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Hannah Kinsella

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GRAND PRIZE **RUNNER-UP PRIZES**
\$200 **\$150-\$50**

This contest is open to Triangle members and member dependents of all ages.

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 considered Portraits of people are not eligible.
- Must be previously unpublished.
- Cell phone shots are allowed, but must be high resolution in JPG format.

*Entries must be submitted by June 10th.
Limit two entries per person.*

www.itstriangle.com/photocontest



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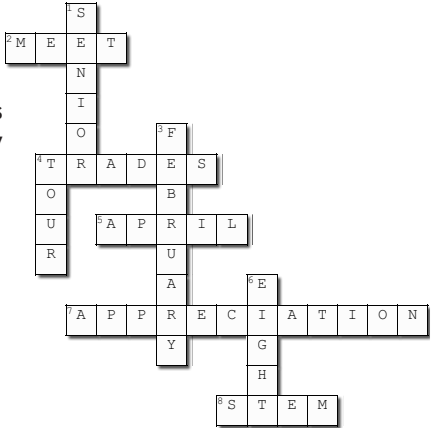
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Triangle Communications
Trivia Answer Key



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.

RECIPE

Homemade Clay (For Crafting & Play – Not for Eating!)

By Rhoda Miller

INGREDIENTS

2 ½ C Flour
1 Tbsp Salad Oil
2 Tbsp Powdered Alum
½ C Salt
Food Coloring

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix ingredients together minus the water.
2. Pour 2 C boiling water over the mixture, put on a warm burner and work till it feels like clay.
3. Knead until smooth. Store in tight container.

RECIPE

Sausage Seasoning

By Rhoda Miller

INGREDIENTS

25 # Ground Pork	1 C Brown Sugar
2 Tbsp Black Pepper	6 Tbsp Liquid Smoke
2 Tbsp Red Pepper	10 Tbsp Salt
2 Tbsp Sage	
2 Tbsp Ground Mustard	

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix ingredients together.

RECIPE

Rhubarb Coffee Cake

By Rhoda Miller

INGREDIENTS - CAKE

2 C Flour
½ C Shortening
1 ½ C Sugar
1 C Sour Milk
1 Egg
1 tsp Soda

1 tsp Vanilla

2 C Sliced Rhubarb

INGREDIENTS - TOPPING

½ C Sugar
1 tsp Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients together and add to a greased 9x13 pan.
2. Mix toppings together & sprinkle on top of cake batter.
3. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Rhubarb Coffee Cake



Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric Host 3rd Annual Trades Day

Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric recently held the 3rd Annual Trades Day, providing high school students with hands-on exposure to various skilled trades. The cooperatives partnered with MSU-Northern, CHR Solutions, Vermeer, and VEC to offer nine different learning tracks in the morning.

During lunch, students attended presentations highlighting career opportunities in the trades, including job availability, wages, training programs, and educational pathways. In the afternoon, they selected a trade track of interest and participated in hands-on activities.

Students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities, including:

- Building and testing network cables
- Using SQL queries as a Digital Crime Scene Investigator to uncover clues
- Operating a bore machine through a virtual simulator provided by Vermeer and an actual bore machine
- Conducting a Geo Caching exercise using GPS coordinates
- Splicing fiber
- Wiring a meter loop
- Constructing a marshmallow shooter with plumbing materials
- Accessing the computers on a Vermeer plow and a digger truck for repair diagnostics
- Hands on welding exercises

Craig Gates, CEO of Hill County Electric and Triangle Communications, emphasized the value of the event:

"Trades Day is a great way to show students the career paths available outside of a traditional four-year college degree. The trades offer excellent career opportunities, allowing individuals to gain hands-on experience while earning a paycheck."

Nearly **170 students from 10 area high schools** attended the event. MSU-Northern also brought students from its Plumbing, Welding, Diesel Technology, and Global Positioning courses, allowing high school participants to interact with college students already pursuing careers in the trades.

Trades Day continues to be an invaluable experience for students, offering real-world exposure to in-demand careers and the skills needed to succeed in them.



PREPARING FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

It may seem early to talk about the Annual Meeting and upcoming Trustee elections, but our team is already preparing for the 2025 Annual Meeting. We're excited to announce that this year's meeting will be held at the Triangle Communications Complex in Havre. Along with the new location, we're also changing up the format - starting with lunch, followed by the business meeting.

If you're interested in serving your community, there are opportunities to join the Triangle

Telephone Cooperative Board of Trustees. This fall, three districts will be up for election:

- **District 1** – White Sulphur Springs, Martinsdale, Judith Gap, Harlowton, Melville, Big Timber, Reed Point, Rapelje, Broadview, and Molt.
- **District 2** – Box Elder, South Havre, Harlem, Dodson, and Hays-Lodgepole.
- **District 6** – The At-Large District (members can reside in any Triangle exchange).

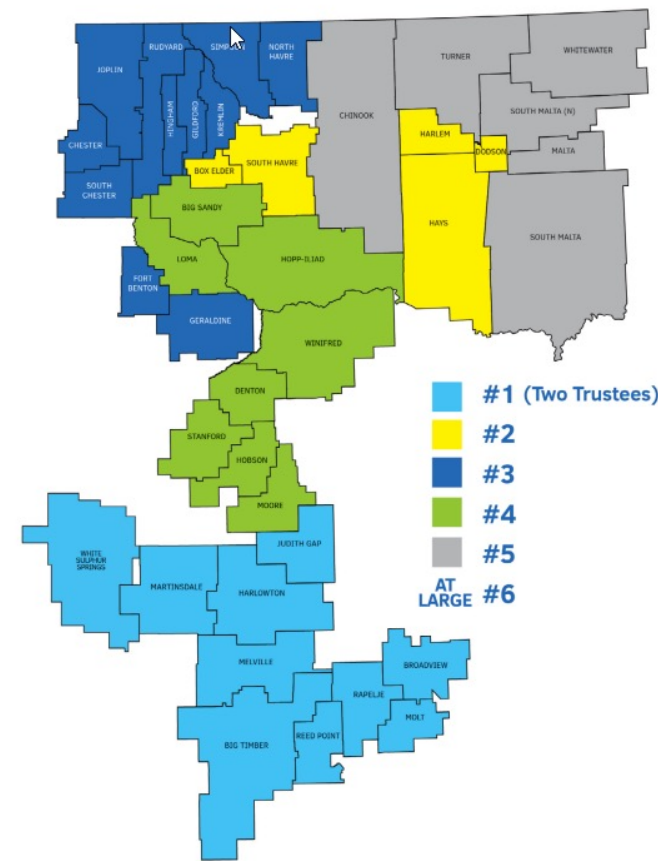
To run for an open position in **Districts 1 or 2**, you must reside within the district. However, **District 6** is open to members from any Triangle exchange.

To be eligible, candidates must have an active account in good standing with the cooperative. Each Trustee serves a three-year term.

Members can be self-nominated by petition, with petitions due by July 16, 2025. Additional details can be found in our by-laws at www.itstriangle.com/bylaws.

The nominating committee will convene July 15th at 11:30 AM at the Havre Office and via video conference.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 14 at Triangle Communications**. More details coming soon - we look forward to seeing you there. Stay safe and stay healthy!



Youth Clubs & Organizations Selected for Youth Technology Grants!

We are proud to announce this year's recipients of our Youth Technology Grants. We would like to congratulate all of the following clubs and organizations that were selected. Good luck with all of your projects!

Visit www.itstriangle.com/youth-support to learn more.

Blaine County 4-H	Hobson FFA
Boy Scouts Troop 1406 – Girls	Rocky Boy Boys and Girls Club
Boy Scouts Troop 1438	Rough Riders 4-H Club
Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line	Scouting America - Havre
Broadview Schools BPA	Shonkin Busy Beavers 4H Club
Chippewa Cree Tribe Boys and Girls Club	St. Jude Thaddeus Culinary Club
Havre Girl Scouts	Sunrise 4-H Club

CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION

As a telecommunications service subscriber, your privacy is of utmost importance. Your customer proprietary network information (CPNI), which includes details about the type, quantity, destination, technical configuration, location, and amount of use of telecommunications services, is subject to stringent confidentiality requirements. This means that your CPNI can only be disclosed to authorized parties under specific circumstances, ensuring that your personal data is protected. We take your privacy seriously and are committed to safeguarding your CPNI.

LIFELINE

**Government Assistance Program.
Lower your monthly bill!**

If your household is eligible, you can receive:

Up to a \$9.25/
month discount
on your internet
service

Up to a \$34.25/
month discount if
your household is on
qualifying Tribal lands

If you or someone in your household participates in one of the following programs, apply today!

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Income is 135% or less than the Federal Poverty Guidelines

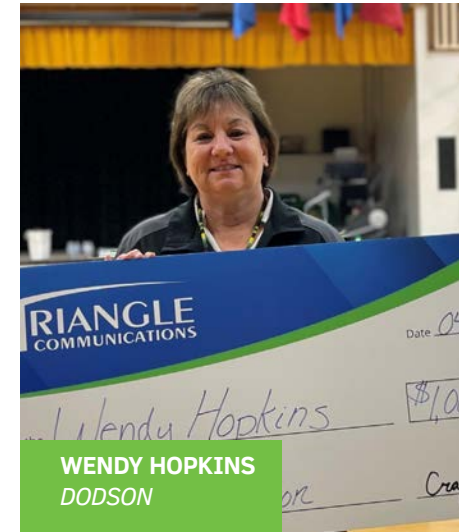
Additional options for Tribal Lands

- Any of the federal assistance programs listed above
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Head Start (only households meeting the income qualifying standard)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Apply online at www.lifelinesupport.org. Upon approval, you'll receive a Qualifying ID number. Call us with your Qualifying ID to enroll!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WINNERS

At Triangle Communications, we recognize the challenges rural schools face in recruiting and retaining exceptional educators. Our Teacher Appreciation Program was created to celebrate and support the dedicated individuals who go above and beyond for their students and communities. Each year, we award funds to outstanding teachers to help meet their classroom or professional needs - whatever matters most to them. We're honored to highlight this year's inspiring recipients.



This year's Teacher Appreciation Program honored four outstanding educators who exemplify the dedication and heart it takes to teach in rural Montana. Each of these educators is a powerful example of the difference teachers make in rural communities across our service area.

- Terron Torix of Broadview Public Schools took first place for his multifaceted role and deep commitment to fostering a close-knit, supportive school environment.
- Ruby Stenberg Gibby, second-place winner from Big Timber Grade School, was recognized for her passion for leadership and empowering students - especially in small-town schools like the one she'll soon join in McLeod.
- Austin Rogers of Hobson Public Schools brings energy and empathy to her 5th-grade classroom, while also coaching multiple sports and working toward a Master's in School Counseling to better support her students' academic and emotional growth.
- Wendy Hopkins, a 21-year veteran at Dodson High School, was honored for her lasting impact as a science teacher, mentor, and community leader in the very place she once called her own high school.

Learn more about this program at www.itstriangle.com/tap

MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS PROGRAM

If you or someone you love has difficulty using a standard telephone, connect with the Montana Accessible Communications (MTAC) and Montana Relay, a service of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

About Montana Relay

Montana Relay is a public service that guarantees all citizens have access to prompt, professional, and accurate communication via telephone. Consumers of these specialized services - specifically individuals who are deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing, or have difficulty speaking - can communicate through Traditional Relay Service (TTY), Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Spanish Relay, and Captioned Telephone. This helps ensure they can connect with family, friends, and 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 number of the person you wish to call and begin relaying the conversation. Typically, the CA voices the typed message from the TTY user to the person on the other end, then types the spoken response 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 available to assist with these types of calls by dialing the numbers provided on this page. Since Montana Relay offers a variety of services, please refer to the website or contact Montana Relay for detailed instructions on how a particular call is processed.

Captioned Telephone

Captioned Telephone is ideal for individuals who have hearing loss but are still able to speak. A captioned telephone works like any other phone, with one key difference: it allows users to listen to conversations while reading captions of what is being said to them.

Access to Services

Dialing 711 provides toll-free access to relay services. If you experience trouble dialing 711, please contact Montana Relay.

Emergency Calls

Please note: 711 can only be used to reach Montana Relay. In an emergency, always dial 911.

If you use a TTY, call 911 or your local emergency service TTY number directly. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires all 911 centers to have a TTY and be prepared to handle emergency calls in this format.

Montana Relay will make every effort to assist in an emergency; however, relay centers are not 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.

Contact Information

If you want to learn about the Montana Telecommunications Access Program, please contact them directly.

Phone:
800-833-8503

Website:
www.dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtac

Email:
relay@mt.gov

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.

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. *Denotes photo available on website

Sooner Aluminum 20 ft. Stock Trailer Gooseneck

Asking \$9,500. Call 406.326.2284.

German Shepherd Puppy

Black/Tan in color. Call 406.326.2287.

Barrett Cattle Trailer

50 ft. Barrett Cattle Trailer. Asking \$10,000. Call 406.301.4035.

2021 Massimo 550 L Quad 4x4 EFI

Power steering, hand guards, 50-inch snowplow, winch, safety start, has reverse safety bell, parking brake, headlights and driving lights. Brake lights, rear driving lights, two up seat, 145 miles with 16.7 hours, front and rear storage. 2-wheel and 4-wheel selector button, rear receiver hitch, liquid cooled, rear independent suspension, fixed issues with dash, new spark plug, fresh gas, checked all fluids and filters including coolant, battery checked out good. Asking \$5,995. Call 406.265.1735.

2003 Honda Odyssey

35.6 Cyl, motor, automatic transmission, front wheel drive. Has 192,300 miles, runs good, fresh oil change and lube. Windshield wiper

fluid tank has a hole in it that needs repair or replace, tires are at 65-70% Reduced to \$2995, absolutely sold as is, no payments, no holds, no trades. Call 406.265.1735.

Love Seat and Couch

Love seat and couch flower print, solid wood, make an offer and you haul. Call 406.932.4591.

Wanted to Buy

8-12' triple k. Three point or hitch. Call 406.759.5670.

12' Foot Dump Trailer with Split Seasoned Ash

12' dump trailer of split seasoned ash, \$350. Delivered, not stacked. Call 406.561.6315 or email scleveland546@gmail.com.

Cattle Stock Trailer

48 ft. (older but in good shape) asking \$10,000. Call 406-301-4035.

Whole or Half Pork 2025 Processed

Processed at Pay-N-Save in Saco, MT with pick up in Havre, MT. Processing in September 2025 with limited quantities available. Whole price:

\$450* Half: \$250*Processing is an additional fee. Any and all questions welcome. Twyla Knudson on Facebook Marketplace or email noneckfarms@gmail.com. Please call or text 406.230.2281.

Metal Roofing

18 sheets of 29 gauge Tuff Rib-9'1" long and 36" wide. Color burnished slate. Asking \$600. Call 406.265.6974.

Complete Stained Glass Crafting System for Sale

Includes glass, grinder, foiler, scoring machine, cutting pad and many tools. Call for details, asking \$200.00. Call 406.547.2184.

Wilray Flat Bed Trailer*

Wilray Flat Bed Trailer, \$2,400, Deck size 81"x10'. Torsion bar, 3500 lbs. axle. Extra cross stringers, 2011 model. Spare tire included. Call 406.437.1187.

Toro Snowblower

Very nice 21-inch, electric start Toro Snowblower, like new, asking \$375, call 406.378.3226.

Heavy Duty Car Dolley

Hand crafted heavy duty car dolley, new tires and wheels, dexter axle, electric brakes. Asking \$300.00. Call 406.547.2184.

1993 Ford Explorer

4 liter V-6, motor runs, good tires, needs transmission, clear title. Asking \$400.00 or best offer. Call 406.547.2184.

Cajun electric smoker

Cajun electric smoker with timer, thermostat, burns pellets. Asking \$75.00, call 406.547.2184.

Mini Washing Machine For Sale

Mini washing machine, capacity 1KA, B-Quick Bubbleator, portable, great for RV's or apartments. \$35.00. Call 406.547.2184.

Professional AG Lane Chicken Cages

Asking \$800 call 406.945.2027 with questions.

German Shepherd Puppy

Black/Tan in color, Call 406.326.2287.

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!



HAPPY WORK
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JESSICA!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 YEARS
OF SERVICE!



HAPPY WORK
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BILL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
30 YEARS
OF SERVICE!



MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

#1. What event did Triangle host to promote different trades to high school students?

#2. What is the mystery photo from in this issue?:

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: _____



Mystery Photo

Entries must be received by June 20th, 2025 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 or submit answers at www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz.

*Congrats to our
March/April
Mystery Photo & Quiz
\$25 Winners*

Rena Scott
• and •
Cheryl Campbell



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