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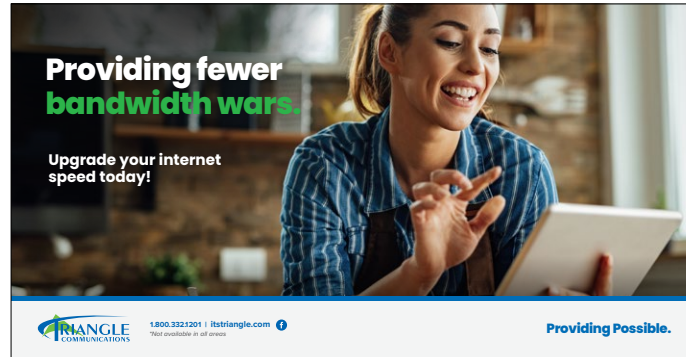
Ali Molyneux of Chinook submitted this photograph of the sky reflecting on the Milk River at Paradise Dam southeast of Chinook. Her photo claimed 4th place in Triangle's 2020 Photo Contest.

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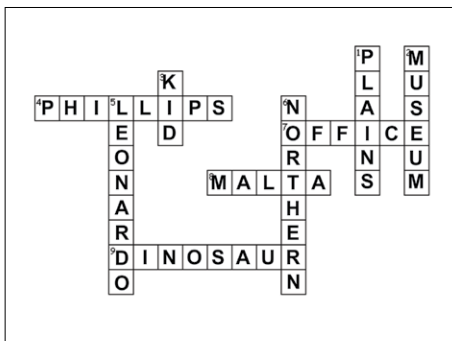
Featuring Hingham, MT

ACROSS

- Hingham was developed as a grain storage and shipping location on the Great Northern ____.
- Hingham celebrated its ____ in 2010.
- Hingham dubbed itself “the progressive city- a city built on the ____.”
- In 1930, the town built a two-story brick ____ near Highway 2.

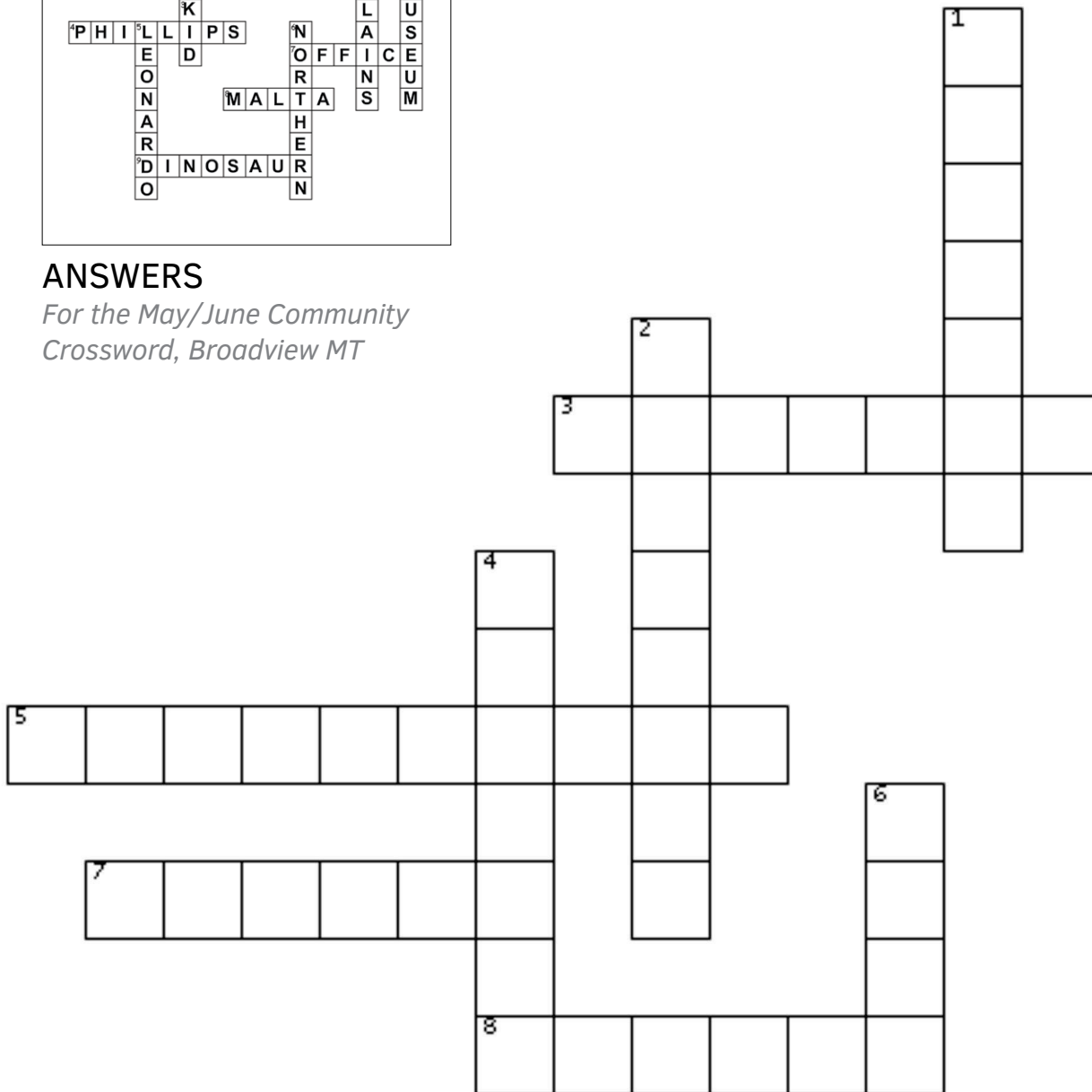
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- Towns in Wisconsin, Massachusetts and even England share the name ____.
- The Hingham water tower is a popular ____ in the town.
- The Hingham School was created in 1910 with the ____ as their mascot.
- Hingham is located in ____ County.



ANSWERS

For the May/June Community Crossword, Broadview MT



COOKS 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.ne

RECIPE

Bananas and Cream Bundt Cake

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

1/3 cup shortening
1 1/4 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/4 cups mashed ripe bananas, about 3 medium
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
3/4 cup chopped walnuts, optional
Confectioners' sugar

DIRECTIONS

Cream together shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Add bananas and mix well. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream. Stir until just combined. Stir in walnuts if desired. Pour into a greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before remove from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving.

RECIPE

Beer Batter Fish

Submitted from HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

2 qts. Vegetable oil for frying
8 (4 oz.) walleye, pike or cod fillets
1 cup flour
2 Tbsp garlic powder
2 Tbsp paprika
1 tsp. Cajun seasoning
1 tsp. onion salt
2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. black pepper
1 egg, beaten
3/4 can or bottle of light beer

DIRECTIONS

Heat oil in deep fryer to 365°. Rinse fish, pat dry and cut into chunks. Combine flour and spices. Stir in egg. Gradually mix in beer. Dip fish fillet chunks in batter and drop into hot oil. Fry fish, turning once, until both sides are golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve warm.

RECIPE

Zucchini Bake

Submitted by Rhoda Miller of Moore

INGREDIENTS

3 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup shredded carrots
1 small onion, chopped
3/4 cup grated or powdered cheese
3 large eggs
1/2 cup salad oil
1/2 tsp. season salt or poultry seasoning
1 cup Bisquick baking mix
Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

Mix together all ingredients and pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

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TRIANGLE'S 2021 Photo Contest



2019 Winner, Ashlee Anderson

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.
- Photos containing people are not eligible.
- Must be previously unpublished
- Must be a minimum of 300 dpi, high resolution and a minimum of 1500 pixels on the longest side.

Entries must be submitted on our website by July 9th. 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 16th for First Round Voting. The top 20 photos by July 30th will proceed to Second Round Voting in the September/October 2021 "Keeping You Connected" magazine. The top 10 from the magazine voting by September 30th will go to Final Round Voting at the 2021 Triangle Annual Meetings in October. Award winning photos will be featured on the 2022 covers of the "Keeping You Connected" magazine.

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



Geraldine Senior Citizens, Inc.

Big Timber Women's Club

Chinook Volunteer Fire Department

Winifred High School BPA

Rocky Boy Veterans Center
Mobility Services



Craig Gates, CEO

CEO MESSAGE

It is very important to all of us at Triangle to provide fiber-fed services throughout the communities we serve. A fiber infrastructure provides our members with technology that has a long life and can meet future technology needs. As our Internet connections have gone from dial-up to blazing fast speeds, one thing we know is fiber fed services will be used to meet future needs.

Summer is here and our Fiber to the Home construction projects are moving ahead in Molt, South Malta (area north of Malta), Denton, Stanford and a portion of Big Timber. VECI will be working on the fiber projects in Denton and Stanford. JKL will be our contractor in Molt and South Malta (North). Both contractors will have sub-contractors working for them helping with boring

lines under roads and splicing the fiber. We apologize for any inconvenience during the fiber upgrade and thank you for your patience.

Triangle is offering some great new bundle options in our fiber areas which include our Advanced Wi-Fi service, the first 200GB of data for free, a digital voice landline, free basic features and 1,000 minutes of long distance starting as low as \$99. Visit our website at www.itstriangle.com or call and speak to our friendly staff. We will work to find the best plan to fit your needs.

Speaking of the future, congratulations to all the Triangle scholarship winners. Each year, our Triangle Board members have the tough job of selecting the scholarship winners. As in the past, we are so impressed with all the scholarship applicants and know they all have a bright future ahead of them.

Member gifts are made in Montana!

**JOIN US FOR YOUR
ANNUAL MEETING
OF MEMBERS**

Havre - October 9th
Big Timber - October 16th
Stay tuned for more information!



1



UTILITY LOCATING

811 will be called to request locates before construction is started. Local utility providers will come and identify where their facilities are positioned and mark them with paint or flags. Please review the markings and notify us right away if you know something is underground where the white-lined fiber route is located.

2

CONSTRUCTION

Depending on your location an aerial or buried method will be used to bring fiber to you. For buried fiber, we typically begin by placing vaults and bores throughout the upgraded area. The orange conduit you see sticking out of the ground will be buried once the fiber is pulled through the bore and the vault is set.

When plowing there will be large equipment that places the cable in the ground. Our goal is to have the fiber placed at approximately 42 inches deep along the mainline

3

SPLICING

All fiber that is placed in the ground must be fused together in a process we call splicing before the fiber is operational. You may see splicers outside of your residence in vans or trailers.



and 30 inches in the yard. This can vary based upon soil conditions and terrain.

Throughout the entire upgrade, crews will be working on limiting the impact of the construction. Crews will be passing over the newly placed fiber 3 times with a packer as well as removing large rocks that may come to the surface. Crews will also reseed grassland after the cable is placed.

If any fence needs cut, contractors will temporarily fix and then permanently fix the fence once construction is completed in that area.

The fiber optic cable runs to an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) on the outside of your location.

4

INSTALLATION

Triangle Communications will be reaching out to members as their location is ready to be connected to the fiber. An Optical Network Terminal (ONT) was placed on the outside of your location. Work is required inside of the home to complete the process. Triangle will install a jack for the internet service as well as a battery backup. Members will be connected to the fiber when our technicians leave the premise.



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POST FIBER UPGRADE

Triangle Communications will have crews in the area removing the old copper equipment and facilities. Please do not remove any of the equipment or facilities yourself as it may still provide service to a member.

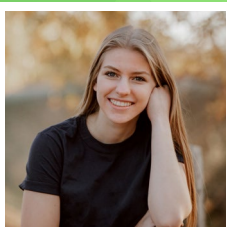
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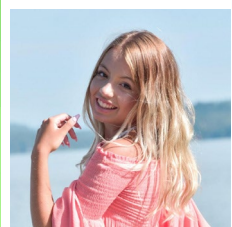
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Abby Knoll - Rapelje



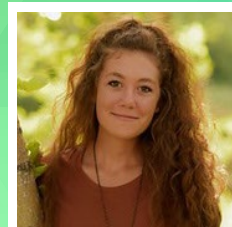
Abigail Clark - Fort Benton



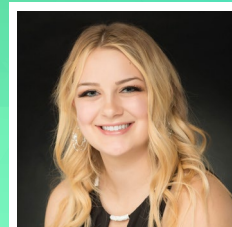
Ashley Roberts - Sweet Grass



Beau Simonson - Whitewater



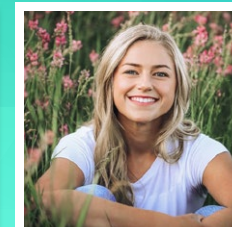
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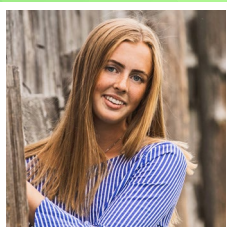
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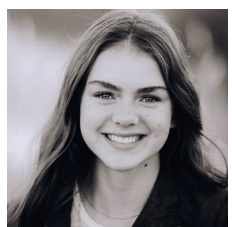
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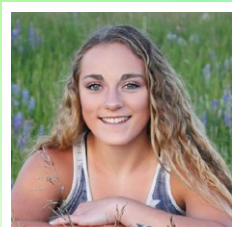
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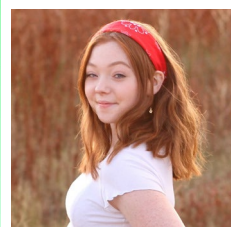
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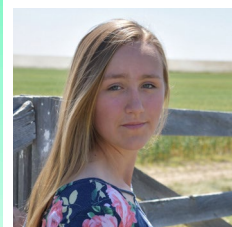
Elizabeth Hickey - Hobson



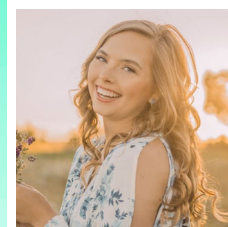
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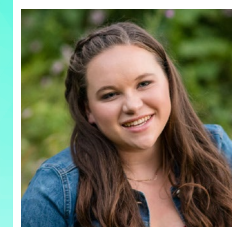
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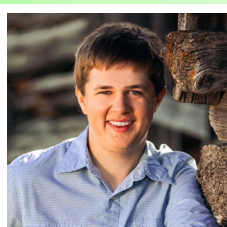
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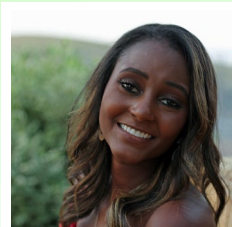
Kenidee Wolery - North Star



Lily Surber - Chinook



Matthew Slivka - Winifred



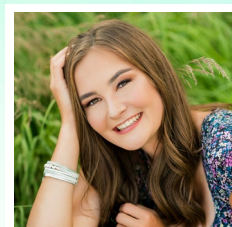
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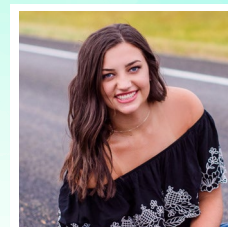
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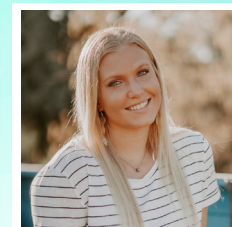
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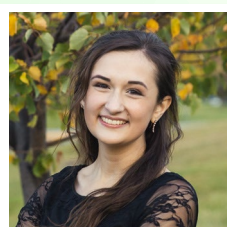
Rebecca Stroh - Chinook



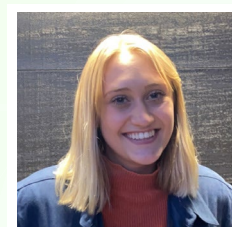
Shayla Borlaug - North Star



Sidney Meeks - Malta



Anna Slivka - MSU



Samantha May - Great Falls



Sarah Hughes - MSU

CONGRATULATIONS!

FEATURED COMMUNITY- RUDYARD



Many people have driven down scenic Hwy 2 and done a double take of the sign, “596 Nice People – 1 Old Sore Head!” The current population of Rudyard is around 200 people, but the 1 Old Sore Head continues to be an honor bestowed. The original sore head was Tommy Wilson.

A stop at Toner’s Tire Rama will more than likely garner you a visit with Bobby Toner who had the title in the mid-90’s. Bobby is the grandson of Tommy Wilson. Toner’s is a full-service shop for tires, repairs, fuel, and a cup of coffee.

Dee Dee Ditmar had the salon for years and is the daughter to Tommy Wilson. After “Dee Dee’s”, the name was changed to “Tracy’s Place”, and now “The Country Dame” has continued the tradition of giving many Hi-Line residents their very first haircut. The full-service salon is also a source to stop by and pick up your hair care products.

McNair Furniture has been serving the flooring and appliance needs of the Hi-Line for decades. They have decorations and gift options as well. It is owned by Dale Dahlke, who is the grandson of the original Old Sore Head as well as John Muller & Bill Langel.

A phone call to Heydon Overhead Door will more than likely be answered by Bobbi, who is Tommy’s granddaughter. Heydon Overhead Doors serves the entire Hi-Line by installing and servicing garage doors.

Cliff Ulmen won a lifetime appointment to the position at the town’s 2010 centennial. Cliff was one of the founders of the Rudyard Depot Museum and, also served as president of the Hi-Line Vintage Motor Museum. Rudyard is also home to the Dinosaur Museum, which Cliff’s daughter Lila manages. The Dinosaur Museum is also part of the Dinosaur Trail.

Farmers Union Oil Company is a one-stop shop for farm supplies as well as fuel. The local cooperative started carrying basic groceries to serve the needs of the community. You can swing in for a cup of coffee or some popcorn on your way thru town.

K-Lines has provided entertainment for the young and old throughout the years with their bowling alley. The walls have generations of bragging rights from bowlers across the Hi-Line. You can stop by for a drink and a frozen pizza.

Rudyard is home to a senior center which hosts community celebrations for baby showers, birthday parties, bridal showers, etc. During the summer, if you leave the senior center, you may smell freshly popped popcorn from the local movie theatre. During the summer months, the 50’s roadside diner called the Sugar Shack is also open for a meal or a tasty milk shake.

Rudyard is not only a town known for its Old Sore Head but also for all your agriculture needs. Rudyard is home to CHS Big Sky, Columbia Grain, Golden Triangle Seeds, and Wilbur Ellis Company.

The newest business in town is Duchscher Kapperud Insurance Agency who opened a 2nd location in Rudyard at the old bank building.

A road trip to Rudyard this summer could be packed full of excitement between the museum, movie theatre, bowling alley and great conversations with the locals!



SWAP AND SHOP

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

Custom Built Kitchen Island

Island dimensions are 29 1/2" x 71 1/2" x 36" with a 2" maple butcher block top over an oak base with casters. The island has a large center storage area with an adjustable shelf that is accessible from both sides, four pull-through drawers, and a bookshelf on one end. Asking \$1,000, call 307.277.5782.

Mercury Boat Motor

Mercury outboard boat motor. 6HP, 4 cycle, long shaft. Asking \$1,200, call 406.547.2184.

1974 T600B Galion Grader

Grader with a 14-foot blade, 186 HP 1HDT466 engine, hydrostatic with 10,374 hours. Asking \$17,000, call 406.376.3268.

1969 AC-HD11E Dozer

Dozer has hydraulic manual tilt, angle. Includes ripper with 3 teeth, 6-speed transmission, and has 7110 hours. Asking \$15,000, call 406.376.3268.

Antique Caterpillar Grader

Caterpillar pull-type grader from late '40s. All manual with a 12-footblade. Asking \$1,750, call 406.376.3268.

96 Yukon Parts

Doors (passenger side). Call 406.547.2187.

Items For Sale

1982 Ford Ranchero, needs some work and rear bumper replaced. Asking \$5,000. Roll-top desk in good condition, asking \$1,400. Call 406.622.5417.

Wanting To Buy

1955-1958 Chevy car or pickup for project. Also looking for 410 Shotgun. Call Call 406.326.2287.

Toro Titan MX Mower

Model 6080 zero turn mower with rollover protection with 26 HP engine. Ready to go, call 406.378.3212.

Harlowton Home For Sale

Three bedroom home, one bath home for sale in Harlowton. Two-story with basement for storage, new gas furnace on a nice corner lot. \$88,000 firm, contact owner for more details and possible owner contract with a down payment, 406.632.5725.

Rentals in Harlowton

Multiple houses and apartments for rent in Harlowton. Prices vary, no pets, no smoking. Call 406.632.5725.

Mayrath Grain Auger

27-foot, 6-inch Mayrath grain auger with 5HP electric motor. Call 406.378.3212

Delta Platinum Edition Unisaw

10-inch unisaw with 50-inch commercial Biesemeyer fence with mobile base. In good condition, includes extra accessories. Asking \$1,500 or best offer, call 813.453.1787.

Misc Items

1985 Versatile 35.5 foot blade; pressure washer; portable contractor air compressor; receiving hitch; like new heavy-duty toolbox for size pickup and weight bench plus weights. Call 406.378.3212 for prices and more details.

Property For Sale in Loma

Opportunity for small-town living with wildlife and fishing access. For sale at a bargain price, 4 lots and 4 buildings originally housing a second-hand and antique shop. Call 406.739.4361.

Stainless Steel Drop Visor

Twelve-inch stainless steel drop visor comes with brackets. Fits a 2009 Kenworth or newer. Asking \$150 but will consider reasonable offers. Call 406.357.4282.

1967 Ford Thunderbird

This classic car runs great, has a clean interior, and is in good condition with some minor bodywork required. Asking \$8,000 but will consider reasonable offers. Call 406.357.4282.

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!

WHO'S WHO AT YOUR COOPERATIVE - BRANDON CARROLL



Brandon Carroll joined the Triangle family a little over 13 years ago. He had previously dabbled in the automotive industry before he

began working as a laborer for a communications contractor plowing service taps in 1994. By 2003 Brandon had moved to area manager in the Bozeman area. When the company he worked for decided to

move their operation out of state in 2008, we were lucky enough to hire Brandon on at Triangle.

Brandon is now the construction foreman for our southern service area and his crew's responsibilities include placing new facilities to members' premise plus repairs and service calls. Triangle purchased a directional drill for Brandon's crew, and he commented, "We are keeping it very busy."

When asked what the best thing about his job is, Brandon said his co-workers and the amazing people he gets to meet through his job. He added, "And the best views imaginable when your office is working outside in Montana."

In his spare time, Brandon spends as much time as he can with his grandkids. He and his wife also enjoy spending time camping, boating, fishing, and hunting. In the past Brandon has volunteered with the Big Brother Program, coached wrestling, and Legion level baseball. He enjoys cooking breakfast and steak, adding "I don't think anything beats a good ole seared beef steak." A weeklong fishing trip in La Vinta, Mexico where he caught a Marlin from a 16-foot boat would be Brandon's favorite vacation.

Thank you so much Brandon for being such a good sport and answering all my questions!

By Denise Kovacich, Communications Specialist

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

We received 79 entries that correctly answered the Triangle Board determines if a capital credit return will happen and the Mystery Photo was the Cashier's sign inside Farmers State Bank in Denton.

Congratulations to Russ Tempel and Terry Brumfield 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. Who was Rudyard's original Old Sore Head?

#2. Mystery Photo (right):

My name is: _____

My Triangle phone number is _____

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, 2021 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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