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Jill Conover of Broadview commented, 'Harvest is a family affair.' She took her camera with her when delivering meals to crews in the field and captured this amazing photo. This photo claimed 6th place in Triangle's 2020 Photo Contest.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

THANKSGIVING

Thursday- 11/25/2021

Friday- 11/26/2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday- 12/31/2021

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24/7 to report any phone
or Internet issues.

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WHO'S WHO

Nick Hitt has been a part of the Triangle family for a little over eight years. He joined us with plenty of past telecom experience. In Nevada, Nick spent time at a telecommunication company, worked for a defense contractor on a Navy base and as a groundman/meter reader for a power utility.

Working in our southern exchanges, Nick's main responsibilities include installing, maintaining, and troubleshooting Central Office equipment that keeps our networks running. He helps wherever and whenever it is needed. Nick likes that he gets to do something different

every day while being challenged to learn and apply what he has learned to solve problems. He loves the rural areas we provide service to and enjoys being able to travel the backroads of Montana.

In any spare time he has, Nick likes to hunt, fish, camp, travel, and golf. His favorite place to vacation is Disneyland, but in the future, he would love to travel to Europe and see the fall colors in New England. His wife likes to think his guilty pleasure is "chick flicks," but Nick does not agree.

Thanks, Nick, for being such a good sport!

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER ISSUE WILL WIN \$25!

We received 82 entries that correctly answered the Mystery Photo, which was of the mandatory 10-digit dialing ad.

Congratulations to Rodney Keith and Percy Slattum 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. Name one of Triangle's payment options?

#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 January 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.



SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!
**Indicates photo of item available on website (itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop)*

Thermador Cook Stove

Has gas burners and electric oven. Size: 30" wide x 36" front height x 42" back. Asking \$150, call 406.378.3233.

Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach

2012 Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach model 30'AG. In excellent condition, stored inside, only 33,000 miles. Pictures sent on request. Asking \$88,500, call 406.570.4909.

2003 H2 Hummer*

Lifted 2003 H2 Hummer with 85,000 miles for \$23,000. Excellent condition with giant subwoofer, off-road tires, Brimbo super sports brakes, LED headlights, sunroof, custom exhaust and undercarriage train horns with in-cabin air compressor. Call 406.669.3336.

Collectibles For Sale*

Selling Hazel-Atlas "Orchard" clear glass, apple-shaped dishes, plates and cups; Cornishware by T.G. Green Ltd. "Jersey blue" with white polka dots; Teapot and 4 mugs; 1 gallon brown and cream color crockery jugs with handles; Vinyl LP records (1956-1976), mainly soundtracks; gilt-framed mirror with beveled glass (21.5 high x 39.5 wide) from

1940's; American Beauty Dolls of Hollywood (10.5 inches tall & in original box); Smurf deka brand plate, cup and bowl made in USA; Smurf metal license plate ("Honk if you like Smurfs"); Eagle galvanized 2.5-gallon red gas can; Call 406.671.4787 or email buffalo@itstriangle.com.

Ford Rangers

Two Ford Ranger 4x4's both supercabs and run great. One is a 1989 5-speed with 133,000 miles, very clean. Second is a 1993 with an automatic transmission, 4.0L-v6 with 129,000 miles, needs some body work and paint. Take your pick, \$2,500. Call 406.378.2288.

Hot Tub

Hot tub for sale, needs work. Call 406.378.3212.

McCormick Deering Combine

1956(ish) McCormick Deering Combine. Ran great last time it was started about 10 years ago. Need to get it hauled off the place. FREE to interested person(s). Call 406.572.3317.

Farm For Sale

1175-acre farm NE of Harlem. 840 crop land, balance pasture. Available after harvest. \$750.00 per acre crop land and \$225.00 for grazing. Located in Township 32N Range 25E Sections 4,9,5,6,8 Blaine County. Montana cadastral site has satellite pictures of the farm. Call 406.355.4773.

HON Lateral File*

HON 2 drawer lateral file with 3 shelves that lock, 42" wide x 66" high x 19" deep. Asking \$800.00, call 406.547.2409.

HON Office Desk*

38000 series, steel body 30" wide x 66" long with two drawers, locking. Asking \$450.00, call 406.547.2409.

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.

Antique Caterpillar Grader

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

Misc Items

Portable air compressor; new bolts variety of sizes by number; two 5Hp. electric motors; 1985 Versatile 5000 series blade, 35.5 ft; like new Protec toolbox- fix most full-size pickups. Call 406.378.3212.

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!

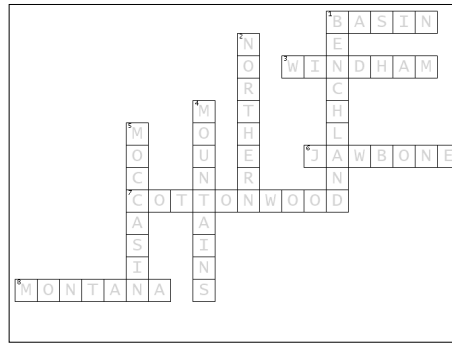
MOCCASIN/WINDHAM/ BENCHLAND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. Inverness is located along ____ 2 between Havre and Shelby.
4. Rancher L.H. Hamilton named ____ after his home county in Vermont.
7. Many Hi-Line communities trace their roots back to the Great ____ Railway establishing depots every 8-to-10-miles.
8. Windham boomed due to the ____ Coal Company's coal mine operating in the area in the 1910s.
9. The ____ Supper Club was built in the early 1900s and is still in operation today.

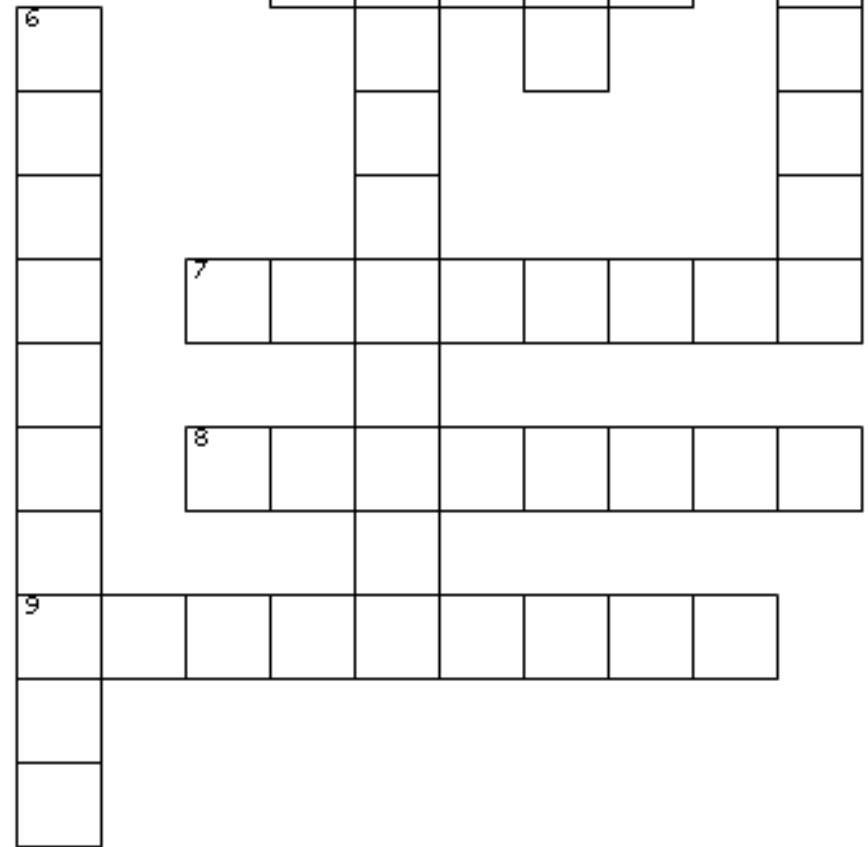
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1. In 1915, the Joplin Commercial Club coined the phrase "The ____ Little Town on Earth."
3. ____ is located in Liberty County and Inverness is located in Hill County.
5. Located south of Joplin, Tiber ____ is a diverse recreation area for boaters, fisherman and hunters.
6. Joplin's ____ exploded as more homesteaders arrived in the area.



ANSWERS

*For the Sept/Oct Community
Crossword, Hingham MT*

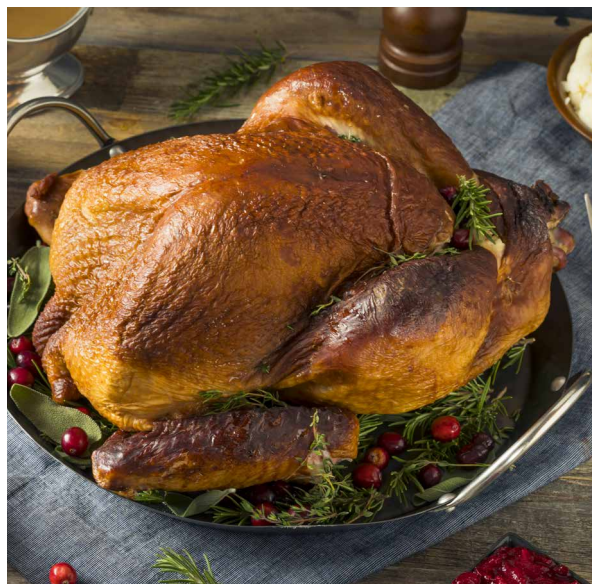


COOK'S CONNECTION

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

Oven Smoked Turkey

From HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Favorites from our Table cookbook

INGREDIENTS

1 gallon water
½ cup ice cream salt
1 cup tender quick
½ cup liquid smoke

DIRECTIONS

Combine water, salt, tender quick and liquid smoke in a large container. Immerse turkey in mixture so it is all covered. Let soak in refrigerator for 24 to 26 hours. Remove turkey, wash and wrap in in heavy foil. Bake at 200° for 12 to 18 hours or until done.

RECIPE

Loaded Potato Casserole

From HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure cookbook

INGREDIENTS

3 ½-4 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
½ cup cream cheese
½ cup sour cream
¼ cup butter
¼ cup milk
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
8 slices bacon, cooked, chopped and divided
½ bunch green onions, chopped

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°. Boil potatoes over medium heat until tender; drain. Transfer potatoes back the pan and mash until smooth. Add cream cheese, sour cream, butter, milk, salt and pepper. Continue mashing until smooth. Stir in 1 cup of the cheese and half the bacon. Spoon into a lightly greased 3-qt. casserole dish. Bake for 20 minutes. Top with remaining cheese, bacon and green onions. Bake for 5 more minutes to melt cheese.

RECIPE

Pumpkin Pie in a Pan

From HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure cookbook

CRUST

3 cups graham cracker crumbs
(6 whole crackers= 1 cup)
½ cup sugar
⅔ cups margarine, melted

Mix and press in bottom of a 9x13 inch pan.

1ST LAYER

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp evaporated milk
2 Tbsp sugar
3 cups Cool Whip

Whip first 3 ingredients until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip and spread over crust

2ND LAYER

1 (16 oz.) can pumpkin
1 small (2-4 serving) pkg. vanilla instant pudding
1 cup evaporated milk
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
¼ tsp. cloves

Mix well and spread over second layer. Can be topped with additional Cool Whip and graham cracker crumbs. Refrigerate.

HAVE MY SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS BEEN HACKED?

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn are some wonderful platforms we use to stay connected with family and friends. Unfortunately, they can also be tools to manipulate and scam unsuspecting users. Hackers can takeover your accounts and personal information.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO KNOW IF YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN HACKED:

- Your social media account has posts you did not make.
- You can't log into your email or social media account.
- Your "Sent" folder has been emptied or has messages you didn't send.
- Friends and family are getting emails or social media messages you didn't send.

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR ACCOUNT BACK?

- Update your security software, run an antivirus/antimalware scan and remove anything found- Use a security software from a trusted company.
- Change your passwords- Make sure you create strong passwords that will be hard to guess. If a hacker did take over your account, you may need to fill out forms to prove it is really you who is trying to get back into your account.
- Don't use the same password- When you use the same password for multiple accounts, if one account is compromised, a hacker could now use

that same password to compromise other accounts. Using different passwords for each site limits the damage from an account breach and can be easy to manage with a password manager.

- Set up multi-factor authentication- When you update your password, check if your email and social media accounts lets you turn on this option. Multi-factor authentication requires a password plus something else like a code from an authenticator app or a text message code to prove it is you.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE BACK IN YOUR ACCOUNT.

- Check your account settings- Look for any unfamiliar links and make sure there are not "rules" set up to forward your emails to another account and look for changes, like any new "friends" on your social media account since you last logged in.
- Look for clues- Consider the information a hacker might have looked for to find passwords and usernames for online banking, credit cards or even retirement accounts, etc. Those username and passwords may need to be changed. Also check for emails the hacker may have sent from your account or messages that may have been viewed and deleted.
- Tell your friends- Send friends an email, text or post something to let them know your accounts were hacked. Advise them to not click on links or respond to email with fake requests for help or money. When you email, you may want to use the Bcc line to keep email addresses confidential.

Source: consumer.ftc.gov



Youth Programs

YOUTH TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Funds can be used for Science, Technology, Engineering or Math related projects. Local chapter of club/organization must have majority of its members within in our service area. Grants up to \$500 are available.

Deadline is February 1st.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Triangle Communications provides up to 37, \$1,000 scholarships to the schools in our serving area and up to 3 college scholarships.

Deadline is April 1st.

Our partnership with the Foundation for Rural Service gives students the opportunity to receive a scholarship of up to \$2,500. See details on our website.

YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C. (HIGH SCHOOL)

Any 16 or 17-year-old high school junior who is a dependent of a subscriber receiving landline or Broadband Internet from Triangle Communications is eligible for this trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C.

Deadline is December 1st.

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

K-12 schools may request up to \$1,500 each year. Funds can be used to purchase technology equipment, for training, supplies, services or to upgrade current technology.

For more information on any of these exciting opportunities, visit www.itstriangle.com/community/education.

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CREATING A STRONG PASSWORD

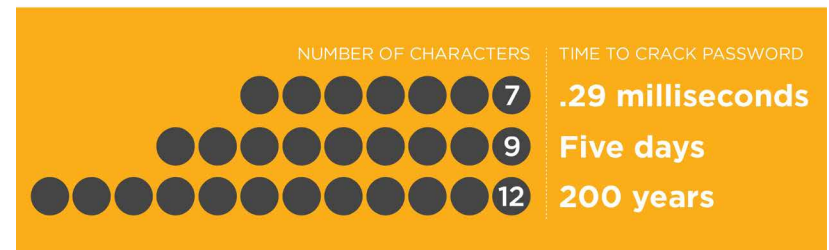
Everything we log into on the Internet requires a password. Choosing a password can be difficult and stressful. You don't want it to be too easy so someone can guess it, but you don't want it so hard that you forget it. You can come up with the most secure password, but if you can't remember what it is, 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, sentence, quote or 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.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Broadview is a frequent stop for travelers going to Billings through central Montana. Broadview has a population of just under 200 people per the 2010 census. The post office was established in 1908 and the town was incorporated in 1917.

Broadview Daze is an annual event the first Saturday in June. Broadview Daze is chalk-full of fun activities for the entire family. Events range from a parade to pasture golf to live music. The event even has an annual Corn Hole tournament. Events go on throughout the entire day.

The Broadview Community Center is used by young and old alike. Senior lunches, community celebrations and meetings are held at the center. The Community Center recently received a grant to install an outside picnic area. Stop by to check out this amazing upgrade!



The Homestead Inn Bar & Grill is known for its homecooked meals. They even have a coffee shop to stop by and grab a drink on the go or sit down and enjoy. Locals and people traveling through can stop for a bite to eat, coffee and a great conversation. They even host live poker on Thursday evenings.

CHS Big Sky is a fellow cooperative with locations across

Montana. CHS is part of the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative, committed to delivering value and helping its owners grow. CHS serves the needs of surrounding agriculture communities with everything from feed to fertilizer to general farm and ranch supplies.

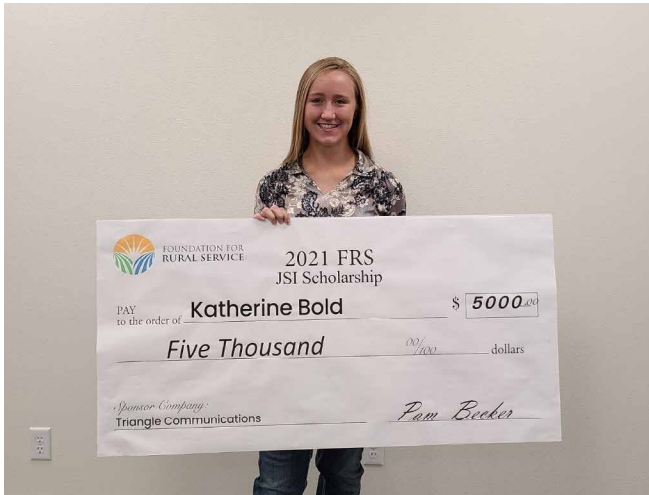
Danny's Farm & Fuel is a gas station and convenience store in Broadview. Danny's is the local gathering spot to catch up on the news in the community.

Dan's Auto Repair is a full-service repair shop for everything from lawn mowers to tractors and everything in between. Dan's is also home to NAPA parts. Stop by for all your parts and repair needs when in town.

Safflower Technologies International has a location in Broadview as well as Molt. Safflower Technologies International, LLC (STI) has over 40 years of safflower plant breeding, research, and production experience. They deal in large volumes of safflower, sunflowers, and pulse crops such as yellow and green peas, chickpeas, AWP and lentils. Barley, wheat, millet, flax and other crops are also available upon request.

Stop by Broadview on your next trip to meet some amazing community members and learn about the area!





BOLD & SLIVKA SELECTED FOR \$5,000 FRS SCHOLARSHIPS

Triangle Communications would like to congratulate Katherine Bold of Big Sandy and Matthew Slivka of Winifred who were each selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Foundation For Rural Service (FRS). Congratulations Katherine and Matthew!



CEO MESSAGE

Cooperatives are not like other businesses. You, the members are also our owners. Capital credits represent your ownership in the Cooperative. Members are allocated capital credits based on their use (also called patronage) of Triangle's services each year.

Allocations are a record of member ownership in the Cooperative, they are not the same as the payment of capital credits to members. We do not hold these funds in a bank account, they are used for capital building and operation activities such as fiber to the home upgrades.

Again, this year, the Triangle Telephone Board of Trustees decided to extend a capital credit discount offer to our members. A letter was sent out in August that advised Triangle members of the present worth or discounted amount of their capital credit account for the years of 1993 to 2020. If you chose to not receive the discounted amount, your capital credit balance will not change and will be held and distributed when the Board approves a future retirement.

The discounted offer allowed you to take the present value of your money, versus waiting until some future year to receive your funds. The rate at which the cooperative discounts those amounts are based on an IRS approved method to give the member a true value of the allocation being held by the cooperative at the current time. By giving you access to your funds now, you can take them and invest them yourself to achieve the same result or better than waiting for a general retirement that will take place years from now. Doing a discounted offer does not imply that Triangle is in financial trouble, to the contrary. It shows that we are giving the patronage back to you, our member to do with how you see fit at the present value of the capital credit that we are holding in your name.

In addition to the discounted capital credit offer, the Triangle Board approved a general retirement for those members who had service in 1992. If you have chosen to take advantage of the discount offer, the full 1992 capital credit amount will be included in the same check with the discounted offer. Those not participating in the discounted offer will receive a check for only the 1992 general retirement if you had service in 1992.

With the leadership of our Board of Trustees, our dedicated employees and our members, Triangle will be around to provide quality services to our membership well into the future.

Craig Gates, CEO



BE PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS

We live in Montana, we know the weather can change in a matter of minutes. When temperatures drop and winter storms hit, it can be challenging to stay safe and warm.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS YOU TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN WINTER WEATHER ARRIVES:

- Have a plan- know what to do before, during and after a winter storm.
- Listen to local officials.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, work and in the car.
- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm, if possible.
- Have a carbon monoxide detector in your home, especially if you are using alternative heating devices.
- Stay indoors and dress warmly.
- Be prepared for heat, power and communication service outages.
- Listen for emergency information alerts. (Keep batteries and a battery powered radio handy in case of a loss of power.)
- Check on neighbors.

- Use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Pack an emergency kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled waters and non-perishable snacks.
- The CDC recommends having several days' supply of food handy that does not need to be cooked. Crackers, cereal, canned goods and bread are good options. Having five gallons of water per person is also recommended in case of an extended power outage.

Source: www.Ready.gov/winter



BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.



■ WATER

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.



■ TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.



■ FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

Learn more at www.ready.gov

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

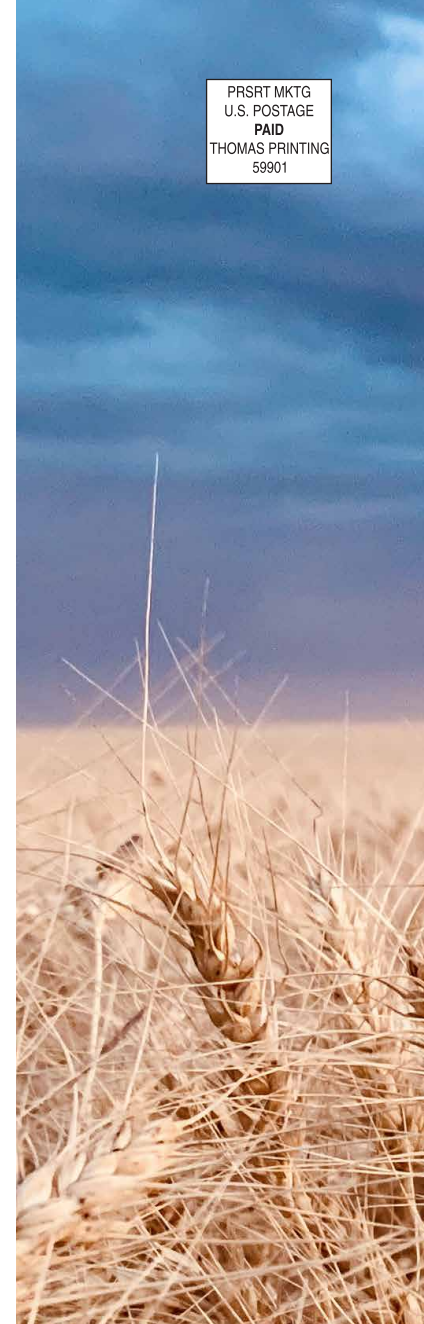
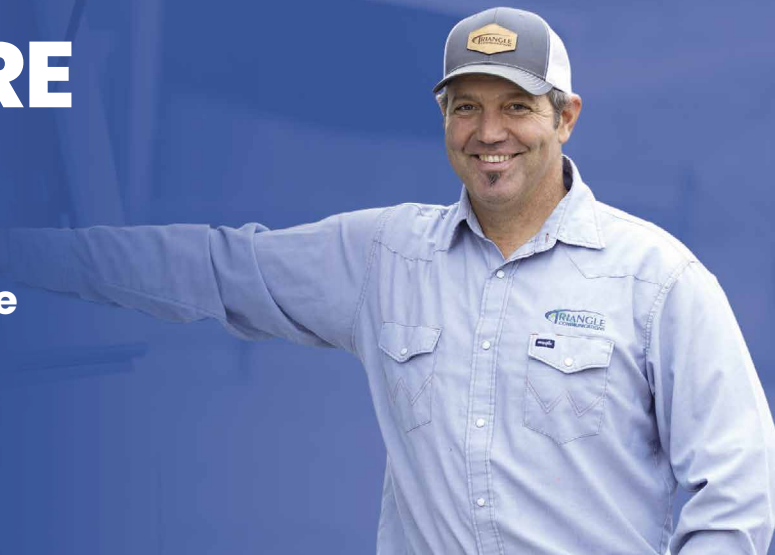


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