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Congratulations to Jerry McGillivray for taking 4th place in Triangle’s 2019 Photo Contest. He captured this eye-catching row of rural mailboxes in the Cleveland area.

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COMMUNITY CROSSWORD
Featuring Rudyard, MT

Across
1. Rudyard is also home to the Hi-Line ____ Motors Museum.
4. The Rudyard area has provided dinosaur specimens to the ____ of the Rockies in Bozeman for years.
5. In 1994, the Rudyard ____ Society moved the local railroad depot to its current location and turned it into a museum that has collected the written and physical history of the towns along the Hi-Line.
8. In 1914, Rudyard shipped more ____ than any town between Havre and Shelby.
9. Number 59 on the ‘100 things every Montanan should do’ list put together by the Great Falls Tribune is to shake the hand of Rudyard’s ____.

Down
2. Rudyard was established as a switching station on the ____ Northern Railway.
5. Rudyard is located in ____ county.
6. The town was named for ____ Kipling.
7. Rudyard’s Depot Museum is part of the Montana ____ Trail.

ANSWERS
For the May/June Community Crossword, Reed Point, 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.

Sour Cream Rhubarb Bars
Submitted by Rhoda Miller of Moore, MT

CRUST
1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups flour
2 cups quick oats
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. baking powder

FILLING
4 egg yolks
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp Clear Jel powder (thickening agent)
2 cups sour cream
2 cups rhubarb, chopped

DIRECTIONS
Mix until crust ingredients until crumbly. Pat 2/3 of crumbs in 9x13 pan or jelly roll pan for flatter bars. Bake for 15 minutes at 350°. Combine filling ingredients and cook for 5 minutes. Take crust out of oven and pour filling over crust. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on tops and bake an additional 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Makeover Loaded Baked Potato Salad
Submitted by HCE/Triangle Cooks

INGREDIENTS
2 ½ lbs. small unpeeled red potatoes, cubed
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
½ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar
1 cup chopped sweet onion
1 dill pickle, chopped
½ cup reduced-fat sour cream
½ cup fat-free mayonnaise
1 tsp. prepared mustard

DIRECTIONS
Coat a 15x10x1 inch baking pan with cooking spray, place potatoes and onions on pan and sprinkle with salt and pepper or seasoning of your choice. Bake, uncovered, at 425° for 30-35 minutes or until tender. Cool. In a large bowl, combine potatoes, onions, eggs, bacon, cheese and pickle. In a smaller bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise and mustard; pour over the potato mixture and stir to coat. Refrigerate leftovers.

Baked Caesar Chicken
Submitted by HCE/Triangle Cooks

INGREDIENTS
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
½ cup fat-free creamy Caesar salad dressing
1 medium avocado, cubed
¼ cup shredded Parmesan, divided

DIRECTIONS
Place chicken in a 11x17 inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine dressing, avocado and 2 Tbsp. cheese. Spoon over chicken. Bake at 375° for 30-35 minutes until chicken is 170°. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and serve.
FEATURED COMMUNITY- JOPLIN AND INVERNESS

While being established along Highway 2, Joplin and Inverness are rich in history. From the early days of the Joplin Bulldogs and the Inverness Cardinals to the JI Rams and now the CJI Hawks, these two communities have continued to thrive.

Inverness Supper Club is known throughout the region as a great stop for lunch or dinner. Shawn is best known for her homemade Blue Cheese salad dressing. She will not share the recipe for any amount of money, but she will sell you a jar. Many community members have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, end of harvest celebrations, etc. at the Supper Club. Shawn serves her trademark dish of ice cream at the end of dinner, which is always a crowd favorite for young and old alike.

Before you hit the road back home, you can stop at Fraser’s Oil and fill up your tank, get an oil change or even a new set of tires. Fraser’s has been a staple in the community since the 1960’s for all the fuel, tire and repair needs of the area.

The Joplin Bar is a community gathering place for the locals. They are happy to be able to serve food again to their local patrons. The facility has hosted many birthday, retirement and anniversary parties over the years.

Helena Agri-Enterprises is an essential business in Joplin for the area farmers and ranchers. The company provides for chemical and fertilizer needs, as well as a place to stop for a cup of coffee and discuss the current markets.

Golden Triangle Seeds is another frequent stop for the area farmers and ranchers. Ron Spicher purchased the elevator in 2006 and has provided business locations in both Joplin and Rudyard. Golden Triangle seeds provides area farmers and ranchers with seed for their emerging crops, as well as cleaning and treating the seeds they raise.

Wood Enterprises has been taking care of the insurance needs within the community for the past few decades. A few years ago, they remodeled their facility and have created a very welcoming location with modern touches. Stop by for a visit, check out their updates and inquire on their services.

Joplin is home to the Biggest Little Brewfest, which is held in the new Golden Triangle Center (Formerly the JI High School Building). The Golden Triangle Center is the pride of community and is run by a team of area leaders. The center can be rented out for a number of community functions and also features a gym with 24/7 access.

Another rich traditional of the area is the annual Joplin Art in the Park. Unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled this year. The event attracts attendees from across the state and some are even drawn from out of state. The event is kicked off with a Run/Walk in honor of Dawson Fraser and is followed up with an Art Show, Vendor Area, Car Show, Kid’s Play Area, and Snow Mobile Race, just to name a few. If you are looking for a time to tour the Hi-Line, plan your adventure during the Joplin Art in the Park event.
CEO MESSAGE

I hope this message finds you well. It has not been a “normal” year for any of us and the future for so many things is unknown during this COVID-19 pandemic. At Triangle Communications, we are keeping things as normal as possible. It is our priority to keep our employees and members safe during this pandemic. To keep up to date with what is going on at Triangle, like us on our Facebook page or check out our website at www.itstriangle.com.

Triangle is bringing fiber this summer to the communities of Stanford, Reed Point, Whitewater and a section of rural Big Timber. Rocky Mountain Contractors began working on the Big Timber upgrade in May. JKL is working on the fiber upgrades in the Whitewater and Reed Point exchange areas. VECI will be working on the fiber upgrade in the Stanford area.

After the cable is placed in the ground and connected to the outside of the homes and businesses in each community, Triangle will contact members to schedule an appointment for connection of the fiber inside each location. We will keep members in the community who are impacted by the upgrades updated on the progression of the projects; however, please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Triangle understands the importance of high-speed internet access. The increased need for Zoom meetings and Google classroom alone has driven the necessity of additional connectivity in our service areas. Triangle is proud to partner with many of the area schools to meet their needs on such short notice. Triangle has seen an increase in the need for connectivity, not only for schools, but also for members working from home. The increase in internet demand showed us that it is great to work off your cell phone’s data package, but nothing beats a physical connection to your home!

There is a lot of planning and hard work that goes into a Fiber to the Home upgrade. On the following page you will find a copy of a new brochure that our team created to help explain the construction process a little bit better.

In closing, I want to congratulate all the 2020 graduates! Your graduation experience is unique and is also something no other group has experienced and hopefully never will again. I am sure the perspective of the past will help you with your future endeavors. Stay safe and stay healthy!
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.

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 and 30 inches in the yards. 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.

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.

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.

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.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Abigail Ellison - Undergraduate
Angelina Toth - Havre
Austin Hansen - North Star
Bailey Spicher - North Star
Caden Rettig - North Star
Cameron Pleininger - Havre
Cassie Smith - Winifred
Cody Stein - Sweet Grass County
Dexter Beck - Havre
Dennis Boshart - Undergraduate
Dyauni Boyce - Winifred
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Hayden Massar - North Star
Hope Gasvoda - Big Sandy
Isabella Donald - Sweet Grass County
Jillian O’Brien - Malta
Kyran Neer - CJI
Max Lane - Fort Benton
Meredith Myrstol - Sweet Grass County
Morgan Ward - Denton
Rachel Stevenson - Hobson
Raynee Hasker - Chinko
Spencer Richter - CJI
Stasy Alderdice - Big Sandy
Tashon Scheaffer - Harlem
Ty Herzog - Rapelje
Abigail Ellison - Undergraduate
Dennis Boshart - Undergraduate
Samantha Oekmars - Undergraduate
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CONTEST GUIDELINES

• Submit your photos below by July 10th.
• Round 1 Voting - Vote on Facebook by Aug 3rd to select the Top 20
• Round 2 Voting - Vote in our Keeping You Connected Magazine by Sept 30th to select the Top 10.
• Voting – Results from the magazine’s Top 10 voting and votes from the Annual Meetings will be tallied to determine the winners!

CORRECTION

In our Jan/Feb magazine, we had an article on battery back-ups for our fiber areas. We neglected to inform you that Triangle Communications also offers a 24-hour battery back-up unit for an additional charge. This unit will provide 24 hours of standby power and at least 5 hours of talk time. This unit can be purchased from our company for approximately $240.00. The standard unit provides 8 hours of standby power and at least 2 hours of talk time.
Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

**1995 King of the Road Fifth Wheel**
32-foot Fifth Wheel with one slide out. Has 3/4 tub/shower, steel wheels, 10 ply tires, and entertainment center. Very clean and includes excellent storage, call 406.376.3268.

**2016 Dodge Ram**
1500 crew cab with four-wheel drive, a 5.7 Hemi, traction control and back up camera, 49,540 miles. Runs great and is powerful. Price reduced to $19,895. Call 406.378.2542.

**Misc Items For Sale**
- Pure New York Maple Syrup
  - Sealed one (1) gallon jugs. $42.00 per gallon. Call 406.374.2292, no calls on Sunday, please.
- 2003 Honda Motorcycle
  - 2003 Honda VTX 1800 motorcycle highway bike with extras. Has 11,000 miles, call 406.378.2484.
- 2002 Ford Focus SE
  - Four-door 2002 Ford Focus SE with 6000 actual miles, has always been garaged. Needs a new fuel pump. Asking $2,000, call 406.932.4700 or 406.665.5373 (cell).
- Empire Direct Vent Wall Furnaces
  - Two 20,000 btu Empire direct vent wall furnaces, model DV-20E-3. Set up for propane. Asking $1,000 or $1,500 for both. Call 406.932.6775.
- VW Trike
  - Custom-built VW trike. 170 miles, 1776cc engine, big valve heads, Carter 2 barrel carb, s.s. springer front end, bus transaxle, suicide clutch. Asking $5,000, trades considered. Call 406.547.2184.
- Vintage VW Parts
- 2001 Prowler 5th Wheel Trailer
  - Prowler 32 1/2 ft 5th wheel trailer with three slides, four new 16-inch tires and two air conditioners. 7100 generator also available. Trailer is in great shape. Asking $7,500, call 406.654.2756.
- 2009 Toyota Camry
  - 2009 Toyota Camry with 121,000 miles. It is an automatic 2.4 liter with good tires. Runs great and gets good fuel mileage. Call 406.262.4310.
- Singer Treadle Sewing Machine
- Tractors and More
  - IHC Industrial tractor with loader, T9 IHC Caterpillar with dozer and grapple bucket (older one), 990 David Brown tractor with loader and Suzuki 200 2x4 four-wheeler (as is). Call 406.739.4361 evenings for more details.
- Buffalo Meat
  - Buffalo meat for sale by the half or whole. Call 406.697.0993.
- Yamaha Motorcycle
  - 2007 Yamaha motorcycle $1,500 or best offer. Call for a picture, 406.350.0385.

**Ali Arc Aluminum Front Bumper**

**2014 Flat Bed Trailer**
2014 PJ 30-foot flatbed trailer. Has 10-foot hydraulic dovetail, dual wheel 16,000 pounds, tandem axles and air brakes. Excellent condition, asking $14,000. Call 406.397.3333.

**Wanted to Buy**
- Looking to buy a 1955 to 1958 Chevy car or 1/2-ton truck. Call 406.326.2287.
- Looking to purchase a small upright freezer in the Havre area. Call 406.395.4581.
- Two-door classic vehicle with a 390 engine and 90,000 actual miles. It has new tires plus an excellent interior but needs some minor bodywork and paint. Asking $7,000, call 406.357.4282.

**Tractors and More**
- 2016 Leer topper off a 2006 short bed Chevy. Topper is taller in the back to make lots of room, like-new condition. Can send pictures, call 406.395.4581.

**Own Your Own Business Opportunities**
Owner is retiring and looking to sell all merchandise and equipment for a Second Hand and Antique Store. Plus, an upholstery machine and a large selection of material and supplies to open your own upholstery shop in addition to a large supply of materials to refinish furniture. If interested or for more details, call 406.739.2605.
WHO’S WHO AT YOUR COOPERATIVE - FEATURING TERESA TERRY

Teresa Terry has been with Triangle Communications since February of 2014. Before moving to her current position as Customer Experience Manager, Teresa began her career at Triangle as the Executive Assistant to the CEO/General Manager and a few years later moved to the Administrative Assistant. She may be familiar to you from other jobs she has held including MSU-Extension Agent, an assistant for a local veterinarian and an Admissions Evaluator at MSU-Northern.

As the Customer Experience Manager, Teresa is responsible for Triangle’s Customer Experience Team. Her job includes training, guiding, monitoring, and managing all the activities of her team. Teresa commented, “We strive to provide optimal customer service on behalf of the cooperative.”

The people are what Teresa likes best about her job. She went on to say, “Our employees and members are what make Triangle such an amazing cooperative.”

When asked about what she likes to do in her spare time, Teresa replied, “I have more hobbies than free time.” And she is not kidding! Some of her hobbies include quilting, needlework, working in her yard and flowerbeds, camping, playing board and card games with family and friends, plus riding horses to help during brandings and shipping calves.

Teresa’s signature dish is lasagna. The Terry family tries to plan a vacation to Glacier Park every year as well as enjoy Beaver Creek Park as much as possible in the summer. Teresa told me potato chips are her guilty pleasure. She said, “I love salt!”

Thank you, Teresa, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to answer my questions.

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ
Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win $25!

We received 91 entries that identified our last issue’s mystery photo as the Welcome sign in Rapelje and the deadline to submit photos for Triangle’s 2020 Photo Contest is July 10th.

Congratulations to Chinook Food Pantry and Gregory & Mary Bohn 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. What does ONT stand for?

#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 July 24th, 2020 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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