we are building into the town of Havre. We have targeted a very select group of businesses. This has a very strict payback period in which we had to meet before construction could begin. We had to do this because we do not receive Universal Service support for our build or services into the town of Havre. This will provide an additional revenue stream into the cooperative once completed. which will help us replace some of the lost FCC Universal Service support.

Triangle Mobile changed switching partners at the beginning of 2017. Our team did an excellent job during this transition and we are very appreciative of your patience. This was not an easy transition, but the change has saved over a million dollars this year. We are continuing to grow our customer base and have added the iPhone to our inventory. We have grown 19.5% since the last annual meeting, this growth is encouraging as we continue to enhance and improve our coverage areas.

We have been visible in social media for a while. but we jumped in with both feet this past year. We have more "likes" now than ever and would appreciate it if each of you could "like" us on Facebook. As we use more and more video to get our message out to you, such as "For the Montana in You" and our recent "Montana Sized Internet". "CHS" and "Red Ants Pants" videos. We have an award-winning Marketing team with talent second to none. The digital media platforms that we are using today, is how we will continue to deliver our message out to you about your cooperative.

I just want to wrap up with saying that we are still the same great cooperative that you have come to expect and we will not lose focus on what is most important to us, YOU!

Please don't forget the 64th Annual Meeting of Members in Havre on Saturday, October 21st, come early for registration. The meeting starts at 10:00 am. at MSU-Northern Student Union Building. Hope to see you there!



**7** Keeping You Connected | Sept/Oct 2017

# TRIANGLE'S 2017 PHOTO CONTEST - SECOND ROUND VOTING

The top 10 photos based on this second round, magazine voting will be displayed at the Triangle Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members on October 21st. First place will earn \$200! Second through sixth place will each earn \$50. Watch our website at www.itsTriangle.com for the winning photos to be announced by October 24th.





























2017 Triangle **Photo Contest Ballot** 

Triangle Phone #:

Favorite Photo #:

**VOTE ONLINE AT** www.itsTriangle.com/ photocontest or mail this form to: Triangle Photo Contest, PO Box 1140, Havre MT 59501. Voting ends on 09/29/2017. One ballot per subscriber.

# WHO'S WHO AT YOUR TELCO?

Featuring Starlynn Carrywater, Credit Representative

Starlynn has been a Credit Representative for Triangle Communications for almost a year. Her previous job experience in the Credit field made her the perfect fit for her current job. Star's main job duties include collections, taking payment arrangements, connects and disconnects plus all other calls that involve credit.

Working with our members and her fellow employees is what Star likes best about her job. Her guilty pleasure is enjoying a piece of chocolate every now and then. Spending time with her family is very important to Star and it also gives her a great excuse to get away from her most dreaded chore of sorting socks. This has been a theme with quite a few of our employees in this column. It is a good thing it is summer and most people don't wear socks with sandals. Less socks to sort and match!

Star's favorite vacation was a trip to the Kentucky Derby. I hear the Derby is a great time to show off your best hat and enjoy a mint julep. I forgot to ask her about that!

