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COMMUNITY CROSSWORD

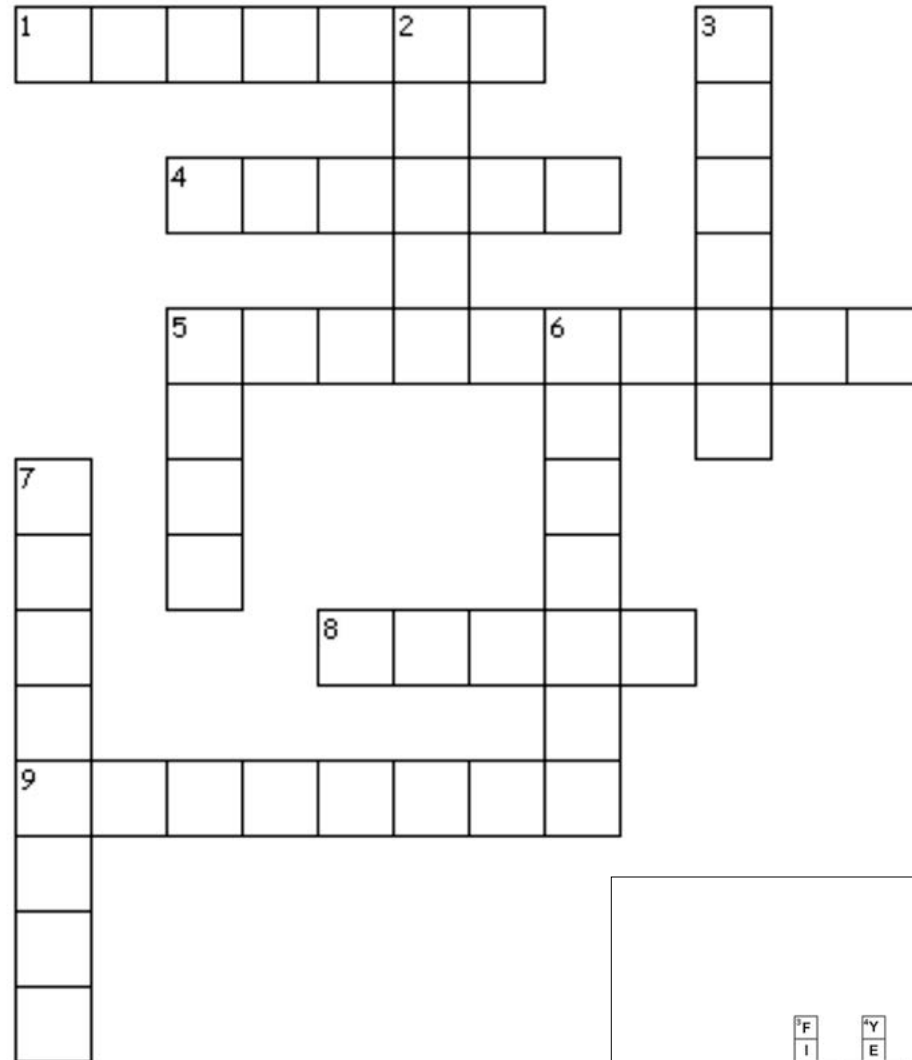
Featuring Rudyard, MT

Across

- Rudyard is also home to the Hi-Line ____ Motors Museum.
- The Rudyard area has provided dinosaur specimens to the ____ of the Rockies in Bozeman for years.
- 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.
- In 1914, Rudyard shipped more ____ than any town between Havre and Shelby.
- 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 ____.

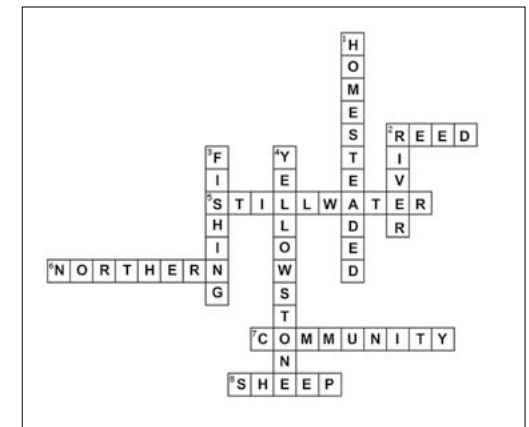
Down

- Rudyard was established as a switching station on the ____ Northern Railway.
- The Rudyard Post ____ opened in 1910.
- Rudyard is located in ____ county.
- The town was named for ____ Kipling.
- 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.



Your recipe could appear here and earn a FREE GIFT!

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
or
E-mail: newsletter@itsTriangle.net

RECIPE

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.

RECIPE

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.

RECIPE

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 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.



CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



Judith River Senior Center

Big Timber Community Food Bank

Mustang Foundation

Stanford Senior Citizens

Sweet Grass Technical Institute

Community Improvement Association

Big Flat Community Grain Bin, Inc.

North Star High School Heritage Trip



Craig Gates, CEO

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!

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

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.



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.

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.

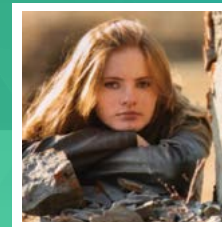


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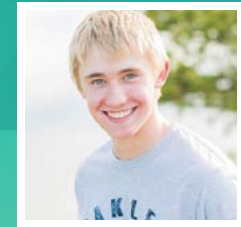
POST FIBER UPGRADE

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.

2020 \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Angelina Toth - Havre



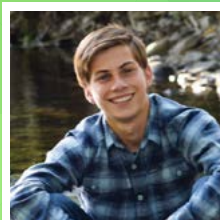
Austin Hansen - North Star



Bailey Spicher - North Star



Caden Rettig - North Star



Cameron Pleninger - Havre



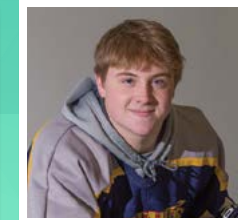
Carlee Blodgett - Rapelje



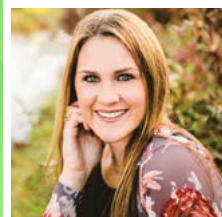
Cassie Smith - Winifred



Cody Stene - Sweet Grass County



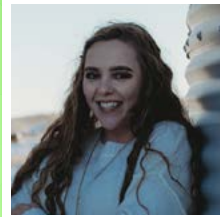
Dexter Beck - Havre



Dyauni Boyce - Winifred



Hayden Massar - North Star



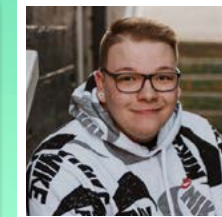
Hope Gasvoda - Big Sandy



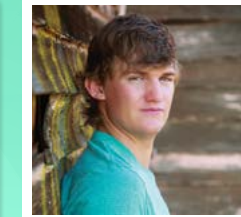
Isabella Donald - Sweet Grass County



Jillian O'Brien - Malta



Kyran Neer - CJI



Max Lane - Fort Benton



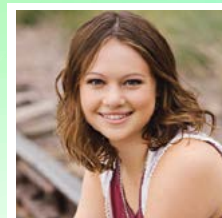
Meredith Myrston - Sweet Grass County



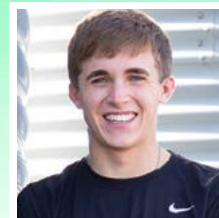
Morgan Ward - Denton



Rachel Stevenson - Hobson



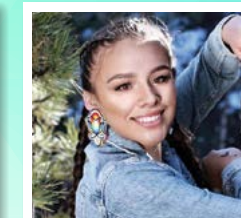
Raynee Hasler - Chinook



Spencer Richter - CJI



Stacy Alderdice - Big Sandy



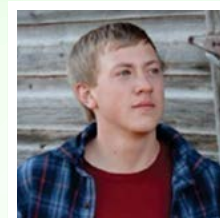
Taeshon Scheaffer - Harlem



Ty Herzog - Rapelje



Abigail Ellison - Undergraduate



Dennis Boshart - Undergraduate



Samantha DeMars - Undergraduate

CONGRATULATIONS!



TRIANGLE'S

2020 Photo Contest

Your photo could be worth
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Enter by July 10th at
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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 backups 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.

Triangle Communications Annual Meeting on October 3rd & October 17th

Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., doing business as Triangle Communications (Triangle), is planning to hold its 67th Annual Meeting of Members in a new way, with one northern meeting and one southern meeting. The meetings will be streamed live on our website.

The northern meeting will be held Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 in Havre, MT on the campus of Montana State University-Northern. The southern meeting will be held October 17th, 2020 at the American Legion Hall in Big Timber. A quorum must be met at both locations, which means a minimum of 50 members must be present for a quorum at each meeting.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and the business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM with lunch served following the meeting. The full agenda will take place at both meeting locations. If any floor motions are made at the northern meeting, they will be carried over to the southern meeting before it will pass or fail. Voting for the Trustees will be held at both meetings for Districts 1 & 3. Members can vote at whichever meeting they attend, but a member can only vote once, even if the member attends both meetings. All members' votes will be counted at the southern meeting in Big Timber. The cooperative attorney from Church Harris Johnson & Williams, will take custody of the ballots at the northern meeting and will hold custody of the ballots between the meetings. The cooperative will not have possession of the ballots between the two meetings and no voting will be allowed between the meetings.

There will be member gifts, as well as door prizes, including processed beef and pork purchased from local 4-H members. Up to six cash prizes will be available to members' children in attendance. The voting will take place at the meeting for the annual Triangle Photo Contest. One lucky member at each meeting will win the grand prize of an iPad Pro.

*Meetings will be held with guidance from the State of Montana as it pertains to CoVID-19.

Triangle Communications (Triangle) provides telecommunications service to over 14,000 access lines in 39 exchanges located in 16 counties. Our mission is to deliver technology solutions that break boundaries, create opportunities and build connections. Our vision is to inspire endless possibilities anytime, anywhere.

SWAP AND SHOP

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

17-foot Grumman aluminum canoe, \$500. Craftsman 28-inch snow thrower with 9 hp gas engine and cab, \$450. Snowsport snowplow, 18-inch x 84-inch, includes heavy-duty 31-inch wide push frame, \$300. Call Mike at 406.547.2409.

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

Three motor blocks and crankshafts, rods, alternator, carb, dist, glass, and early style door. Asking \$250, call 406.547.2184.

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

Patented 1910 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine for sale. "An oldie but a goodie." Machine is in good shape, works and has attachments. Call 406.622.3605 or 406.788.2717.

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

Bumper has push bar and lights. Fits 2008-2010 Ford F-450 and 550 Super Duty truck, in good condition. Asking \$600, call 406.397.3333.

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.

Wanting To Buy

Looking to purchase a small upright freezer in the Havre area. Call 406.395.4581.

1967 Ford Thunderbird

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.

Leer Topper

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 406.379.2605.

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 406.739.4361.

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 - 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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