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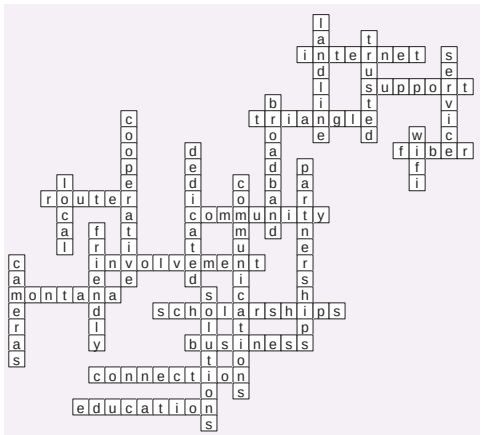

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2026 CO-OP DAY AT THE POOL SCHEDULE

Enjoy FREE swimming and a treat on us

Big Timber - July 8th, 1-5pm
Harlem - July 8th, 1-5pm
Denton - July 9th, 1-5pm
Stanford - July 10th, 1-5pm
Malta - July 13th, 1-5pm
Harlowton - July 14th, 1-5pm
Big Sandy - July 14th, 12-4pm
Hobson - July 15th, 12-5pm
Fort Benton - July 15th, 1-4pm
Chinook - July 22nd, 1-5pm
Chester - July 23rd, 1-5pm
Winifred - August 6th, 12-6pm

Schedule is subject to change . Follow the Triangle Communications Facebook page for any updates.

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Triangle 4th of July Word Search

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COOK'S CONNECTION

TRIED-AND-TRUE RECIPES SHARED BY OUR READERS

If you have a favorite recipe of any kind that you would like to share, we would love to have it! Submit it to: newsletter@itstriangle.net

RECIPE — HOT DOG SLIDERS

INGREDIENTS
21 frozen bread dough dinner rolls, thawed
1 large egg
¾ teaspoon poppy seeds
¾ teaspoon caraway seeds
3 tablespoons shredded Mexican cheese blend
1 package (16 oz.) miniature smoked sausages

Chicago Dogs:
1/3 cup prepared mustard
1/3 cup sweet pickle relish
1/3 cup chopped sweet onion
1/3 cup chopped tomato
2 whole dill pickles, sliced julienne

Directions

1. Cut each roll in half; roll each into an oblong shape. Arrange in 2 greased 13x9-inch baking pans. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30 minutes.

2. In a small bowl, whisk egg & water, brush over rolls. Sprinkle a third of the buns with poppy seed, another third with caraway seed and the remaining buns with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 14-16 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

3. Meanwhile, place sausages in a 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes or until heated through.

4. Place a sausage in a bun. Top with 1 teaspoon each mustard, relish, onion & tomato. Top each with pickles.

RECIPE — BEST CANNED BAKED BEANS

INGREDIENTS
1 Teaspoon vegetable oil
6 slices bacon diced
1 small onion finely chopped
4 cans (16-ounce) baked beans, preferably original recipe such as Bush's, undrained.
¼ cup ketchup
2-3 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
2 tablespoons molasses
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 2-to-3-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Set aside.

2. Place the bacon in a skillet and cook for 4-5 minutes over medium heat until crispy. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate.

3. Place the onion in the skillet with bacon drippings and cook 5-6 minutes until incredibly soft. If the pan gets dry, add 1-2 tablespoons of water.

4. Combine the beans, onions, ¾ of the bacon and the remaining ingredients starting with 2 tablespoons of brown sugar in the prepared baking dish.

5. Taste and adjust sweetness with more brown sugar as desired. Add apple cider vinegar for a little tanginess if desired.

6. Sprinkle the remaining bacon over the top.

7. Bake uncovered for 1 hour or until bubbling and the top is caramelized.

RECIPE — TOPSICLES

INGREDIENTS
1 ½ cups low-fat vanilla yogurt
1 cup sliced mango
1 (8 ounce) can pineapple chunks, undrained
1 small banana
½ cup orange juice

DIRECTIONS

1. Blend yogurt, mango, pineapple chunks with juice, banana, and orange juice in a blender until smooth.

2. Pour into ice pop molds; freeze until set, 4 to 6 hours. Enjoy!

Hot Dog Sliders

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Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

CEO MESSAGE

A Better Internet Experience is Here

At Triangle Communications, we're always looking for ways to deliver more value to our members. This month, I'm excited to share one of the biggest upgrades to our residential internet service in the cooperative's history.

Beginning July 1, residential members will automatically be upgraded to our new internet plans featuring faster speeds, unlimited data, and simpler pricing. The transition will happen automatically.

Simply put, you're getting more for less.

Our new standard residential plan includes:
- Up to 300 Mbps fiber internet
- Unlimited data usage
- Simplified pricing
- $75 per month*

For households with greater bandwidth needs, an even faster internet option is also available.

This represents a significant improvement for many of our members. For years, you've told us what matters most: faster speeds, easier-to-understand plans, and the freedom to use your internet without worrying about data usage. We listened.

The reason we're able to make these changes today is because of the work that's been done over the past two decades. What began in 2007 as a vision to bring fiber-to-the-home across our service territory has become a reality. Today, Triangle is proud to be 100% fiber-to-the-home, serving communities across rural Montana with one of the most advanced communications networks anywhere.

That achievement didn't happen overnight. It required years of planning, hundreds of millions of dollars in investment, thousands of miles of fiber construction, and the dedication of employees who worked to make it happen. Now, we're able to pass those benefits directly on to our members.

In an industry where customers often expect higher bills and more complicated pricing, we're proud to move in the opposite direction. These new plans provide more speed, more value, and a better overall experience for the members we serve.

As part of this transition, there are a few changes worth noting. One involves long distance service. Rather than including a set number of long distance minutes with every internet package, long distance is now separate. Members may still place long distance calls on a pay-per-minute basis or choose an unlimited long distance option if desired. This change allows us to simplify our plans while giving members the flexibility to select the option that best fits their household.

What excites us most about this announcement is what it represents. These improvements aren't the result of temporary promotion or introductory offer. They are the result of years of investment in your cooperative and our commitment to building a network that serves our members today and in the future.

If you have issues with your service, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for your continued support of Triangle Communications. We are proud of what we've accomplished together, and we're even more excited about what's ahead.

Sincerely,
Craig Gates
CEO/General Manager

** New residential internet plans become effective July 1, 2026. Residential customers will be automatically transitioned to the new plans. Some accounts will need additional work to receive the upgrade. Offer applies to residential services only and does not apply to business accounts or Havre Wireless. 911 and MTAP fees will apply.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ALLOCATED CAPITAL CREDITS

For cooperatives, the members are also the owners.

Your ownership in the cooperative is represented by capital credits. Members receive capital credit allocations based on usage (also known as patronage) of Triangle's services each year.

> ***The board is doing a general retirement for the year 2005 and has decided to also offer an allocated capital credit discounted offer.***

The cooperative will offer each current member and former member who has an allocated amount during the discounted time period, the discounted present value (discounted amount) of the member's allocated capital credits for the years 2006 to 2025.

Information about discounted capital credits will be included in a letter mailed in August to all current and former members with an allocated capital credit account. If you elect to participate in the discounted offer, please sign the form included with the letter and return it in the envelope provided with the letter, you can deliver it to Havre or the Big Timber office, fax it to 406-394-7815 or scan and email to capitalcredits@itstriangle.net. Acceptance forms must be **RECEIVED before September 30, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for acceptance forms RECEIVED AFTER September 30, 2026.**

If you choose not to participate in the discounted offer, you will NOT receive a retirement of your allocated capital credits for the specified years between 2006 and 2025. No further action will be required on your part and your allocated capital credit balance will remain unchanged. Members will still be eligible to receive future retirements of all allocated capital credits when approved by the board.

If you are participating in the discounted offer and are eligible for the 2005 general retirement you will receive one check that will include both amounts. If you are not participating in the discounting offer and you are eligible for the 2005 general retirement a check for that amount will be sent to you.

Please email questions to **capitalcredits@itstriangle.net** or call our office at **1-800-332-1201**.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

TRADES

Straud Sims

Kaeden Wolery-Hickman

Dirk Wolery

Kenzie LaBrie

Royce Reum

SENIOR

Timothy Rosette III

Wapan Ahtahk Yvonne Blackbird

Carter Rayburn

Zander Reeves

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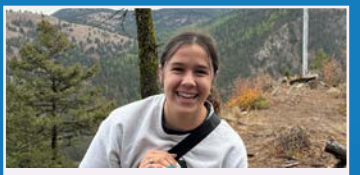
Brockton Elliot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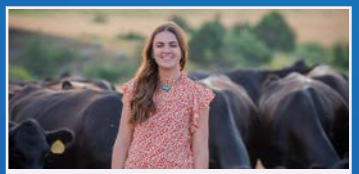
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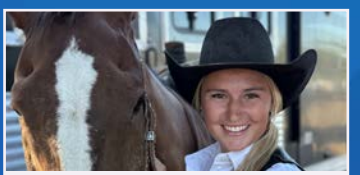
Sierra Mauland

Lauren Karpstein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Macee May

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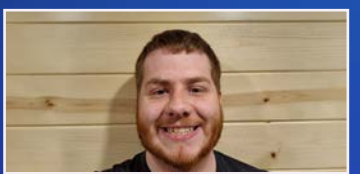
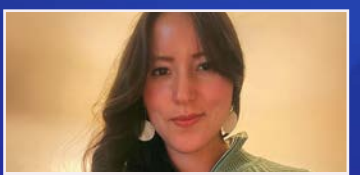

Marcus Rennix

John Hasbrook


Jamie-Lee Ruth Fox

We wish you all the very best of luck in the upcoming academic year. May you continue to learn, grow, and pursue your dreams. We are proud to support you on your journey!

VOTE FOR THIS YEARS PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Cast your vote online by 8/1 at *itstriangle.com/photocontest*

Winning photos will win prize money and be featured on the covers of our magazine!

2026 BEEF GRANT WINNERS

We are proud to announce the recipients of this year's 4-H Beef Grants, a program designed to support non-profit organizations within our service areas.

- **Great Plains Veterans Service Center**
- **Chinook Rod and Gun Club**
- **Judith Lily Quilt Guild**
- **HELP Committee Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line**
- **Reed Point Community Club**
- **Golden Prairie Community Foundation**
- **Milk River Bambino**
- **Utica Women's Club**

Congratulations to all the winners and your continued service to our communities. We are honored to support these organizations in their efforts to make a positive impact!

Swap and Shop

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!
Visit www.itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop to view all listings or to submit/remove your own. *Denotes photo available on website

1948 Dodge Truck Engine
Flat Head, 6 cyl with air cleaner, carburetor, clutch, flywheel, bell housing. Overhauled in 1972 never run. Truck wrecked and burnt. $800. (406) 759-5344

Twin Bed
High quality, like new, mattress, box frame and sheets. $200. (406) 390-2522.

RV - 2008 Winnebago Outlook
Great Shape, Low Miles Sleeps 6-8, Slide out, New front tires. (406) 378-3226.

2003 Honda Pilot SUV
Driven 202,000 miles. Fixer upper. Best offer takes it. Great car until the head gasket blew out. Many replacement engines out there for reasonable price. If you have the time to work on it. (406) 399-1731.

2 IBC Containers
Straight, not damaged, not clean. Can deliver locally. $125 each. (406) 390-3522.

Farm Equipment
Grain trucks, versatile tractors, grain vac, sprayers, tanks, etc. Call (406) 781-3456 for more info or to make appointment to see what there is.

2014 Saber 5th Wheel Trailer
Sleeps 10, 4 Slide outs, Outdoor Kitchen, Went through Western Trailer shop this winter, $25000. (406) 399-0488.

ISO IHC Cub Cadets & Low-Boys
Running or not. Also any attachments. (406) 262-3969.

1997 Chevy 350 Engine
Complete, $1,500. (406) 547-2184.

Picture Window
Old wooden frame picture window. 82"x42" for 2x4 walls. Free. (406) 395-4531.

German Shepard Puppies
Black, born early March. (406) 326-2287.

Missing: B.M. BOWER books
Taken from Big Sandy Cultural Center. Please return them. $100 reward.

2011 CASE IH (STEIGER)*
450 HD 3822/2568 HRS, power shift, Pro 700, 372 receiver, 57 gpm hydraulic pump, 800/70R38 tires. $172,000. (406) 899-2202.

2013 CASE PATRIOT 4430*
5630 HRS, 120 ft boom, 1200 gal. $67,000. (406) 899-2202.

Deluxe Auger Drill and Cart*
2018 CASE IH Precision Disk 500, 60', 10", single shoot, intelligent ag 2012 CASE IH Precision Air 4430, tow between three tank cart with new stainless steel double shoot manifold & new tires. $134,500. (406) 899-2202.

Counter height table and four chairs
Sold as a set, butterfly leaf. Table 54Lx36wx36h. Good solid set. (406) 868-2471.

ISO Used 4-wheeler
250-300cc, with rack to mount sprayer, 4-wheel drive not necessary. (406) 899-9279.

Two Horse Buggy Parts
Free. (406) 439-5456.

Anatolian Shepherd Karakachan Livestock Guardian Puppies*
Working lines. Males and females. Located in Columbus. (406) 290-3127

Free Dogs
1 English bulldog and 2 tea cup yorkies. (854) 737-3737.

Side & front windows from a 1979 8ft topper
Windows slide. Make an offer. (406) 390-4493

BOSCH 3-1/4" Planer Kit*
Barely used $75. (406) 750-7894.

Wanted: Hunting lease for elk and deer
Personal use, not a outfitter. Prefer annual lease but will consider options for shorter duration. (406) 932-5296.

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Five horse door hardware kits with everything you need. $2000 OBO. (406) 932-4391.

2022 Chevy G3500 Passenger Bus
Comes with a chair lift, seats 14, or 12 with 2 wheel chairs. $20,000. (406) 932-5455.

Whole & Half Pork
Processing dates of July, August, and September 2026. Raised in Havre, MT processed at the Pay-N- Save in Saco. (406) 230-2281.

Mini Washing Machine
Mini washing machine, capacity 1KA, B-Quick Bubbleator, portable, great for RV's or apartments. $35.00. (406) 547-2184.

Hundreds of free books and records
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FlexCoil 2320 45' Airdrill
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Professional Chicken Cages
Accommodates 550 Hens. $800 each. (406) 945-2027.

1993 Ford Explorer
Needs transmission, runs good, $400. (406) 547-2184.

1 year old Border Collie
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Small Square Wheat Straw Bales
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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 members 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 and if approved, the ad will be published. It will stay online for 1 year unless you notify us to remove or change it. Ads will also appear in our newsletters (space permitting). Due to print deadlines and space available, some ads may appear in the next month's issue. We reserve the right to abbreviate ads. Happy swapping and shopping!

CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION

As a telecommunications service subscriber, your privacy is of utmost importance. Your customer proprietary network information (CPNI), which includes details about the type, quantity, destination, technical configuration, location, and amount of use of telecommunications services, is subject to stringent confidentiality requirements. This means that your CPNI can only be disclosed to authorized parties under specific circumstances, ensuring that your personal data is protected. We take your privacy seriously and are committed to safeguarding your CPNI.

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

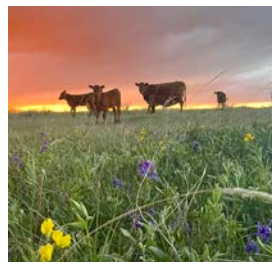
Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win $25!

#1. What are the details of our new internet plans?

My name is:

#2. What is the mystery photo from in this issue?:

My Triangle phone number is:



Mystery Photo

Submit answers online at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz or return this slip with your payment, or mail it to: Newsletter, Triangle Communications, PO Box 1220, Havre, MT 59501.

**Submit answers before the next newsletter comes out to be entered into the current drawing.*

Congrats to the previous issue's winners:

Karen Dietzler and Mary Waters

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