A large bison is the central focus of the image, grazing in a lush green field. The scene is captured at sunset, with a warm, golden light illuminating the bison's thick, shaggy fur and the surrounding landscape. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the horizon shows distant mountains. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

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The logo for Triangle Communications features a stylized, curved arrow pointing to the right, followed by the word "TRIANGLE" in a bold, sans-serif font, and "COMMUNICATIONS" in a smaller, all-caps font below it.

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OUR COVER

Todd King captured this stunning photo of a white Bison grazing just south of Harlowton. Todd's photo claimed 2nd place in Triangle's 2021 Photo Contest.

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A graphic with a green top half and a blue bottom half. The text "MONTANA-SIZED BEEF!" is written in large, white, bold letters across the top. Below the text is a silhouette of a cow, where the body is filled with various beef cut names in different colors and orientations, including CHEEK, NECK, RIB, LOIN, BRISKET, PLATE, FLANK, SHANK, SHORT, SIRLOIN, TOP, and BOTTOM. Below the cow silhouette, the text reads: "A Chance to win a Free quarter 4-H beef! Open to non-profit organizations in our service area. Apply online at itstriangle.com/beefgrant by April 1st!"

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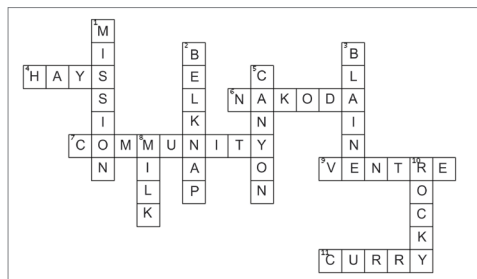
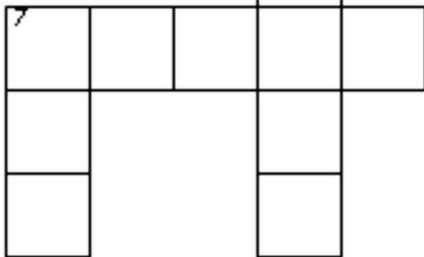
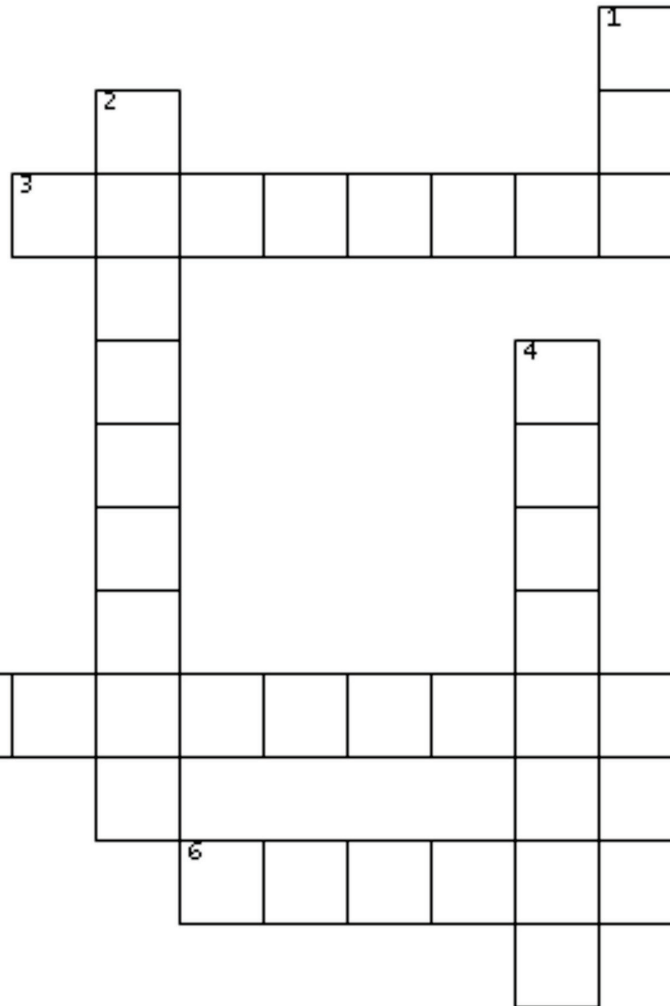
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ANSWERS For the Jan/Feb Community
Crossword, Fort Belknap Community

HARLOWTON/TWO DOT CROSSWORD

ACROSS

3. The Upper Musselshell Museum is part of Montana's _____ Trail.
5. Two Dot is located on the banks of the _____ River.
6. The _____ Hotel in Harlowton is listed on the National Register.
7. Located in the center of town is an E-57B electric _____ engine.

DOWN

1. The Two Dot _____ is the only business in town.
2. Harlowton's restored _____ Depot showcases the history of the electric and Milwaukee railways.
4. Rancher H.J. Wilson's unique two dot cattle brand, one dot on the hip and the other on the _____, made it impossible to alter.
5. Established in 1881, Harlowton was originally known as _____.
7. _____ Dot is named for the two dot brand of local rancher H.J. Wilson.

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

Strawberry Pretzel Dessert (Pictured)

HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

2 cups pretzels, crushed
1/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup butter
12 oz. cream cheese
1/4 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. milk
1 cup Cool Whip

2 cup boiling water
1 pkg. strawberry Jello
1 1/2 cups water
2 pints strawberries, sliced

DIRECTIONS

Mix pretzels, 1/3 cup sugar and butter. Press into 13x9 inch baking dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Let cool. Beat cream cheese, 1/4 cup sugar and milk until smooth. Stir in Cool Whip. Spread over crust and refrigerate. Stir boiling water and Jello until dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate 1 to 1 1/2 hours until starts to set. Stir in strawberries. Spoon over cream cheese mixture and refrigerate.

RECIPE

Dutch Leek Casserole

HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup milk
2 lbs. leeks, chopped
1 lb. ground beef
1 onion, chopped
1 red pepper, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 (4 oz.) can green chilies
Soy sauce to taste
1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
6 oz. cooked ham, cut into strips

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Boil potatoes until tender, drain and mash with milk. Place chopped leeks in a medium sauce pan with enough water to cover; bring to a boil. Cook 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside. Cook ground beef in a medium skillet; drain fat and return to pan. Add onion, peppers, green chiles and soy sauce. Cook and stir until vegetables are tender. In a medium baking dish, mix potatoes, leeks and ground beef mixture. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and top with ham. Bake for 25 minutes until bubbly and lightly browned.

RECIPE

Chicken White Bean Chili

HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

Chicken breasts, cut in small pieces
Fresh mushrooms, sliced
Fresh onion, chopped
4 cans white beans, any variety
1 can cannellini beans
1 can or jar of chicken gravy
1 jar salsa, hot or medium
2 bags Mexican shredded cheese

DIRECTIONS

Cook chicken with a little pepper. When chicken is cooked, add mushrooms, onions, beans, gravy and salsa. Cook until reaches desired consistency. When everything is cooked together, slowly add cheese; stirring constantly so cheese does not clump together. Simmer and serve.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: MOLT

A post office was first established in the Molt area in 1909. The office was originally known as Stickley and was located on a nearby ranch. In 1918, the office was moved to town and the name changed to Molt (named for the person who donated the land for the townsite).

Molt is located 22 miles west of Billings. Hailstone National Wildlife Refuge is located nearby which is known for its rocky outcroppings and waterfowl and shorebirds. Nearby is the Canyon Creek Battlefield Monument which was the site of a battle between the Nez Perce led by Chief Joseph and the US Cavalry where 125 warriors held off the cavalry enabling the rest of the band of 800 Nez Perce to reach Canada.



Molt is also home to MPI Exhaust Technologies. Mike McCord brings over 30 years of experience to the exhaust world and the business is now a family affair with his son Kinzer as the person running the mandrel bender. They have perfected the true duals using their patent-pending exhaust kits. Their exhaust kits provide increased fuel economy through the elimination of back pressure in the exhaust system. This is done through a less restrictive exhaust system with improved flow, yielding more power. A search on YouTube will yield multiple videos showcasing the systems and how to videos.



Safflower Technologies International, LLC (STI) was featured in the November Magazine as they also have a location in Broadview. STI has over 40 years of experience in all aspects of safflower production.

Yellowstone Dragstrip is located 15 miles northwest of Billings. The strip was built in 2003 and features paved pit areas, six staging lanes, a large grandstand and a two-story brick tower. The strip is a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) sanctioned track. The race season starts on May 20th and runs thru September.



CEO MESSAGE



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

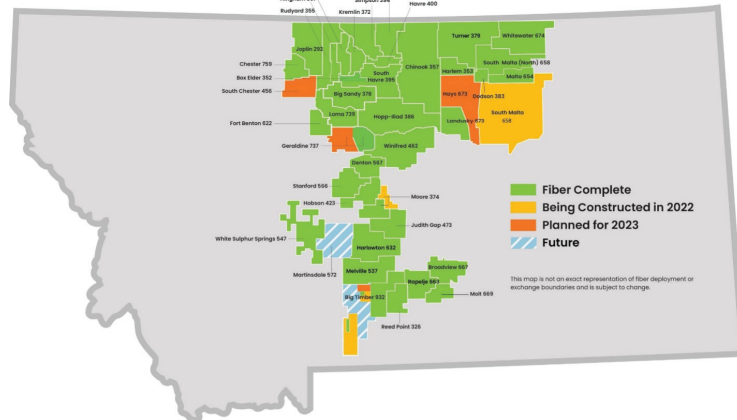
Hello Montanans! I hope that spring is coming with light but persistent precipitation. In the last two years, we have received a lot of questions about capital credits and the retirement of those credits by the Board of Trustees. As a non-profit communications cooperative, our business model is a little different than other businesses. Our members earn capital credits, or patronage, based on services they purchase from Triangle. Those capital credits are then applied to member accounts. Annually, the Trustees decide based on the financial needs of the cooperative to retire or pay out those accumulated capital credits.

To explain capital credits more clearly, we have created a video located on our website. When you have terms like "Positive Net Income" and the "Universal Service Fund" and how that relates to how capital credits are created and retired, we know that there will be questions. We hope to have put answers into an easy-to-understand format.

Please watch our video which is located on the main page of our website www.itstriangle.com. Enjoy the video and please contact us if you still have questions. Again, I hope spring is quickly upon us as we move further in to 2022 and that COVID is behind us.

HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK

We understand that Capital Credits can be confusing at times, so we put together a video to explain it all! For members, Capital Credits are a vital benefit of being part of the Cooperative. This video explains how the cooperative started, where the money comes from, and how Capital Credits work. Enjoy!



TRIANGLE FIBER TO THE HOME UPDATE

Triangle's 2022 fiber upgrades will include Moore, the South Malta exchange, a section of the town of Big Timber and the Whispering Pines area. VECI is the main contractor for the Moore exchange. JKL is the main contractor for South Malta exchange and the two Big Timber projects. VECI and JKL hire contractors to work for them so you may see other contractors' vehicles in these areas before and during the projects.

We couldn't do any of this without all our employees. Every department is dedicated to making sure our members come first. The hard work and dedication of our Board, Management and employees are what makes Triangle so great. We understand that we wouldn't be here without you, the members.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST?



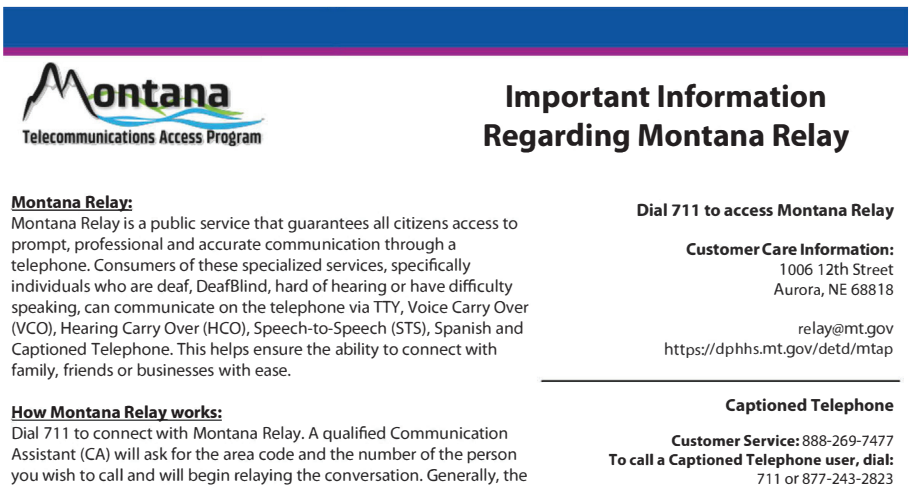
The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls

Who has time for unwanted telemarketing calls? If you have not already, you may want to register your landline and mobile phones on the National Do Not Call Registry (www.donotcall.gov). If you are already registered and are still receiving calls, you can verify your registration at the same website.

Registered numbers are removed from telemarketing and company call lists. Telemarketers must access the registry database and remove all numbers from their call lists. Unless you remove your number from the registry, numbers are on the list permanently and it does not expire.

It is easy and free to register at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-800-382-1222 from the number you want to register. It may take up to eight weeks to see a reduction in those pesky calls.

For a complete list of the National Do Not Call Registry federal rules, visit www.ftc.gov/donotcall.



Montana Relay:

Montana Relay is a public service that guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through a telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, can communicate on the telephone via TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Spanish and Captioned Telephone. This helps ensure the ability to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

How Montana Relay works:

Dial 711 to connect with Montana Relay. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and the number of the person you wish to call and will begin relaying the conversation. Generally, the CA will voice the typed message from the text telephone (TTY) user to the person on the other end. The CA then relays the spoken words by typing them back to the TTY user.

Specialized Services:

Montana Relay offers specialized services for individuals who have difficulty speaking, including Spanish-speaking residents. Specially trained CAs are on hand to assist in these types of calls by dialing the associated number provided on this page. Since Montana Relay offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed or contact Montana Relay Customer Care for more detailed instruction on how a particular call is processed.

Captioned Telephone:

Captioned Telephone is ideal for any individual that has a loss of hearing but is still able to speak for themselves. A captioned telephone works like any other telephone with one essential difference: it allows users to listen to their phone conversations while reading captions of what's said to them.

Access to Services:

711 provides toll-free access to relay services. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 711 when trying to reach Montana Relay, please contact Montana Relay Customer Care.

All TRS and English Captioned Telephone services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish Captioned Telephone is available daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. MST. Consumers may place relay calls to English-speaking and Spanish-speaking people within Montana, across the United States and even internationally. Each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality.

Important Information Regarding Montana Relay

Dial 711 to access Montana Relay

Customer Care Information:
1006 12th Street
Aurora, NE 68818

relay@mt.gov
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap>

Captioned Telephone

Customer Service: 888-269-7477
To call a Captioned Telephone user, dial:
711 or 877-243-2823

Special points of interest:

Equipment Distribution Program

If you want to learn about the Montana Telecommunications Access Program, please call 800-833-8503. You may also visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap/nocostassistiveequipment>.

Emergency Calls

Please note that 711 can only be used to reach Montana Relay. In an EMERGENCY you should continue to use 911. For emergencies, call 911 or your local emergency service TTY number directly. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all 911 centers have a TTY and are prepared to handle emergency calls placed in this manner. Montana Relay will make every effort to assist you in an emergency. However, it is important to understand that relay centers are **not** 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.

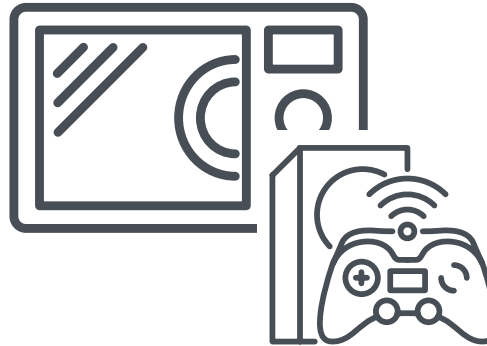
WHAT CAN DISRUPT MY WI-FI SIGNALS?

Answer: Wi-Fi interference most commonly comes from three types of sources:



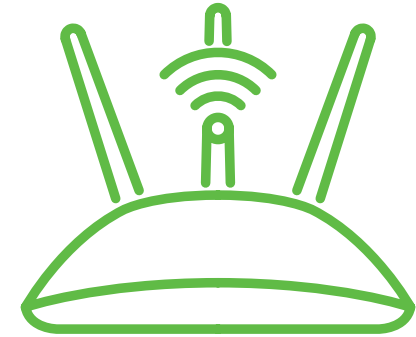
1. WALLS AND FLOORS BLOCKING WIRELESS SIGNALS

The construction materials in your home can greatly affect wireless communication speed and range. Materials such as wood and glass don't have much of an effect. However, denser materials such as concrete, brick, and metal can make it difficult to connect. These denser materials can also slow your network speed or even completely block wireless signals from reaching certain parts of your home. Large furniture items such as filing cabinets or bookshelves, as well as appliances like stoves or refrigerators, can also interfere with Wi-Fi.



APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS EMITTING RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE

Wi-Fi interference can also come from other electronics and appliances that aren't connected to your wireless network but use the same 2.4GHz or 5GHz frequencies to communicate. Examples include cordless phones, Bluetooth devices, and baby monitors. Microwave ovens generate radio frequency noise as a byproduct, so if yours is located close to your Wi-Fi router, you may notice a network slowdown or get disconnected only when you're using your microwave.



OTHER WI-FI NETWORKS USING THE SAME CHANNEL AS YOUR OWN WI-FI NETWORK

Interference from competing Wi-Fi networks is especially common in apartment buildings and other densely populated areas. Wi-Fi networks broadcast on channels, so when nearby Wi-Fi networks are set to use the same channel, they'll constantly be competing with each other for limited bandwidth.

Triangle Communications is here to help with you Wi-Fi needs. Give us a call today to upgrade to Advanced Wi-Fi 406.394.7807

TRIANGLE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As a cooperative, Triangle Communications (Triangle) is proud to be part of the communities we serve. Triangle is making an impact on our communities through scholarship opportunities, community events, economic development opportunities, and by providing improved technology through our expanding fiber network.

Each year, Triangle offers up to 37 high school and 3 college scholarships for a \$1,000 scholarship each, deadline to apply is April 1st. The Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) Scholarship gives students in our serving area the chance to receive a scholarship of up to \$2,500, online applications are due to FRS by March 6th. The deadlines are fast approaching for these scholarships so if you know a high school senior in Triangle's serving area, please encourage them to apply. It is easy to apply online at www.itstriangle.com/scholarships.

We are excited to announce that Triangle and the Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA) are partnering to bring a Rural Education Teacher Scholarship to draw good educators to schools struggling to hire and retain teachers. MTA will award one \$1,500 scholarship to a current or incoming educator who commits to teaching for three consecutive years in an eligible school. The scholarship will renew for the next two years for a total of \$4,500 over three years for each winning educator. Complete details are available on our website at www.itstriangle.com/education-support/mta-scholarship.

Triangle also offers Economic Development programs through Business Boost Grants. Visit www.itstriangle.com/community for more resources and offerings.



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.

*Photo available online.

Country Home For Sale

3.5 acres, 5 Bedroom, 2 bath home with attached 2 car garage and 40'x40' studio fully contained, two outbuildings and close to town. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more details and pricing.

Well Water Treatment System

EcoSmarte clean well water system. Brand new in box, ready to install. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

Antique Air Compressor

Works well, call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

Log & Antler Benches

Beautiful log and antler deck furniture, 2 benches. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information and pricing.

Hot Glass Equipment for Beadmaking

Complete hot glass equipment for beadmaking, both Pyrex and Morittie. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

John Deere Drill Hitch*

John Deere drill hitch fits 9450 drill single hitch. Asking \$250, call 406.292.3680.

Collectibles For Sale

"White" Treadle sewing machine with beautiful cabinet, swivel drawers, and changes out machine accessories. Delaval Cream Separator model #514, an electric motor has been added but also has original hand crank. Stainless steel bowl holds about 3 gallons of milk. Can adjust the thickness of cream. In good condition, call 406.663.2108.

Looking For Singer Featherweight*

White Singer featherweight 221/221k with attachments, call 406-357-8701.

Property and Business For Sale

Opportunity for some interested in antiques and second-hand merchandise. Two-bedroom home and one-room schoolhouse plus original GN depot and two storage buildings. Located on four lots (130x150) total along Hwy 87 between Havre and Great Falls. Sold as-is with all remaining contents and fixtures. Good hunting and fishing area. Call 406.739.4361 for more details.

Sioux Hardseat Facer and Valve Grinder

Asking \$1,500. Call 406.262.3050.

Bissel Cleaner

Bissel Cleaner new in box. Purchased for \$277.00, asking \$200.00. Call 406.262.3050.

Wanted 55 to 59 Chevy

Wanting to buy a '55 to '59 1/2-ton Chevy or GMC pickup, running or not. Call 406.326.2287.

Napa Collector's 1993 Toys

Collection includes Semi-Truck and Tractor-Trailer; Jeep and boat; Sound Machine Pickup; Semi-Truck trailer; Sound Machine Semi-Trailer. All in original collector boxes. Call 406.262.3392 for more information and pricing.

Pool Table

Choose between 1 of 2 full-size pool tables. Your best offer please and you haul. Call 406.566.2510 afternoons to see the tables.

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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



Donita Windsor, Receptionist

Donita Winsor has been part of the Triangle Communications family for 7 years. Most of her time at Triangle has been as a receptionist. She does much more than just answer phones though. The job of the receptionist also includes prepping mail to be sent out, sorting and delivering incoming mail, plus opening and processing payments. Donita said the best thing about her job is everything, especially her co-workers.

In her spare time, Donita loves to spend time with her family, especially her granddaughter. The precocious 3-year-old gives her grandma lots of funny stories to share. Her favorite vacation is when she gets to spend time with family camping in Lincoln, MT or just any time spent time with family.

I asked Donita what her signature dish is and she remarked, "I make good salads." Her favorite to make is pasta salad. Her guilty pleasure is chocolate, "I love chocolate, especially dark chocolate!" I totally agree Donita. Thanks for being a good sport and answering all my questions.

By Denise Kovacich, Communications Specialist

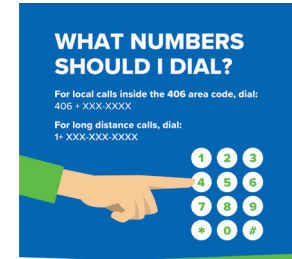
MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER ISSUE WILL WIN \$25!

We received 44 entries that correctly answered that Triangle Annual Meetings take place in October and the Mystery Photo was a portion of the 10-digit-dialing ad (full image at right).

Congratulations to Stephen Skierka and Jon Henman 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 below.

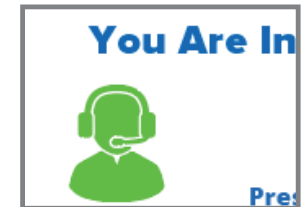


TWO CHANCES TO WIN!

1. Name one thing that can interfere with your Wi-Fi signal?



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 April 5, 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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