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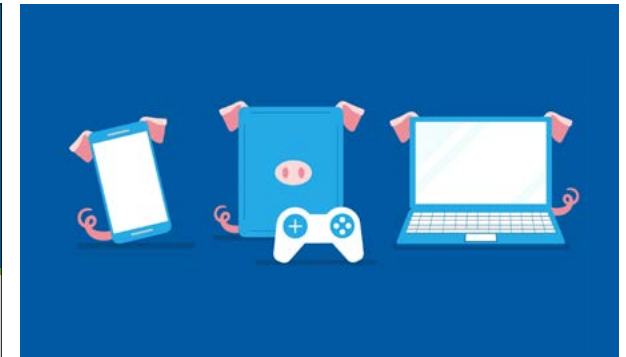
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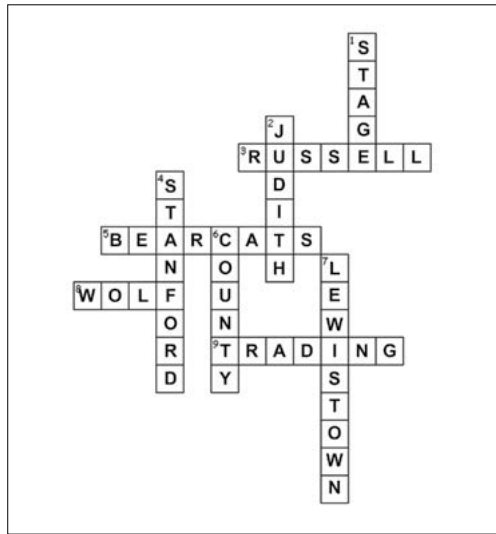
Featuring Reed Point, MT

Across

2. Originally known as _____, the town became Reed Point in 1906.
5. Reed Point is located in _____ County.
6. Reed Point started as a station on the _____ Pacific Railroad.
7. In 1911, Reed Point grew from 4 farms and a few businesses to a _____ of 300 families.
8. The 32nd Annual Great Montana _____ Drive will take place in 2020.

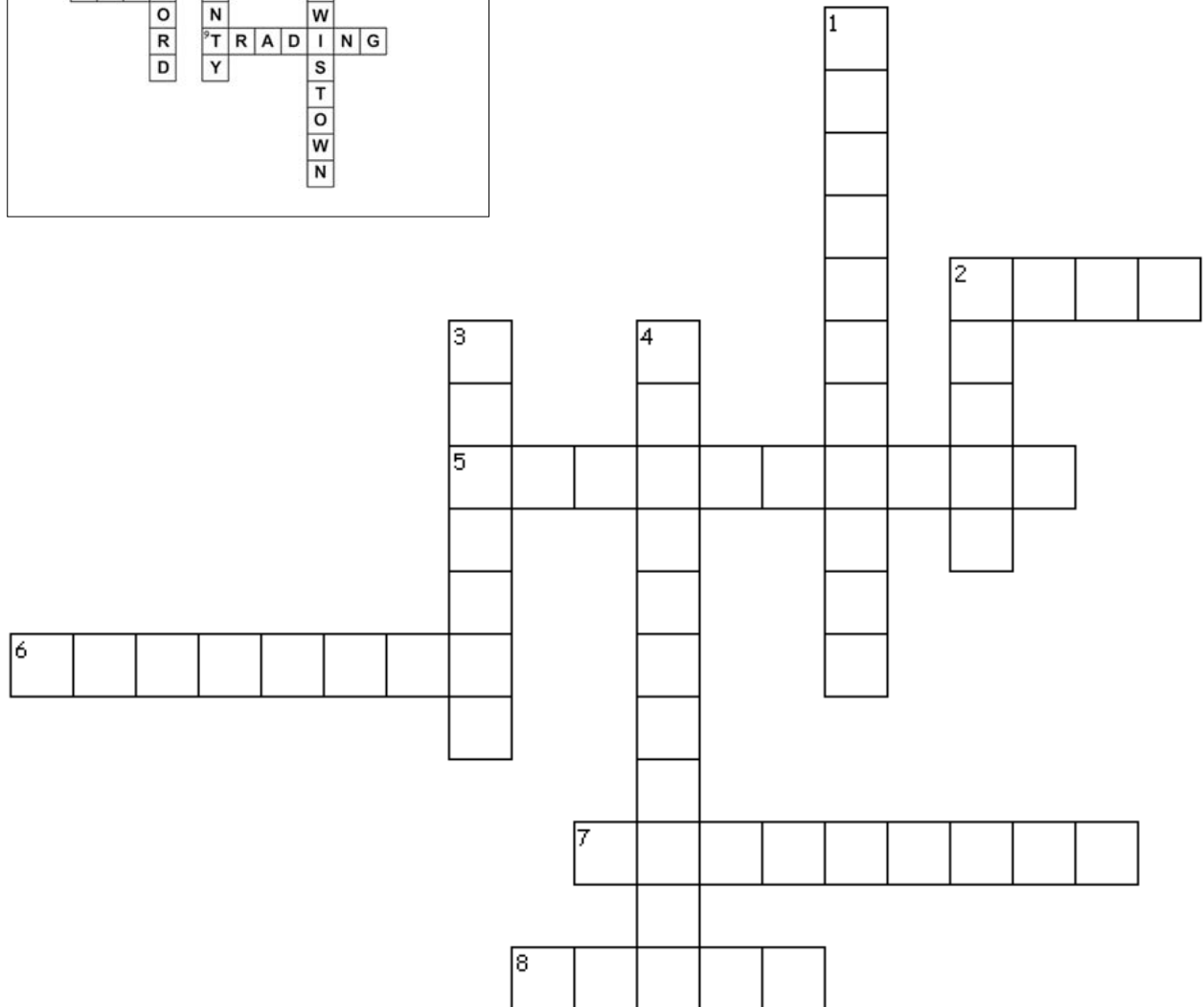
Down

1. By 1918, one hundred thousand acres were being _____ in the Reed Point area.
2. Reed Point is also a stop on the annual Yellowstone _____ Boat Float in July.
3. The Indian Fort _____ Access north of Reed Point includes a boat ramp and campground.
4. By 1912, Reed Point had a railroad depot, post office, one room schoolhouse and a bridge over the _____ River.



ANSWERS

For the March/April Community Crossword, Featuring Stanford, 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!

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Mail to Newsletter,
PO Box 1220, Havre MT 59501
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E-mail: newsletter@itsTriangle.net

RECIPE

Rhubarb Surprise Pie

Submitted by Helen Elliot of Judith Gap, MT

CRUST

1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
2 Tbsp butter
1 egg, beaten
2 Tbsp milk

FILLING

3 cups rhubarb
1 (3 oz.) pkg
strawberry gelatin
½ cup flour
1 cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ cup melted butter

DIRECTIONS

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter and add eggs and milk. Press into a greased 9 inch pie plate. Arrange rhubarb in over crust. Combine remaining filling ingredients. Sprinkle on top of rhubarb. Bake at 350° or until rhubarb is tender.

RECIPE

Apple Brownies

Submitted by Diane Leibel of Malta, MT

INGREDIENTS

1 cup butter
1 1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp cinnamon
2 apples, peeled, cored,
and chopped in small pieces

DIRECTIONS

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and mix. Gradually add flour, mix and add baking soda, baking powder, vanilla and cinnamon. Add chopped apples. Mix until blended. Pour into 9 x 13" baking pan. Bake at 370° for 35-45 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

RECIPE

Roasted Asparagus with Orange Juice

Submitted by Erin Ramberg of Chinook, MT

INGREDIENTS

1 lb fresh asparagus, trimmed
1 Tbsp olive oil
1/2 cup orange juice
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp. poppy seeds
1/4 tsp. salt

DIRECTIONS

Place asparagus in an ungreased 15"x10"x1" baking pan; drizzle with oil. Combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over asparagus, toss to coat. Bake at 400°F for 18-22 min. or until tender, stirring occasionally.

FEATURED COMMUNITY- REED POINT

Reed Point is a nestled in Stillwater County along the Yellowstone River. The town has a long history dating back to 1906. Reed Point is one of those towns that has been able to embrace its' history while looking forward to the future.

Reed Point is home to a world-famous sheep drive organized by the Reed Point Community Club. Hundreds of sheep race north up Division Street in the middle of town while as many as eight thousand people cheer them on. It is quite a sight to see. This Labor Day weekend will be the 32nd Annual Great Montana Sheep Drive. It is a fun filled weekend that includes a car show, parade, contests, running of the sheep, street dance, vendor show, food, drinks, and live auction.

While in Reed Point be sure and stop by the Sure Stop Gas Station (Farmer's Union Oil Company). They are a fellow cooperative founded by local farmers and ranchers. You can pick up snacks, drinks, a bite to eat plus have a good visit with the locals. Valley Farmer's Supply serves as a hub for people pulling off the interstate into Reed Point.

The Waterhole Saloon is an authentic old Wild West Saloon complete with a watering trough and hitching posts. While you are waiting for a tasty burger, you can check out the blast from the past décor. The interior features thousands of coins driven into the beams and a large license plate collection.

Looking for a place to stay while in the area? Be sure and book your camping spot early at the Old West RV Park. The RV Park features 15 pull thru sites with gravel pads and green grass boulevards. The Old West RV Park has complete hook ups including free WiFi, hot showers and laundry.

The next time you are traveling you are traveling I-90 between Billing and Big Timber, be on the lookout for this small town with a lot of heart and history.



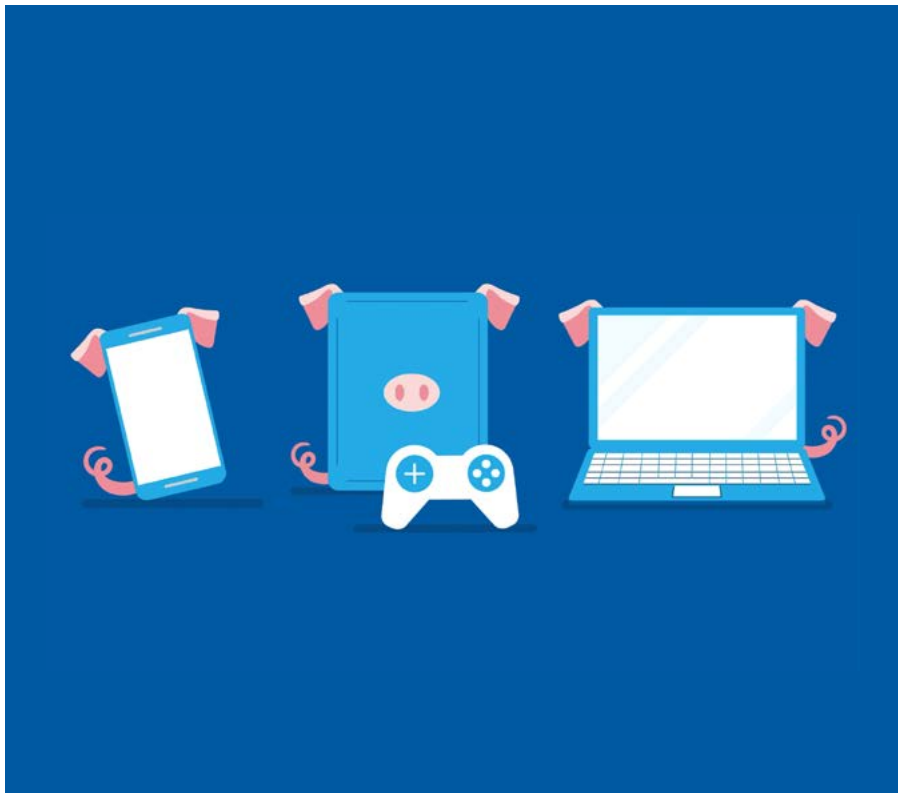
HOW TO DEAL WITH AN INTERNET HOG

When you are streaming a show online does your screen buffer? The number of devices you have connected, the amount of bandwidth each device is using and where you are in your house can all affect your Internet experience.

If you are streaming, gaming, or working from home, all of your connected devices are sharing one connection to the Internet. If you've got any of these Internet hogs in your house, Advanced Wi-Fi from Triangle Communications is what you are looking for.

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Craig Gates, CEO

CEO MESSAGE

The telecommunications industry has come a long way since Alexander Graham Bell made the first landline phone call on March 10, 1876. Even after that first call, phones were not commonplace. Only the wealthy were able to afford them. At the start of WWI in 1914, there were 10 people for every connected phone in the United States. That number dropped to five people per working phone by the time WWII ended in 1945. By 2017, there were over 455 million telephone

numbers in the United States tied to mobile, landline and Voice Over Internet (VoIP) phones.

We are very proud of Triangle's part in the history of the telecommunications industry as well. Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association filed Articles of Incorporation in 1953. By 1956, Triangle had connected 1,005 subscribers with telephone service in 10 North Central Montana exchanges. Triangle expanded our service area and added more members by purchasing the Winifred exchange in 1958, followed in 1959 by the Chinook Telephone Company. By 1960 Triangle had added 9,000 square miles of serving area and 1,850 subscribers. We weren't finished yet, in 1980 Triangle purchased from Continental Telephone six exchanges in south central Montana and in 1993 we expanded our territory even further by purchasing 13 exchanges from the former US West, now called Century Link. Triangle is proud to now serve a little over 14,000 lines in 16 counties from the Canadian border to the Wyoming border across 23,000 square miles.

At Triangle providing our members with the best service possible is our top priority. That is why in 2007 Triangle began looking to upgrade our service areas to fiber. With the large expense to upgrade our vast service areas, we strive to connect as many members as possible to fiber within the budget for the project. Right now, 75% of our members are cutover to fiber.

I wonder what Mr. Bell would think of the present day where we are using glass fibers to send voice calls and data all over the world.

FOUR TIPS FOR BETTER SMARTPHONE IMAGES



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



Clean the camera lens.

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



Adjust the camera focus.

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

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



Get closer.

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



Use natural light.

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

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



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

TRIANGLE'S 2020 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 10th. 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 17th for First Round Voting. The top 20 photos by August 3rd will proceed to Second Round Voting in the September/October 2020 "Keeping You Connected" magazine. The top 10 from the magazine voting by September 30th will go to Final Round Voting at the 2020 Triangle Annual Meetings in October. Award winning photos will be featured on the 2021 covers of the "Keeping You Connected" magazine.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST?

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



CREATING A STRONG PASSWORD

Everything we log into on the Internet requires a password. Choosing a password can be difficult and stressful. You don't want it to be so easy that someone can guess it, but you don't want it so hard that you forget it. You can come up with the most secure password, but if you can't remember it, it is useless. Security experts also recommend that you do not write your passwords down.

Here is a suggestion from one of the top Internet security companies on how to come up with a password that is secure, and you can remember:

- Pick a song lyric, create your own sentence, quote, phrase, etc. with at least eight words. Make it easy for you to remember and hard for someone else to guess. Here is an example: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."
- Take out the first letter of each word in your sentence: TJOATMBWOS
- Randomly change out a few of the upper-case letters with lower case letters: tJOaTmbWOS
- Change out at least one letter with a number: tJOaTmbW05
- Lastly, replace a few letters with special characters (\$,%,&,@,+):+JOaTm!W05

How long should your password be?

The length and complexity of a password has a direct impact on how difficult it would be to crack.



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 Dahl Jessica 406-932-4056
 Jenkins Charlotte 406-932-5469
 Husman Jacob 406-932-6356
 Classy Country Nails 406-932-6366
 Big Timber KOA 406-932-6569

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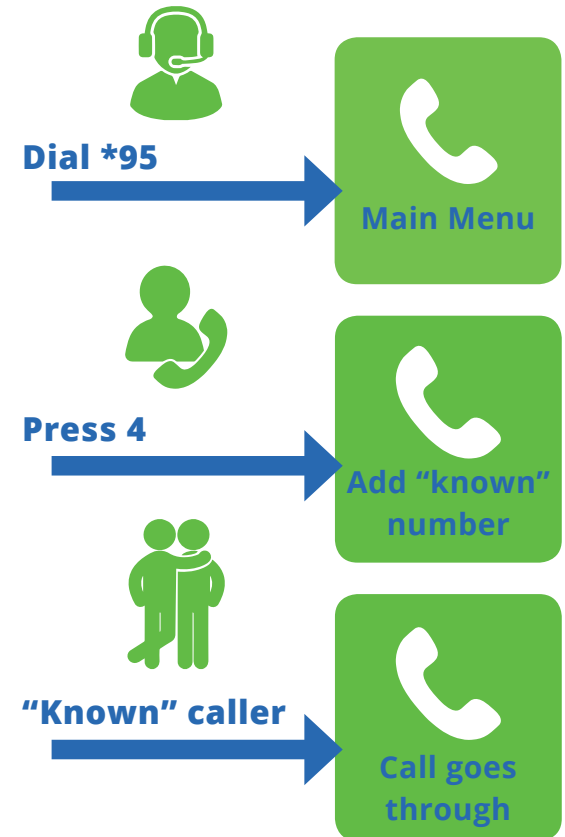
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IMPORTANT REMINDER TELEMARKETER CALL SCREENING

How to add a number to your "known" list:



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Don't have Telemarketer Call Screening?
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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.

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1997 Pontiac Bonneville extremely well maintained, asking \$5,000 or best offer. Call 406.372.3276.

4000-Watt Generator

Sears/Craftsman 4000-watt generator. 110 outlets work, but the 220 outlet needs to be rewired. Make an offer. Call 406.353.4462, located in the Harlem area.

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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.

Hay

Hay barley net wrap round \$70 a ton. Grass alfa/sanfoin mix round net wrap \$65/2nd cutting. Alfalfa net wrap round \$100. Grass hay net wrap \$80. Alfalfa grass small square bales \$3 a bale 406.473.2202 or 406.671.6633.

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.

Electric Service Loop

200-amp electric service with loop, mast and wires. Located in Harlem area. Asking \$150, call 406.353.4462.

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.

2016 Dodge Ram (Price Dropped)

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 from \$26,900 to \$22,499, call 406.390.6946. No texts, please.

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.

Buffalo Meat

Buffalo meat for sale by the half or whole. Call 406.697.0993.

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WHO'S WHO AT YOUR COOPERATIVE - FEATURING MICHAELA BOUSHEY



Michaela Boushey has been with Triangle Communications (Triangle) for five years this May. As Triangle moved into more Fiber to The Home projects, Michaela was hired on as a Right of Way Agent in 2015.

The main job responsibilities for her and the other members of the Right of Way Department include interacting with current and future members to acquire permission from various landowners so Triangle can bring the fiber optic cable across their

land to bring state of the art technology to our rural members.

According to Michaela there are two things she enjoys best about her job. The first is sitting down and meeting the different landowners in the service areas she is working and secondly, her fellow team members. Michaela and the rest of the Right of Way team are very knowledgeable. They are in the field from fall to spring working to secure easements to keep our upgrade projects on schedule.

When asked what she likes to do in her spare time, Michaela replied, "I don't have a lot of spare time

with two girls (ages 3 and 1) at home, but when I do get a few minutes I love to read."

When asked what her signature dish might be Michaela replied she does not have a signature dish, but is trying to make homemade bread. She commented, "It is definitely a trial and error process for me, but I really enjoy it." Her favorite vacation was the last time her and her husband went to Mexico. Michaela said they went snorkeling, zip lining and relaxed on the beach. That sounds like a great time.

Thanks Michaela for taking time out of your busy schedule to talk to me!

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

We received 112 entries that identified our last issue's mystery photo as the MX Motel sign in Chester and the deadline to apply for the Triangle Beef Grant was April 1st, 2020.

Congratulations to Brian May and Sandra Gratz 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. When is the deadline to submit photos in the 2020 Triangle Photo Contest?

#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: _____

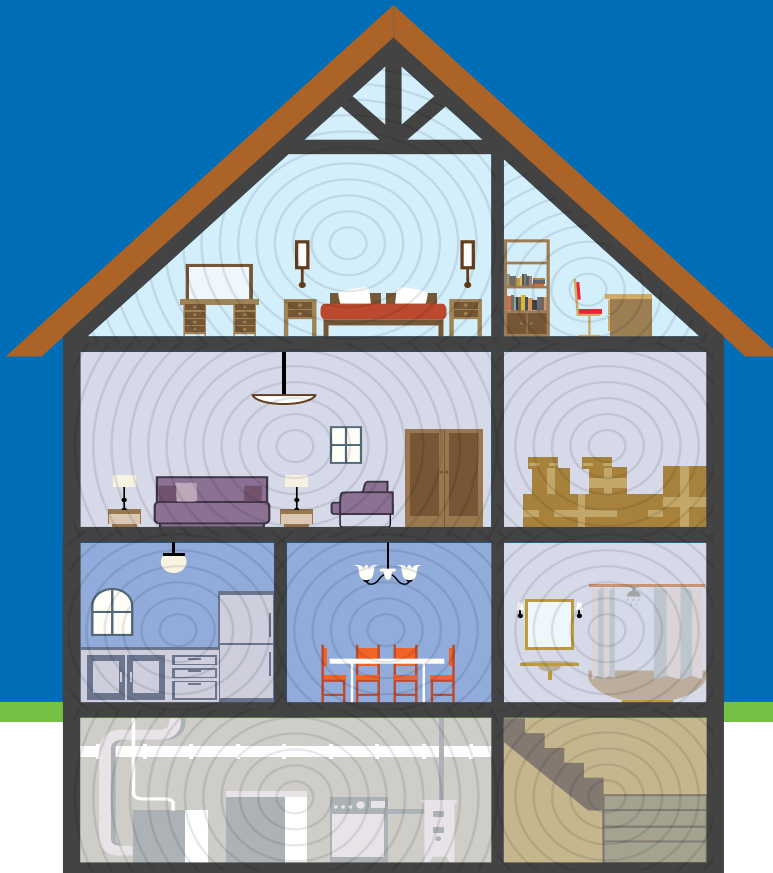
Entries must be received by June 1st, 2020 to be eligible for the drawing. Please return this slip with your payment or mail to: Newsletter, Triangle Communications, PO Box 1220, Havre MT 59501. You can also submit your answers at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz.





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