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Billie Jo Simons of Turner captured the combine in the field with an amazing sunset in the background. This photo claimed 4th place in Triangle's 2021 Photo Contest.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, JULY 4TH**

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OR INTERNET ISSUES.**



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GREYCLIFF & REED POINT CROSSWORD

ACROSS

4. In 1911, a new bridge spanned the _____ River resulting in Reed Point growing to a community of 300 families.
5. In 1901, Lewis Guthrie established a store and post office known as _____."
6. _____ dog vocabulary is more advanced than any other animal language that has been decoded.
7. Greycliff was established in 1883 by the Northern _____ Railroad.
9. Make sure to visit Greycliff's Prairie Dog Town _____ Park.

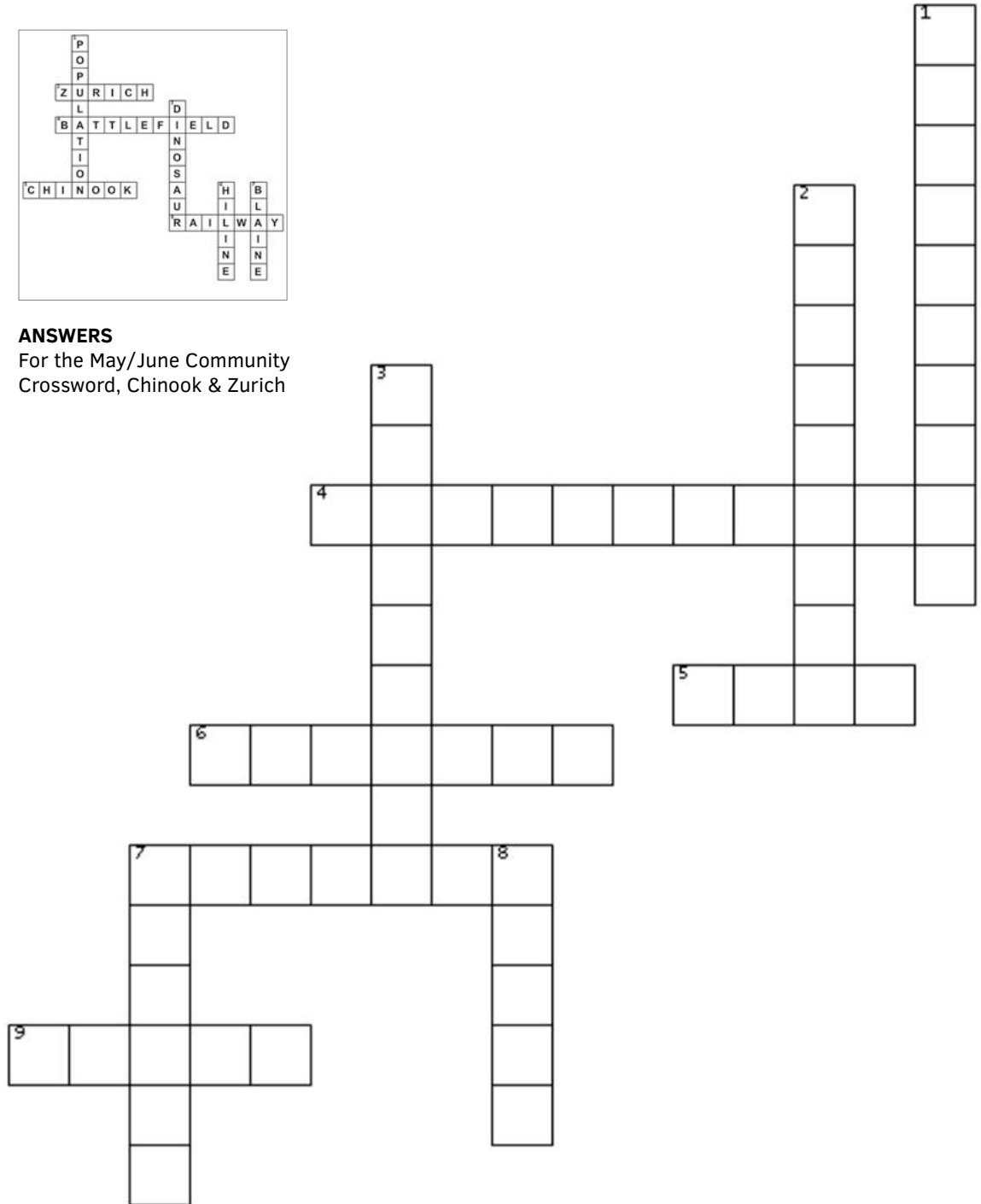
DOWN

1. Reed Point is located in _____ County.
2. Joanne at _____ Pottery makes amazing Montana-made handcrafted pottery.
3. _____ is located Sweet Grass County.
7. Every Labor Day weekend Reed Point hosts "World's Largest Small-Town _____"
8. Greycliff is named for a _____ east of town made of grey rock.



ANSWERS

For the May/June Community Crossword, Chinook & Zurich



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

Tater Tot Casserole (Pictured)

Submitted by Erin Ramberg of Chinook, MT

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs super lean ground beef (or drain off extra fat)
1 pkg Epicure Shepherd's Pie seasoning
1½ Tbsp Epicure 3 Onion dip Mix
3 cups plain cashew milk (or milk of choice)
2 Tbsp cornstarch
½ tsp salt
1 lb frozen mixed veggies
1 bag of frozen tater tots

DIRECTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 400°. In an extra-large measuring cup or 4 cup bowl or larger add milk, Epicure Shepherd's Pie mix, Epicure 3 Onion mix, cornstarch, and salt. Stir until mixed together and set aside. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add ground beef stirring and breaking up meat until browned. Add in frozen mixed veggies and milk mixture. Stir until incorporated and heated through. The milk should thicken up some, like a cream soup. Transfer meat mixture to a 9 x 13 pan (I used cooking spray on mine) and spread it to make an even top. Arrange a layer of tater tots evenly over the meat mixture. Bake in the preheated oven for around 30 minutes or until the tater tots are done/crisped up.

Let cool for 5-10 min before serving.

RECIPE

Corn Meal Rolls

Submitted by Shirley Wilson of Coffee Creek, MT

INGREDIENTS

2 cups scalded milk
½ cup sugar
½ cup oil
1 cup corn meal
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup warm water
2 yeast
4 cups flour

DIRECTIONS

Add sugar and oil to scalded milk. Add corn meal to this mixture. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Cool to lukewarm, add beaten eggs, dissolve yeast in warm water and add to mixture. Add flour and mix until easy to handle.

Divide dough into 3 equal pieces. Roll out each piece into a circle about 12 inches in diameter. Brush with butter. Roll up lightly, beginning at the wide end and seal points firmly.

Place on a greased cookie sheet and brush with melted butter. Let raise in a warm place until doubled in size. Bake for 20 minutes in a 375° oven.

Note: These are yummy, you can't stop with just one. You can also add parmesan cheese before you roll them up or add poppy seeds.

RECIPE

Brownie Pudding

Submitted by Kathryn Munson of Havre

INGREDIENTS

1 cup flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
¾ cup sugar
2 Tbsp cocoa powder
½ cup milk
1 tsp vanilla
2 Tbsp shortening, melted
¾-1 cup chopped walnuts, optional
¾ cup brown sugar
1¾ cup hot water

DIRECTIONS

Sift/mix together flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and 2 Tbsp cocoa powder. Add milk, vanilla and shortening; mix until smooth. Add nuts if desired. Pour into a greased 8" pan. Mix brown sugar and remaining cocoa powder. Sprinkle over batter. Pour hot water over entire batter. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: HAYS

Hays is a beautiful community located on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation on the edge of the Little Rocky Mountains. The Fort Belknap Reservation is home to two tribes – the Nakoda (Assiniboine), and the Aaniih (Gros Ventre). The landscape boasts many years of culture and tradition, including the St. Paul's Mission Church that was built in 1887 by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

Island Mountain Development Group is a Native American economic development corporation based in Hays. The corporation was established in 2009 through the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council (FBICC) to serve the Aaniih (Gros Ventre) and Nakoda (Assiniboine) Nations.

Island Mountain strives to build a sustainable, local economy for tribal members through resource development, planning, job creation, and management services. The corporation's efforts have had significant economic, social and cultural impacts in the area.

Established in 1989 by Harold Martin Sr., Martin's grocery serves the Hays community with food and fuel. The Martin Family has put forth tremendous effort to ensure the store remains viable, and the

family works diligently to provide a vast assortment of groceries to the community.

In 2001, Gerald and Sheila Martin took over management of the store. With the help of family, Martin's Grocery strives to have a big impact in the community, sponsoring many events including the Fourth of July fireworks show and community fun day as well as the annual Easter egg hunt.

Another great stop in the neighboring community of Lodge Pole is the Red Paint Creek Trading Post and Pantry. The cooperative opened to serve the residents of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. The immense building houses a commercial kitchen and a food pantry, as well as the grocery store and gas station.

The grocery store fills a decades-long void in the community and is proud to source locally grown produce and locally sourced meats. Additionally, the commercial kitchen allows for culinary classes, as well as locally grown food preparation and preservation techniques.

On your next trip through the beautiful Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, be sure to stop in and support these great local businesses!



CEO MESSAGE

The 2022 Fiber to the Home projects are underway! Our crews and contractors are in the field working to bring fiber to South Malta (658), the remaining portion of Moore (374) and two areas in Big Timber (932). We would like to thank our members in these areas for their patience during these upgrades.

We will also begin the Hays (673) exchange in 2023 and plan to finish there in 2024. The South Chester (456) exchange plus a portion of Big Timber (932) and the remainder of the Geraldine (737) exchange will also be constructed in 2023. Contractors have not been determined for some of these projects, but we will keep you informed as we get closer to working in these areas.

Triangle understands the importance of fiber to bring high-speed Internet to all our exchanges which is what makes these upgrades so important. In 2007, Triangle began planning for fiber across our service area. We looked to upgrade areas with copper cable that was in bad shape and could not support higher Internet speeds first. Fifteen years later we are getting closer to completing our fiber network.



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

I'd like to take a step back and go through what it takes to complete these projects:

- **Design** - We can't just put our network anywhere. Every mile of this fiber-fed network has to be planned. The data collected, including existing utility poles, water, gas and electricity lines, is used to create a map for the fiber build.
- **Construction** - With our plan in place, Triangle can begin the hard work of constructing miles of a fiber optic network. Triangle's right-of-way team, engineers and contractors will be in area throughout the project.
- **Sign Up** - Existing Triangle members in our upgrade areas will have fiber brought to them. Locations in the upgrade exchange without active service will need to call Triangle's office to initiate service.
- **Installation** - The finish line! We complete the process by installing the electronics and equipment in your home or business.

VECI started the fiber upgrade in Moore along with their sub-contractors. JKL, Associates and their sub-contractors will be doing the upgrades in South Malta, Whispering Pines, and a portion of Big Timber town. All of Triangle's contractors and their sub-contractors should have ID badges. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects, please contact our Outside Plant Manager in the Havre office.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



Chinook Rod & Gun Club

District 4 HRDC
Hill, Blaine & Liberty Counties

Dodson Close-Up

Phillips County Cattlewomen
Malta, Whitewater, Saco &
Dodson

Sweet Memorial Nursing Home
Chinook

2022 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



Alex Novark
White Sulphur Springs



Allison Powell
Chinook



Angelina Toth
Havre



Anthony DeMars
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Audrey Oltrogge
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Audrina Williams
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Cadence Tillman
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Cara Lorenzini
Big Timber



Cash Salsbery
Malta



Colter Ball
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Halle Bacon
Harlowton



Kaden LaBrie
Malta



Kyle Harmon
Chester



Laci Maloney
Turner



Laramie Peterson
Kremlin



Laura Power
Harlowton



Lee Karpstein
Broadview



Liam Edwards
Chinook



Parker Donaldson
Denton



Rainy Carroccia
Big Timber



Timothy Lane
Fort Benton



Trista Spangrud
Greycliff

CONGRATULATIONS!

TRIANGLE
COMMUNICATIONS

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

The Benefit Provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service.
- Up to \$75/month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Are You Eligible?

A household is eligible if a member meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Participates in certain assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year

Only one monthly service discount is allowed per household.

Two-Steps to Enroll

1. Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application. Once your application is approved, you are ready to enroll with an internet service provider.
2. To enroll with Triangle, call 1-800-332-1201 with your Qualifying ID number from step 1 to begin the enrollment process with a customer service representative.

If you are having issues with Triangle Communications regarding an ACP-supported service or having difficulties enrolling with Triangle Communications, you have the right to file a complaint with the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center.

For more information, contact the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center at 888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322) or visit consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.

FOUR TIPS FOR BETTER SMARTPHONE IMAGES

You don't have to be a professional to take quality photos. Embrace your inner photographer by following these four tips for better smartphone images!



Clean the camera lens.

Your phone goes with you everywhere, collecting dirt and dust and leaving a cloudy layer that can ruin the quality of your photos. Wipe down the lens before you snap a picture. Use a soft handkerchief when possible, but a shirt sleeve works too!



Adjust the camera focus.

Smartphones automatically focus on the foreground, but that may not include your intended subject. The best way to correct this is by manually setting your camera's focus.

Tap the portion of the screen you want in focus. This results in a square or circle icon appearing over your intended subject, producing a sharper image.



Get closer.

This may seem obvious, but the closer you can get to your subject, the better. Avoid zooming in, which leads to blurry, pixelated images. That said, keep safety in mind when you're taking pictures in potentially hazardous situations.



Use natural light.

Natural light is your friend! It's beautiful, free, everywhere and constant. Natural light also lets you be more creative when playing with shadows and silhouettes.

Avoid using the flash when possible. Flash can overexpose or wash out the image colors. You can always adjust the brightness with your camera's exposure tool.



Bonus Tip:

Take photos during the golden hours, the time just after sunrise or before sunset. Photographers know this is the best time to take photos because of the softer and warmer lighting the sun provides.

TIPS TO AVOID SPOOFING CALLS



Have you recently picked up a phone call from what appeared like a local number or local business? Unfortunately, this is happening more often. Triangle Communications would like to provide some education and helpful tips for dealing with these annoying spoofing calls. According to the national publication USTelecom, over 56 MILLION Americans lost nearly \$19.7 billion from spoofing phone scams in 2020.

How to Protect Yourself from Spoofing

Spoofing is when a scammer disguises their identity by purposely misrepresenting the name or number that appears on your caller ID. In most cases, these calls try to trick you into providing valuable personal financial information such as your Social Security or credit card number.

Scammers have also begun utilizing Neighbor spoofing. Neighbor spoofing is when illegal robocallers display a phone number similar to yours or use your area code or one from a neighboring area in the hopes you are more likely to answer the call and provide personal information. Sometimes these neighbor spoofing calls will even appear like your number is calling you.

Follow the tips below to avoid these spoofing calls:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers.
- Hang up if you accidentally answer the phone.
- Don't hit any buttons if the caller or message instructs you to stop getting these calls.
- Don't answer any questions.
- If you have any doubt on who the caller is, hang up and call the person back at the number you have for them.
- Never provide any personal information in response to a robocall.
- Verify when the caller claims to represent a company you know or a government agency by calling them back at the number you have for them or the number on their website.
- File a complaint online with the FTC or call 1-877-FTC-HELP or FCC or call 1-888-CALL-FCC
- Register your number with the National Do Not Call Registry

Even following the guidelines above, you may not be able to tell right away if an incoming call is spoofed. Please be extremely careful about responding to any request for personal identifying information. Remember to check your voicemail periodically to avoid missing important calls and clear out any spam calls that might fill your voicemail box.

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

Misc For Sale

Small Pot Belly woodstove with stove pipe, 1950 era Royal typewriter, manual Olympia typewriter, Seventec collegiate typewriter. Call 406.930.2200 for pricing and more information.

Bowflex Trainer M5*

Selling Bowflex Trainer M5. Asking \$750, call 406.547.2409.

Dexter Trailer Axle

Dexter trailer axle, 7-foot wide, P-15 Model SLR with electric brakes. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

MinnKota Motor

MinnKota endura boat motor, 40 lbs. thrust. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

Wood Oars

7-foot wood oars with oar locks, like new. Asking \$70, call 406.547.2184.

Wanting to Sell

Goodyear Wrangler ST P235/75R16 tire and 16-inch rim. Asking \$150, if interested call 406.378.3243.

Wanting to Buy

Looking to buy 1955 to 1959 Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, call 406.326.2287.

Boat For Sale

1971 Sanger V-Drive fiberglass boat with 440 Chrysler engine and homemade trailer. Asking for \$6,000. Call Lenard at 406.378.2572.

Wanting to Buy

Looking for an older pull-type camper for storage. Call 406.390.2276.

Wanting To Buy

Looking for ornate hot water (heating) radiators, height of 30" or less. Call 540.624.0502.

GM Muncie Transmission*

GM Muncie 4-speed transmission with Hurst shifter linkage. Was coupled to HP 327 SBC engine, splines, gears, etc. In great condition, more information and photos are available. Asking \$1,200 OBO, call 540.624.0502.

Antique Hot Water Radiators*

Two antique hot water radiators from a working system. Under window sizes, one without legs. \$150 each, call 540.624.0502.

John Deere Combine For Sale

1979 John Deere 6600 Combine with 22-foot header and 3424 hours. Good tires, clean, runs well and includes lots of extra parts. Call 406.355.4479.

Tractor Accessories For Sale

Selling 3-point blade, 3-point chisel and 3-point dirt bucket for a small Dearborn tractor. Also a small 4M tractor for sale for parts. Call 406.670.9818 for pricing.

2003 Honda Road Bike Honda VTX1800

Motorcycle includes windshield, backrest, storage tote and engine guard/footrest. Red in color, in excellent condition. Low mileage, stored in garage and covered, carefully ridden. For more information and pricing, call 406.378.2484 and ask for Paul.

National Finals Rodeo Tickets For Sale

National Finals Rodeo Tickets in Las Vegas, 2 tickets. Five (5) nights December 1-5, 2022, seats located in Sec 226, Row H, seats 15 & 16. Asking \$825.00, call 406.759.5894.

Two Perception Caspia Kayaks*

Two Perception Caspia Kayaks with skirts and graphite double-blade paddles. These kayaks were bought brand new in 1996. Very gently used and in excellent condition. The boats are very stable due to their relatively wide beam. Asking price is \$375 for each boat, including skirts and paddles. Would negotiate a discount if you buy both boats. Call 406.547.3803, leave a message if no answer and owner will reply ASAP.

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!



Kathy Palmer, Receptionist

WHO'S WHO: KATHY PALMER

Kathy Palmer has been a part of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric family for 5 years. As a Receptionist, her main responsibilities include answering the phones and directing members' calls to the correct area. In addition to directing phone calls, Kathy and the other two receptionists in her department also process all the payments mailed in for both Triangle and HCE. Kathy works in the lobby as needed and updates all three of our telephone directories weekly.

In her spare time, Kathy enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren and can't wait for grandbaby #3 in September. She also enjoys camping and baking cookies. She is an

excellent cook and baker, and we are lucky to be able to sample her cheesecakes, cookies and cheese balls.

Kathy enjoys her job and the fact that every day is different, but she says the best thing about her job is being encouraged to be creative. When asked what her favorite vacation was she mentioned living in Germany for three years while her husband was in the U.S. Air Force. She'd love to go back someday. She said her recent vacation to Cancun wasn't too shabby either!

Spending an entire weekend watching football would be Kathy's guilty pleasure! I totally agree!



MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER ISSUE WILL WIN \$25!

We received 112 entries that correctly identified July 8th, 2022 as the deadline to enter the 2022 Photo Contest and the Mystery Photo was a portion of the Cafe 191 log long building

Congratulations to Cathy Bear and Eileen Econom 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. Name one tip to avoid spoofing calls.

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 August 1, 2022 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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