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OCTOBER 2026

CELEBRATING CO-OP MONTH

October is National Cooperative Month, a time to celebrate what makes cooperatives different.

As a member-owned cooperative, Triangle is more than a service provider.

We are owned by the members we serve and are committed to investing in the communities we call home.

Thank you for being a part of the Triangle cooperative family!

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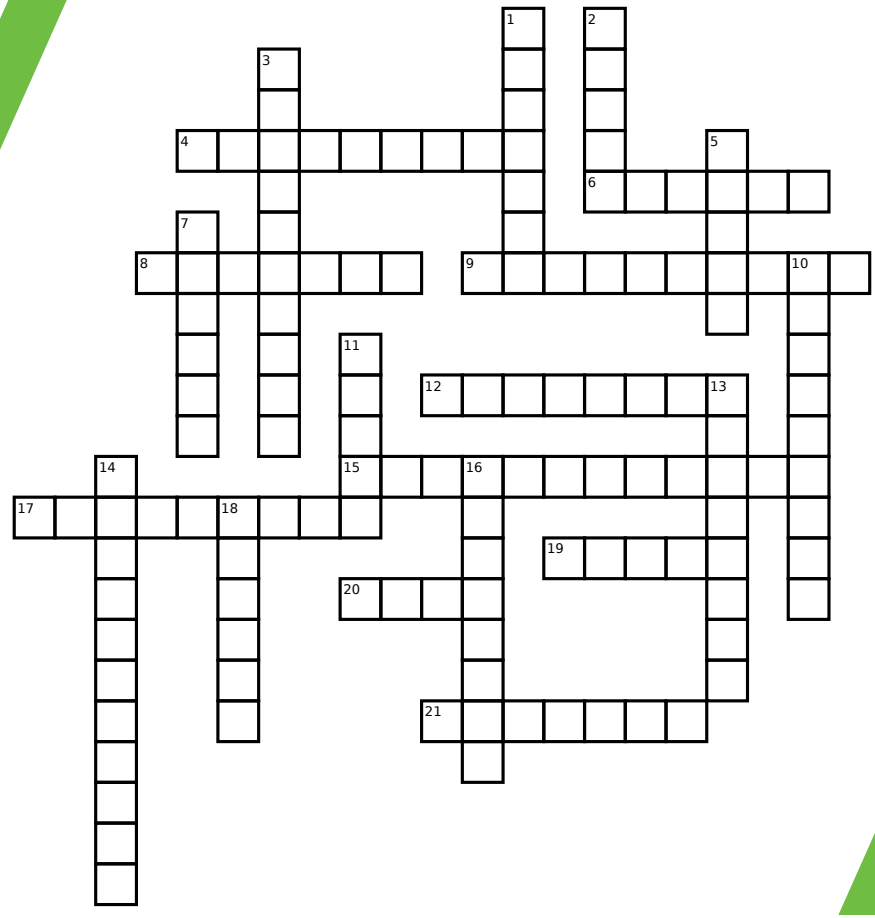

DOWN:

1. Assistance provided to members when they need help.
2. Technology that delivers fast, reliable internet.
3. What Triangle provides through its communication services.
5. Close to home and focused on the surrounding area.
7. An owner of the cooperative.
10. The people and places the cooperative serves.
11. The elected group that helps guide the cooperative.
13. A fellow community member nearby.
14. A business owned by the members it serves.
16. The worldwide network that keeps us connected.
18. The form members use to cast their vote.

ACROSS:

4. One of the benefits of belonging to a cooperative.
6. An Update shared during an Annual Meeting.
8. The greeting members receive when they arrive.
9. Being present at the Annual Meeting
12. The process of choosing the Board of Trustees.
15. The first stop before the meeting begins.
17. High-speed internet service.
19. A midday meal served at the Annual Meeting.
20. Every cooperative member has the opportunity to do this.
21. What Triangle is proud to provide every day.

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 — MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH POT ROAST

INGREDIENTS
1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 to 4 pounds)
1-pound medium red potatoes, quartered
1 cup fresh baby carrots
¼ cup Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
1 teaspoon garlic salt
½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ teaspoon pepper
1/3 cup chopped onion
1-1/2 cups of beef broth
Minced fresh thyme, optional

Directions

1. Place potatoes and carrots in a 5-qt. cooker. Cut roast in half. Combine the mustard, rosemary, garlic salt, thyme, and pepper; rub over roast.

2. Place it in slow cooker, top with onion and broth. Cover and cook on low until meat and vegetables are tender, 6-8 hours. If desired, top with minced thyme.

RECIPE — HUSBAND CATCHING BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS
2 cups all purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
½ cup shortening
2/3 cup of milk
1 egg, unbeaten

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

2. Sift flour, baking powder, cream of tartar, salt, and sugar into a bowl.

3. Add the shortening and blend until the texture is like cornmeal.

4. Add milk slowly then add the egg and stir to a stiff dough.

5. Knead 5 times.

6. Roll to ½ inch thickness.

7. Cut with a 1 ½ inch biscuit cutter.

8. Bake on greased cookie sheet for 12 to 15 minutes.

RECIPE — APPLE BUTTER

INGREDIENTS
5-1/2 pounds apples, peeled, cored, and finely chopped
4 cups of sugar
2 to 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon salt

Directions

1. Place apples in a 6 – qt. slow cooker.

2. Combine sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and salt; pour over apples and mix well.

3. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour.

4. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook until thickened and dark brown, 9-11 hours, stirring occasionally (stir more frequently as it thickens to prevent sticking.)

5. Uncover and cook on low, 1 hour longer. If desired, stir with wire whisk until smooth.

6. Spoon into freezer containers, leaving ½ - inch head space. Cover and refrigerate or freeze.

Apple Butter

CO-OP DAY AT THE POOL

Each summer, we host Co-op Day at the Pool in several of the rural communities we serve. We cover admission for the day, hand out popsicles, and set up a table so our team can visit with families and neighbors. It's a small way for us to say thank you and support the local pools that provide so much summer fun. We're grateful to the pool staff who welcome us and to the communities who stop by to swim, chat, and enjoy the day.

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Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

CEO MESSAGE

Join Us for Your Annual Meeting

We're excited to welcome members back to the Triangle Communications Complex in Havre for this year's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

The Annual Meeting is one of our favorite cooperative traditions and a great opportunity to bring members together. We hope you'll join us to hear updates about the work we've been doing, learn more about what's ahead for Triangle, and celebrate another year of progress at your cooperative. It's also a chance to visit with our employees and trustees, ask questions, enjoy a great meal, and maybe even take home one of our prizes.

This year's meeting also includes Board of Trustees elections for Districts 1 and 3. Candidate biographies are available on our website, and ballots were mailed to members in August. Completed ballots must be returned by October 8 to be counted.

We are again working with Survey & Ballot Systems to administer the election. When you receive your ballot and Annual Meeting Notice Book, I encourage you to take a few minutes to review the information and participate in the election. We truly appreciate every member who votes, including those who may not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Voting is a simple but important way to have your voice heard and take an active role in your cooperative.

Our Bits & Bytes member appreciation events are also back this year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting season. These events give us another opportunity to get out into our service area, visit with members, and say thank you for being part of Triangle. We know not everyone can make the trip to Havre for the Annual Meeting, so Bits & Bytes gives members another chance to meet and visit with Triangle employees and trustees while enjoying a meal on us. And, of course, there are some great prizes including beef and pork packages, bill credits, and more. Follow our Facebook page for updates.

Whether we see you at Bits & Bytes or at the Annual Meeting in Havre, we always appreciate the opportunity to spend time with our members. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you this fall!

RE-MAILED CAPITAL CREDIT DISCOUNT OFFER

Due to a printing error by our printing company, the Acceptance Form included with your Capital Credit Discount Offer was listed as through December 2004 **instead of** December 2025. Please note that the dollar amounts shown on your offer **were correct. Only** the year printed on the Acceptance Form was incorrect. A corrected Acceptance Form was recently mailed to all affected members. If you have already returned your Acceptance Form, no further action is required at this time. We will be contacting you to confirm your acceptance. If we fail to reach you, please fill out the new form you received. To allow everyone additional time to respond, we have extended the acceptance deadline to October 16, 2026. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

CAPITAL CREDIT DISCOUNT OFFER
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!

In August, current and former Triangle members received an important letter regarding their allocated capital credits. If you plan to participate in the discounted offer, don't forget - action is required before the **October 16th deadline.**

As a member-owned cooperative, Triangle allocates capital credits to members each year based on how much they use our services. These credits represent your share of ownership in the co-op.

This year, our Board approved two key actions:

- A general retirement of capital credits from the year 2005
- A voluntary discounted offer for capital credits allocated from 2006 to 2025

If you received the mailing in August and choose to participate in the discount offer, you can receive an early payout (at a discounted present value) of your allocated capital credits for those years.

To accept the offer:

- Sign and return the form included in the letter
- Submit it by mail, in person at our Havre or Big Timber office, by fax to **406-394-7815**, or by email to **capitalcredits@itstriangle.net**
- Your form must be received by **5:00PM October 16th, 2026 — no exceptions**

If you choose **not** to participate, no action is required. Your capital credits will remain in your account and be eligible for future retirements as approved by the Board.

What happens with the 2005 general retirement?

If you're eligible, you'll receive a check for your 2005 amount:

- **If you participate in the discount offer:** your 2005 amount will be included in your discount check.
- **If you don't participate:** you'll still receive a separate check for your 2005 retirement amount.

If you have questions about your capital credits, we're happy to help. Reach out at **1-800-332-1201** or email **capitalcredits@itstriangle.net.**

PHOTO CONTEST TOP 20

Cast your vote! Visit itstriangle.com/photocontest to cast your vote and help select the finalists for the top 10! The top 10 will be displayed at our annual meeting for in-person voting to determine the winners.

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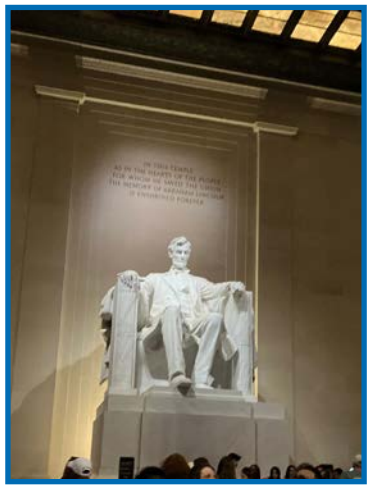
2026 YOUTH TOUR

Savannah Schaumloeffel

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend the FRS Washington, D.C. trip. It was an unforgettable experience that allowed me to explore our nation's history, visit incredible monuments and museums, and learn more about our government and the people who have shaped our country.

One of the best parts of the trip was meeting new people, making lasting memories, and experiencing places I had only seen in pictures before. This opportunity helped me grow both personally and academically, and I came home with a greater appreciation for our nation's history and the importance of leadership and service.



Mikaela Doney

The trip was one of the coolest experiences ever. It was my first time riding in a plane without either of my parents or any of my family, so that was new in general. As soon as I got to Washington, D.C., I noticed how huge the city was. I wasn't expecting it, but I actually enjoyed the busy streets and liveliness of the place. The only thing I thought there was too much of was honking horns!

We started our first full day at the White House. I was amazed by how huge the buildings were! We got to explore the visitor's center and take a tour while listening to our guide through a headset. The basement felt like a maze, and we went through a huge hall with paintings and lots of echoes. After that, we went to the legislative building, where we learned about the bill process. I finally understood it! We also got to meet someone from our state, and I met Troy Downing. We talked about things going on in our community.

The next day, we went to Mount Vernon. I had made some friends by then and was having lots of fun with them. We explored the village and went into Washington's home. It was bigger than I thought and felt very fancy and elegant. Later, we explored the National Mall and saw multiple different memorials. Seeing them in person was incredible, and I didn't realize how huge they were! I think this was the best part of the trip for me, especially with my camera.

Our last full day was spent visiting museums. We went to the National Archives and viewed the Declaration of Independence. Finally, after a LOT of walking, we got to the place I wanted to see the most: the Holocaust Museum. I've heard so much about it, and I am very interested in WWII and learning about the Holocaust. As soon as I walked in, I was scared. Nothing could have prepared me for it. By the time I got out, I was crying and couldn't stop my tears. It had so many heartbreaking stories and memorials, reminding us of the past to make sure nothing like that ever happens again. In an odd way, that museum was my favorite.

I was somewhat sad that everything happened so fast, but I was glad I was home. I enjoyed my time there, and I totally recommend this trip to another student who's adventurous and ready for everything fun.

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

Bullnose Corners for Sheet Rocking*
New in boxes 2 boxes 40 pcs per box 10 ft long. And more… $300 for all. (406) 390-6671.

16 foot Aluminum Trailer
Tandem axle with electric brakes. (406) 326-2287.

1 Ton Steel Flatbed
8' bed for a 1 ton dually truck. (406) 326-2287.

Salt & Pepper Shakers
Hundreds of decorative shakers. (406) 326-2287.

House Sitter
I will come check on your home and text you reports on how things are going at your place. Call Joy at (406) 390-5349.

2023 Propane Fridge
10 cubic feet. Used 3 summers in a cabin. Paid $2,250 new, asking $1,600. Call (406) 654-1533 or (406) 301-8708.

Wanted to buy: 9 foot rowboat
Must fit in bed of a Toyota Tacoma. (530) 680-3348.

5.25" Stainless Solid Drawer Pulls*
3" hole center. 38 pulls. $50. (406) 750-6065.

Bumper-mounted grill with swing arm
Goes on a 4" square bumper. Grill is Aussie brand. Runs on propane. Has clean out tray. Pick up in Fort Benton. Like new! Asking $90. (406) 750-7894.

1983 John Deere 7720 Combine
w/224 Header and Trailer $5,500. (406) 265-2579.

1994 Ford Aerostar
3 door extended 7 passenger van. Less than 120,000 miles. Good condition. $1,365 OBO. (406) 781-4245.

Simmons Twin Bed
Magnificent mattress, box spring, frame, sheets. Barely used. $500. (406) 390-3522.

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

2012 Massey Ferguson GC2400*
Like new. 3cyl sub-compact tractor with bucket and blade. 201.3 hours. Always shredded. 4wd, 22hp. Mid and rear PTO. $9300. OBO. (406) 456-3371.

2006 Chevy 3/4 Ton 4X4*
With 8 ft utility box with liftgate, extra boxes and pipe rack. (406) 667-2292.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

FlexCoil 2320 45' Airdrill
12" single shoot. Lots of new parts. (406) 390-3185.

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

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

New Aluminum Stall Horse Door + Hardware Kit System
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.

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!

WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC!

Open to 16-17 year old high school juniors who are Dependants of a Triangle Communications subscriber.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS DECEMBER 1ST!

Apply at itstriangle.com/youthtour

HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY!

REUBEN!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR **15 YEARS** OF SERVICE!

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HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY!

DREW!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR **20 YEARS** OF SERVICE!

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MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win $25!

#1. What is the date of the 2026 Annual Meeting?

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:

Merle Olson and Tracy McCracken

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JOIN US FOR TRIANGLE'S 72ND ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

Located on the Triangle Communications Campus

Head to 2121 US Hwy 2, Havre, MT and follow the signs!

Doors open at 11:45 AM - Lunch at 12:00 PM - Meeting at 12:45 PM