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Steve Leitner's photograph of rolling rain clouds in an array of colors earned 3rd place in Triangle's 2021 Photo Contest.

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MONDAY, MAY 30TH**

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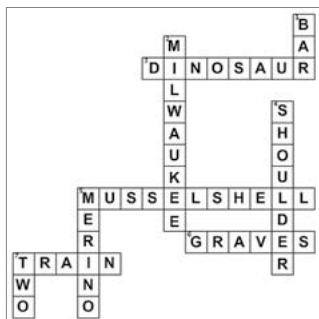
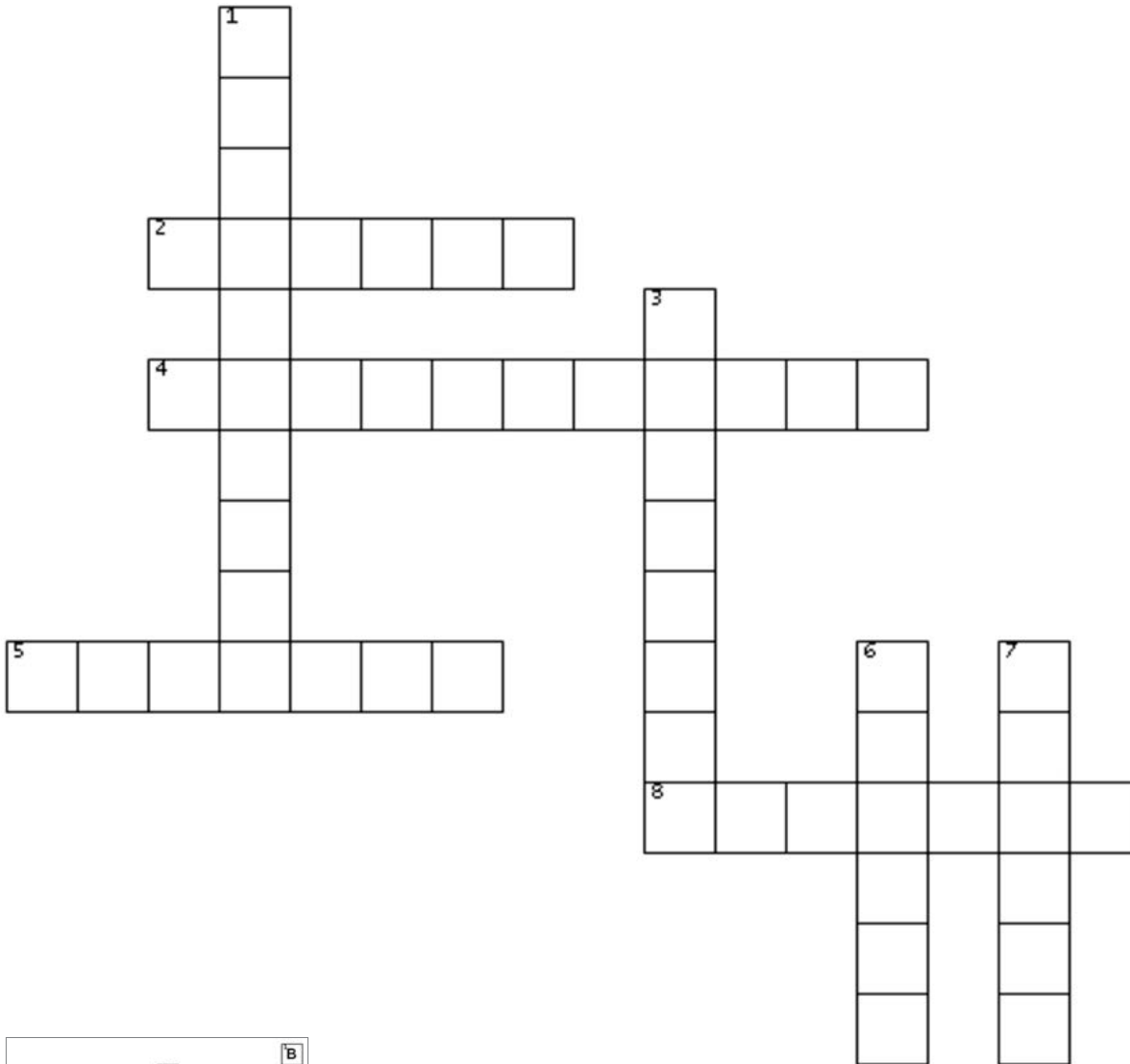
CHINOOK AND ZURICH CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- _____ was named for the city in Switzerland.
- The Bear Paw _____ commemorates the 1,700 mile journey of Chief Joseph and his band of Nez Perce and the location where they surrendered in 1877.
- Meaning “warm wind”, _____ refers to the warm winds the sweep through the region during winter, melting snow and raising temperatures.
- Great Northern _____ officials name one of their mainline sidings Zurich around 1887.

DOWN

- By 1915 the _____ of Zurich was 40.
- The Blaine County Museum is also part of the Montana _____ Trail, featuring a variety of fossils.
- Chinook and Zurich are located along US Hwy 2, also known as Montana’s_____.
- A stop at the _____ County Museum is a must stop when you visit Chinook.



ANSWERS For the Mar/Apr Community Crossword, Harlowton/Two Dot

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

Sloppy Joes (Pictured)

HCE/Triangle Relay for Life Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. ground beef	1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 garlic clove, minced	2 Tbsp vinegar
½ medium onion, chopped	2 tsp brown sugar
2-3 celery stalks, sliced	1 tsp dry mustard
½ cup chopped green pepper	½ tsp paprika
¼ cup chili sauce	½ tsp chili powder
¼ cup ketchup	1 Tbsp dried parsley flakes
½ cup water	6 to 8 hamburger buns
¾ tsp salt	
⅛ tsp pepper	

DIRECTIONS

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, brown ground beef, garlic and onion. Drain fat. Add celery and green pepper. Add all remaining ingredients except buns; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour. Spoon onto buns.

RECIPE

Pumpkin Bars

Submitted by Rhoda Miller, Moore MT

PUMPKIN BARS

4 eggs, beaten
2 cups salad oil
2 cups sugar
1 cup pumpkin
½ tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp soda
1 tsp baking powder
2 cups flour

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients and pour into a greased and floured long cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until center springs back when touched.

FROSTING

3 oz. cream cheese
4 Tbsp oleo
¾ lb. powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp milk

DIRECTIONS

Mix together and frost bars after they have cooled.

Note: I use this if I happen to have cream cheese. If not other frosting is alright, but it is best with the cream cheese.

RECIPE

Pizza Pasta Salad

Submitted by Diane Leible of Malta

INGREDIENTS

1 1lb. box rotini pasta (cooked and drained)	1 5 oz. package of mini pepperoni
1 green pepper, chopped	½ c. shredded parmesan cheese
1 red pepper, chopped	8 oz. mozzarella cheese, cut in cubes
½ large red onion, chopped	1 c. tomato vinaigrette salad dressing (or your favorite salad dressing)
10 oz. package of cherry tomatoes, cut in half	
1 small can of black olives, sliced	

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and toss to coat.

COMMUNITY PROFILE: MELVILLE

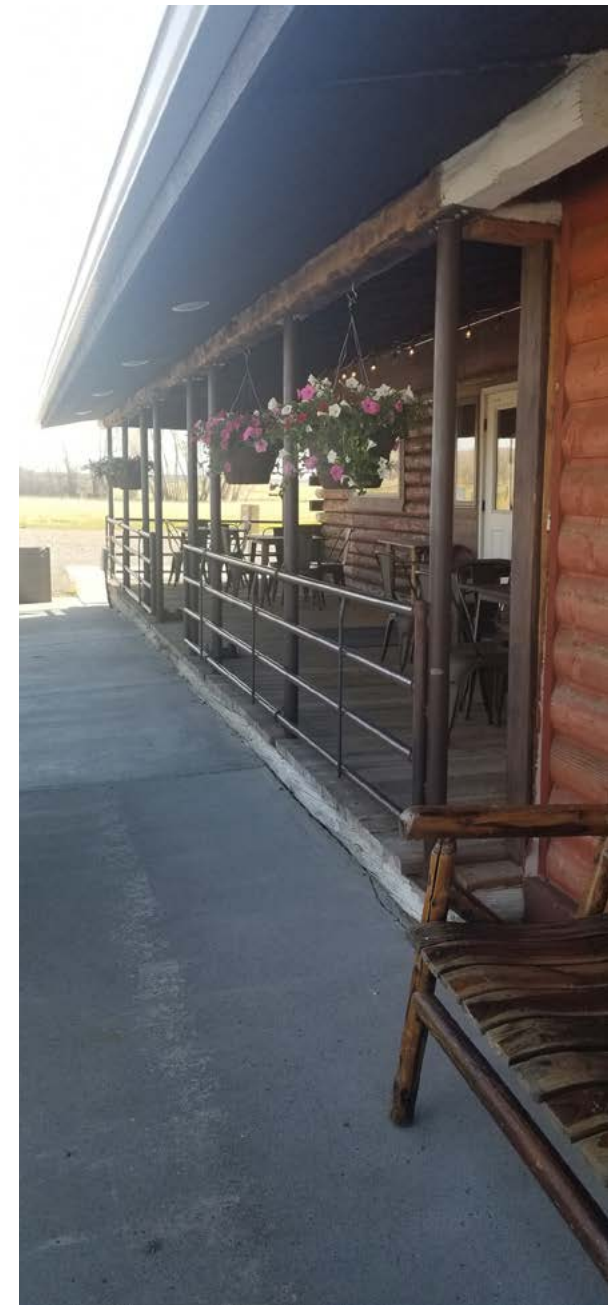
Located between Harlowton and Big Timber on Hwy 191, Melville is nestled in the Crazy Mountains with beautiful views from any direction that you look.

The Café 191 log building has long been a landmark when traveling the highway. Throughout the early months of the Covid pandemic, the building was remodeled by the Cremer family and has been the home of Café 191 since June 2020. Bonita, along with her husband, Matt, and their son, Justin own and operate Sweet Grass Land and Cattle supplying their own local ranch raised beef to Café 191.

Café 191 is known for incredible home cooked meals. Bonita has taken her years of experience cooking for the ranch and is now sharing it with locals and travelers. Their menu contains

wholesome ingredients, many of them sourced from fellow Montana producers whenever possible. The café is also available to rent for private parties and offers catering services.

As with many small businesses, Café 191 has felt the pinch of staffing shortages and food supply chain delays. With these ongoing challenges in mind, Bonita has opted to be more creative with the menu and hours of operation. Café 191 will be open weekends for dinner hours only, still offering the very popular Pizza Buffet Nights. Additionally, plans are underway to host an outdoor concert event in the field behind the cafe building this August. Next time you are traveling in the area, check out their Facebook page for current specials and hours of operation.



CEO MESSAGE



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

The Montana Legislature established the Connect MT program last year with federal stimulus funds. The intent of this program is to improve broadband internet across Montana. For Triangle we are continuing our plan of delivering fiber to the rest of our cooperative territory. Triangle does not plan on using any of the Connect MT program dollars to deliver fiber to the rest of our cooperative service area. Your cooperative has been running extremely efficient over the last six years and has developed and implemented plans to use our current cash flow to fund our internal projects, without grant dollars or borrowing funds to do so.

There are several areas outside of the Triangle cooperative area that are looking for a provider to come into their area and provide the excellent service that Triangle provides every day. Triangle Communications Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Triangle Telephone Cooperative Inc., is looking at areas around the state that may make sense for us to serve and possibly use the Connect MT program.

For our Triangle Cooperative projects this year, we are underway in the Moore, South Malta, another section of the town of Big Timber and the Whispering Pines areas. We thank our members in these areas for your patience and understanding during these important upgrades.

For those of you living in the areas mentioned above, during the upgrades you may see paint marks in your yard or fields. These locates are required by Montana State Law, so please understand we are complying with the law and ensuring that service is not interrupted as we proceed with our projects. As always, please remain safe and enjoy our spring; however long that may be.



CALL MT 811 BEFORE YOU DIG... IT'S THE LAW

Whether you are an excavator, farmer, or homeowner, if you are digging or placing any object in the ground, you are required to get marks indicating the location of the underground utilities. The person doing the digging is the person who must call 811 to request the locate.

Here is the information you will need when you call 811:

- Your name, phone number, company name (if applicable) and mailing address.
- An alternate contact person in case the utility companies have questions and cannot reach you.
- What type of work is being done.
- Who the work is being done for.
- The county and city the work is taking place in.
- The address or the street where the work is taking place.
- The nearest cross street or road.
- The distance and direction to the worksite from that intersection. (Directions are required if no address is provided.)
- Specific instructions to where the work is taking place.
- Please use white or pink paint or white or pink flags to outline the area you are digging in.
- Township, range, section, and quarter section of the worksite and GPS Coordinate of the center point of the digging area.

This information helps the customer service representative determine which utility companies need to be notified of your excavation plans. This process makes sure all the utilities are located and those facility owners who do not have lines are not needlessly notified.



TRIANGLE SELECTS STUDENTS FOR A TRIP OF LIFETIME

Congratulations to Lance Rutledge and Lorelei Jarrett for being selected by the Triangle Communications Board of Trustees for the trip of a lifetime to Washington, DC. The Foundation for Rural Services & Triangle Communications proudly sponsor up to two high school juniors each year for a trip of a lifetime to Washington DC every summer.

Enjoy Washington, DC Lance and Lorelei! We can't wait to hear all about your trip when you get back!

PEDESTAL REMOVAL IN STANFORD, DENTON, MOLT, BIG TIMBER AND SOUTH MALTA (NORTH)

Triangle Communications crews will be working on removing pedestals in the areas of Stanford, Denton and the north section of South Malta over the next few months. JKL will be removing pedestals in the Big Timber and Molt. They will be removing **some** telephone pedestals no longer needed after the recent fiber upgrades. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE ANY PEDESTALS YOURSELF.** Not all pedestals can be removed. If you have any questions, please contact our Construction Department in Havre at 1-800-332-1201. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



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 8th.

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 15th for First Round Voting. The top 20 photos by August 5th will proceed to Second Round Voting in the September/October 2022 "Keeping You Connected" magazine. The top 10 from the magazine voting by September 30th will go to Final Round Voting at the 2022 Triangle Annual Meetings in October. Award winning photos will be featured on the 2023 covers of the "Keeping You Connected" magazine.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

We're excited to participate in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). This program is designed to make broadband more affordable and accessible for all. Through this program, qualifying members will be eligible for a discount on internet service.

The ACP program helps low-income households pay for broadband service.

If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands

Program Requirements

To qualify for this discount program, your household must fulfill one of the below requirements:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year

Only one monthly service discount is allowed per household.

To find out more information and to apply go to WWW.ACPBENEFIT.ORG. Once you are approved, call 1-800-332-1201 to speak with a customer service representative. Please have your Qualifying ID Number ready to provide. An additional form will be emailed to you by the customer service representative to be completed before the ACP credit can be added.

FCC's Consumer Complaint Center for Affordable Connectivity Program can be reached at <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/> or 888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322).

*ACP is a government program that reduces the households broadband Internet access service bill. Household will be subject to Triangle's undiscounted rates and general terms and conditions if member no longer qualifies or does not recertify with ACP. Households may obtain broadband service supported by the ACP from any participating provider of their choosing. Households may transfer their ACP benefit to another provider at any time. Household may make changes to their existing service at any time.

MAKING SURE YOUR PAYMENT IS APPLIED CORRECTLY



Each day Triangle receives large numbers of payments. Once the payments are opened and sorted by company, the bill statements accompanied by checks are run through a machine which reads the statement and the check. This process allows us to post payments to our members' accounts quickly.

Here a few other tips to making sure your payment can be processed quickly:

Enclose the payment stub with your payment.

- Please DO NOT staple, tape or paper clip your payment to the payment stub. Staples and tape can cause problems with the machine and those payments must be processed separately.

- If there are special instructions for your payment(s), please make note on the payment stub or write a note on a piece of paper but DO NOT attach to the stub.
- Please use blue or black pen. Other colors can not be read by our payment processor.
- Phone and Internet payments can be paid with one check, but please send the payment stubs or write all the account numbers on the memo line on your check.
- If you are paying an amount different than what is on the stub, please be sure to write the amount you want applied to the account on the stub.

TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS USE OF CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION

Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, doing business as Triangle Communications respects your privacy and observes the privacy rules established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Montana Public Service Commission. Under federal law, you have the right to confidentiality of information regarding the telecommunications services to which you subscribe and Triangle Communications (Triangle) has the duty to protect that confidentiality. This confidential information includes such things as specific telecommunications services you purchase, the number of services purchased, who your provider is for a service, call detail records and charges related to services purchased. This information is referred to as Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI).

Triangle does not sell your account information or provide details of your telephone calls to other parties, unless required by law enforcement. Triangle is authorized by the FCC to market, without approval, services to our customers within the categories of telecommunications service to which those customers subscribe. Specifically, those services are local and long distance service. Triangle provides long distance through its subsidiary, Triangle Communication System, Incorporated. From time to time we may market additional features to customers who subscribe to one or more of the service categories and do so through our subsidiary's.

Federal regulations require that telecommunications customers be given the opportunity to decline if the provider plans to use CPNI to market communications-related services outside of those to which customers subscribe. Communications-related services include Internet in addition to local, long distance and wireless. Declining to receive these offers will not affect any of your current services. If you decide to opt-out of having your CPNI accessed or used for marketing communications-related services outside of those to which you subscribe, please let us know within 30 days by e-mail:

Send an e-mail message to CPNI@itsTriangle.net; we will need your name, telephone number(s), and the effective opt-out date. This information will be kept on file and your CPNI will not be used for marketing any communications-related services outside of those to which you subscribe unless you expressly revoke your opt-out notification by the method listed above. Please be aware that if we don't hear from you after 30 days has passed, we will presume that you have not opted-out but know that you can notify us at any time if you change your mind.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding our use of CPNI, please contact Triangle Communications at 1-800-332-1201.



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. *indicates photo available to view on the website version.

2003 Honda Road Bike Honda VTX1800

Motorcycle includes windshield, backrest, storage tote and engine guard/footrest. Red in color, in excellent condition. Low mileage, stored in garage and covered, carefully ridden. For more information and pricing, call 406.378.2484 and ask for Paul.

Air Nailer For Sale

Tools Stanley Air Nailer and nails. Asking \$120, call 406.220.3225.

2021 Puma Camper For Sale

2021 Puma Toyhauler, 25-TFC XLE Lite, sleeps up to 8 with lots of extras. Anti-sway hitch, rear camera, extra battery, plus more. Can haul two 4-wheelers. Asking \$25,000, call 406.220.3225.

Flex-Coil Air Drill For Sale

57-foot Flex-Coil air drill, 3450 cart. Call Jim at 406.376.3215.

Front End Loaders For Sale

Westendorf TA45 Loader with quick attach 7 ft. bucket and quick attach Bale Spear, JD Mounts. Also selling a Leon Loader with 7 ft. Bucket, International Harvester mounts. Call 406.398.5330.

Versatile Tractors For Sale

850 Versatile, \$6,500 OBO and 145 Versatile \$2,500 OBO, call 406.355.4298.

Wanting to Buy

Looking to buy Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, call 406.326.2287.

221 Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine

221 Singer Featherweight Sewing machine with attachments. Call 406.353.2934 for more information and pricing.

Flexcoil Sprayer*

67XL Flexcoil sprayer 113'. New 14.9-38 tires, double nozzle, 1,500-gallon tank, tons of extra parts plus good windshields. Great windproof sprayer, asking \$9,000. Call 406.945.0905.

Miscellaneous For Sale*

110-volt seed treater and a wheat heart 8-inch drag auger. Call 406.945.0905 for pricing and more information.

10-Foot Walker Bay RID

Ready to fish, 10-foot Walker Bay Rigid Inflatable Dingy with Mercury 6 hp long shaft 4-cycle motor. Less than 100 hours on the motor. Includes trailer, life

jackets and anchor. Asking \$2,500, call 406.547.2184.

Wanted To Buy

Goodyear Wrangler ST P235/75R16 tire and 16-inch rim. Asking \$150, if interested call 406.378.3243.

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.

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*

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

Sioux Hardseat Facer and Valve Grinder

Asking \$1,500. Call 406.262.3058.

Bissel Cleaner

Bissel Cleaner new in box. Purchased for \$277.00, asking \$200.00. Call 406.262.3058.

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



Melissa Anderson,
Business Support
Representative

Melissa Anderson has been with Triangle Communications for eight years. She began her career with us as a receptionist, moved to a Customer Service Representative on the residential side and is now part of our Business Sales team.

Melissa's Business Sales duties include business service connections, disconnects, changes, troubles and billing questions.

Business sales also includes phone, WiFi and camera system sales. If you know Melissa, you know she likes people. When asked what she likes best about her job, she commented, "Interacting with our members and ensuring their business needs are met."

In their spare time, the Andersons enjoying camping at the lake or in the mountains when they are aren't running kids around for sports. Melissa's signature dish is taco dip. She said, "For every family and friend function it is requested that I bring taco dip."

Melissa is a very family-oriented person. Her favorite vacation was the family trip to the Black Hills in South Dakota and Denver, CO. They visited Mount Rushmore and the surrounding attractions in South Dakota. In Denver, they took in all the sights including the Denver Zoo, Downtown Aquarium, toured the Broncos Stadium and even attended a Colorado Rockies game. The kids had a blast and sounds like the parents did too. In the future she would really like to visit New York City. The bonus being she could indulge her guilty pleasures for shopping and traveling all at once.

Thanks for answering all my questions! I know I am not family, but can I put in a request for Taco Dip?

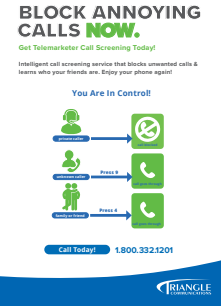
MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER ISSUE WILL WIN \$25!

We received 65 entries that correctly identified at least at least one thing that can interfere your Wi-Fi signal and the Mystery Photo was a portion of the Telemarketing Call Screening ad.

Congratulations to Lucilla Scott and Keith Hill 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 is the deadline to submit your Photo Contest entries?

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 June 1, 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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No matter what you need, Triangle has the plan for you.



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