

Keeping You **CONNECTED**

A photograph of a field filled with hay bales. The bales in the foreground and middle ground are wrapped in plastic with red, white, and blue horizontal stripes. The field extends into the distance, showing more bales and a pattern of harvested and unharvested grass.

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Ashlee Anderson snapped this photo of patriotic bales lining a field near Big Sandy. This photo claimed 5th place in Triangle's 2021 Photo Contest.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPT 5TH**

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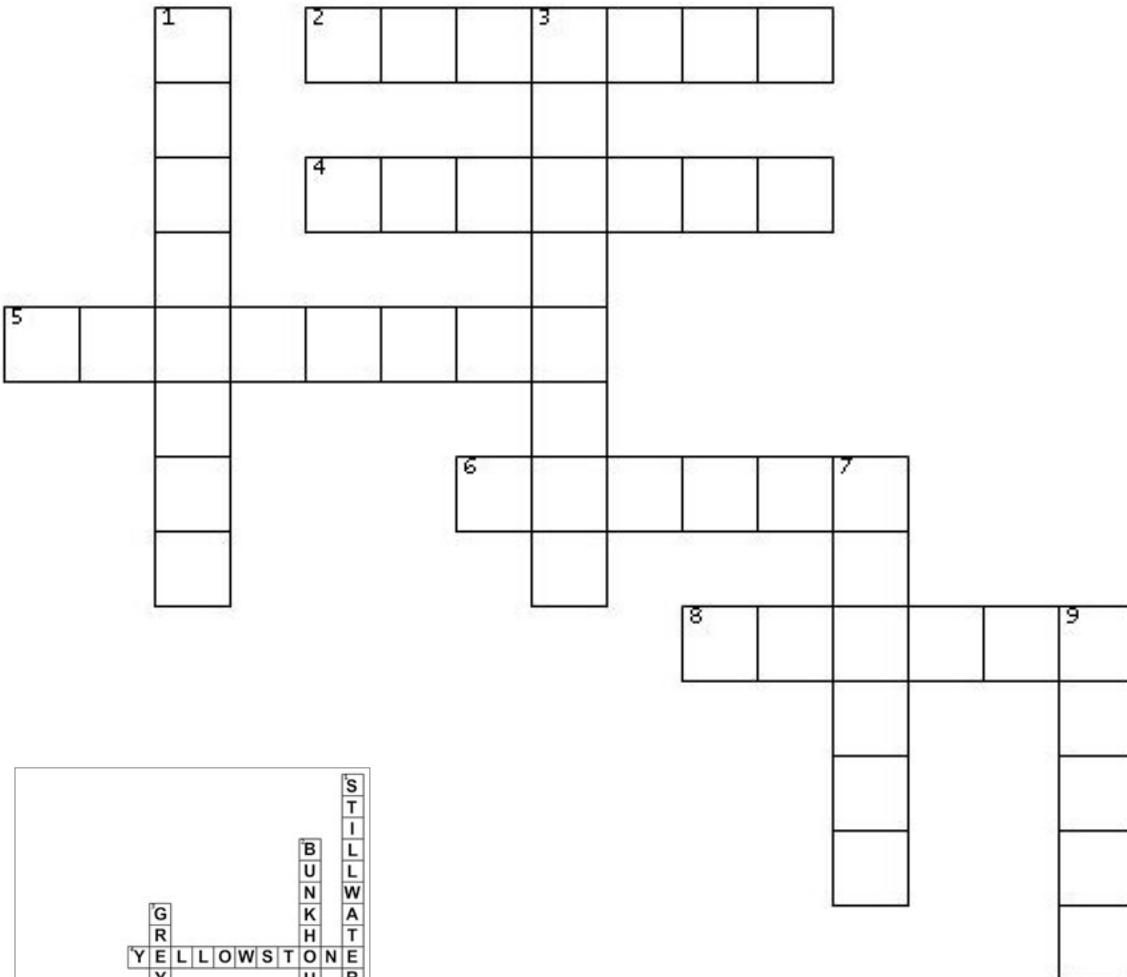
MALTA/TURNER/LORING CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. _____ National Wildlife Refuge and Nelson Reservoir are one of northeast Montana's popular water recreation and fishing areas.
 4. Marian Hills _____ Club is a 9-hole course with a traditional links course, large greens and well-placed bunkers.
 5. Kidd Curry, a member of the Wild Bunch, lived, worked and hid out in _____ County.
 6. The Phillips County _____, located on US 2, features real life dinosaur displays.
 8. Turner, MT is located just a few miles south of the US/Canada _____.

DOWN

1. The Montana Dinosaur _____ takes place each June in Malta.
 3. Malta is a stop on the Montana _____ Trail.
 7. The Loring community is located 16 miles from the Port of _____ and the Canadian border crossing.
 9. The Little _____ Mountains have a rich mining history.



ANSWERS

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For the July/August Community Greycliff/Reed Point Crossword

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

Pan Fried Brussels Sprouts

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

1-2 Tbsp olive oil
2 tsp minced garlic
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 lb fresh Brussels sprouts
Salt and pepper to taste
Garlic powder to taste

DIRECTIONS

Wash, trim and halve Brussels sprouts. Heat oil in a large skillet. Add garlic and onion; cook until soft. Add Brussels sprouts and cook over medium high heat. Do not turn until underside is golden brown. Cook until all sides are golden brown, and sprouts have softened. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder.

RECIPE

Chicken Breasts Diane (Pictured)

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

4 large boneless chicken breast halves
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
2 Tbsp olive oil
2 Tbsp butter
3 Tbsp chopped fresh chives or green onions
Juice of 1/2 lime or lemon
4 cups flour
2 Tbsp brandy or cognac (optional)
3 Tbsp chopped parsley
2 tsp Dijon mustard
1/4 cup chicken broth

DIRECTIONS

Place chicken in a ziplock bag. Seal and pound slightly with a mallet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat 1 Tbsp each of butter and oil in large skillet. Cook chicken over high heat for 4 minutes on each side. Transfer to warm serving platter. Add chives or green onions, lime juice, and booze (if used), parsley and mustard to skillet. Cook 15 seconds, whisking constantly. Whisk in broth. Stir until sauce is smooth. Whisk in remaining butter and oil. Pour sauce over chicken, serving immediately.

RECIPE

Mandarin Orange Cake

Submitted by Andrea Keller of Harlowton

INGREDIENTS

CAKE
2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
2 eggs
2 large cans mandarin oranges, drained
2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt

TOPPINIGS
3/4 cup brown sugar
3 Tbsp milk
3 Tbsp butter

DIRECTIONS

Dump all ingredients in a bowl. Beat 2-3 minutes until well combined. Pour into greased 9x13" pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

While cake is cooking, make topping. Put topping ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over warm cake. Cut and serve. Enjoy!

BUSINESS PROFILE: HARLOWTON



Nestled between the Snowy Mountains and the Crazy Mountains, you will find the small, but welcoming town of Harlowton. According to the 2020 Census, the population of Harlowton is around 955 people.

The small town boasts its wonderful and hearty businesses. Among them is Cream of the West. The company was recently recognized for its outstanding contributions to investment and economic development in Central Montana. Cream

of the West started with a guiding principle of sustaining small, agricultural communities. Since 1914, the company has made healthy, 100% whole grain cereals as well as several other all-natural food products including honey, jam, and its great tasting Montana Morning Coffee. Be sure to check out their delicious products and gift options!



For 30 years, Rocky Mountain Cookware has been a proud member of the Harlowton community. Established in 1992, the company manufactures and ships carbon steel as well as die-stamped griddles and broilers to restaurant supply and equipment dealers. Rocky Mountain Cookware also supplies sporting goods, outdoor outfitter and camping stores throughout the United States and Canada. The quality cookware built by Rocky Mountain Cookware can be enjoyed and passed on for generations!

Gally's Brewing Company is another great stop in Harlowton! Established in 2017, Gally's named after Harold "Gally" Galahan. Gally and his wife, Bessie owned a variety store on the same street in Harlowton in the 1960s called Gally's Five & Dime. Today, Gally's Brewing serves 10 local handcrafted brews on tap. Additionally, the brewery provides custom bar and catering services for events within 100 miles of Harlowton. Stop in to Gally's for a brew, merchandise, or some small-town camaraderie.

While in Harlowton, be sure to swing into Sun Dog Coffee Co. for a delicious breakfast, lunch, or coffee. Travelers passing through have considered Sun Dog a "home away from home" with great service, a homey atmosphere, and wonderful homemade treats. Daily lunch specials provide wide variety for the community.



After you have enjoyed coffee and lunch at Sun Dog and a brew from Gally's, head out for a round of golf to the Jawbone Creek Country Club. With vast views of the mountains, the community-owned course is one of Montana's most beautiful golf courses. The course provides a fun and family-friendly atmosphere. Set up a tee time and make Jawbone Creek one of your next golf outings!



Since 2005, Diana Day has contributed to the community doing something she loves. Diana's Quilts-n-Things not only offers hand-crafted gifts and items from all over Montana, but also has over 3,000 bolts of fabric! In her store, there are supplies for sewers of every skill level. Diana makes beautiful quilts and offers classes for the community. Diana's love for her work and love for her community are evident the second you enter her store.

One of the newest businesses to join the Harlowton business community is Lady Jo Boutique & Photography. Lady Jo's story started in September of 2021 with the grand opening this last spring. An assortment of women's and children's clothing can be found in the quaint boutique, along with other gift options. The owner, Kayleen Jones, also has a passion for photography and enjoys photographing family and senior portraits. As a board member of the Wheatland County Chamber of Commerce, Kayleen is driven to help the community of Harlowton thrive.

The Armory Fitness Center adds fun and fitness to the community.

There are so many more great businesses in Harlowton in addition to those featured here. If you are in the area, stop in and check out the town of Harlowton.



CEO MESSAGE

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the hot summer this year and that you are staying safe!

The flooding of the Yellowstone and Boulder Rivers in the southern part of our state were devastating to say the least. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members, employees and everyone affected by the flooding.

Triangle crews and contractors are working on the 2022 Fiber-to-the-Home upgrades in Moore, the Whispering Pines area, and a portion of Big Timber plus the South Malta (658) exchange. Cut overs to fiber started in Moore are getting close to being completed. Flooding delayed the Big Timber projects a bit, but we are hoping the weather will give us a break to complete our work. Weather has delayed plowing on the South Malta (658) project. We will keep you updated in the magazine and on our website about our progress.

The average number of devices per home is currently twelve (12). Fiber optic cable gives you access to the latest technology to support your connected home. Which is exactly why we are delivering fiber to you now for the future.

Triangle is hosting two Annual Meetings again this year. The first is in Havre on Saturday, October 8th and the second is in Big Timber on October 15th. Watch your mail for the Annual Meeting Notice which will include the times and specific locations of the meetings and much more information about Triangle.

Please confer with our bylaws located online in the top right-hand side of our webpage located at <https://itstriangle.com> and look at Section 5.02, page 13, that details the districts by exchange. This year Districts #1, #2, and #6 are up for election.

The board members seeking re-election this year include Doug Lowry, District #1, Liz Werk, District #2 and Dave Schwarzbach, District #6. If you qualify, (to find out if you qualify look in the bylaws Section 5.05, pages 15, 16 and 17) and wish to run for a board seat, you can file a petition that requires only 15 valid member signatures and return it on or before September 7th at the main office in Havre to be on the ballot for this year's board election.

We look forward to seeing everyone at your Annual Meeting. This is YOUR cooperative and participating has never been easier. Please participate in-person and/or vote by mail. See you there!



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS

Triangle is a cooperative. For cooperatives, our members are also our owners. Your ownership in the Cooperative is represented by capital credits. Members receive capital credit allocations based on their use (also known as patronage) of Triangle's services each year.

The Triangle Board has again decided to offer a capital credit discount offer where the Cooperative will pay each present and former member, at your choice, the present worth or discounted present value (discounted amount) of the member's capital credit account for the years 2002 to 2021.

Information regarding the discounted capital credit balance was included in the letter mailed out in August to all members, past and present, with a capital credit account. If you elect to participate in the capital credit discount offer, please sign the form included with the letter and return in the envelope provided with the letter, deliver to the Havre or Big Timber office, fax to 406-394-7815 or email to capitalcredits@itstriangle.net. Acceptance forms must be received before October 3, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ACCEPTANCE FORMS RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 3, 2022.

If you elect to accept the capital credits discount offer, you will not receive any further refunds of capital credits that were allocated to you for the specified years between 2002 and 2021.

If you choose not to participate in this capital credit discount offer; no action is required on your part, your capital credit account balance for the years 2002 to 2021 will remain

The board is also doing a general retirement for just 1993 - 2001. If you are participating in the discounted offer, you will receive the 1993-2001 amount included with the discounted offer check. If you are not participating in the discounted offer, a standalone check for the 1993-2001 general retirement will be sent to you.

Please email questions to capitalcredits@itstriangle.net or call our office at 1-800-332-1201.

TRIANGLE PHOTO CONTEST

- Mail in your vote or "Like" photos to vote on our Top 20 album on Facebook by 9/30!
- Mail in votes and Facebook Likes will be tallied to determine winners
- First place will earn \$200! Second through sixth place will earn \$50



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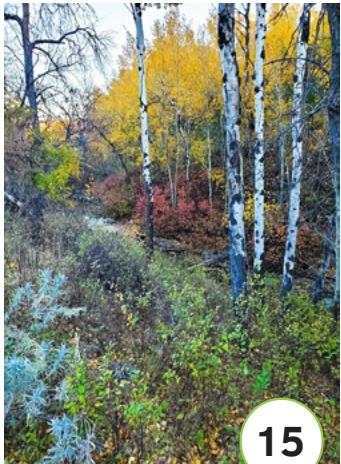
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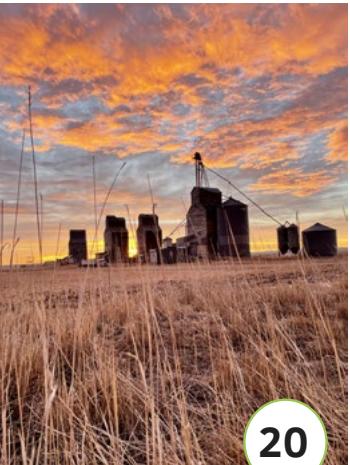
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TRIANGLE PHOTO CONTEST BALLOT

Name: _____

Triangle Phone #: _____

Favorite Photo #: _____

Mail this form to:

Triangle Photo Contest
PO Box 1220
Havre MT 59501

One ballot per person

TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS TEACHER APPRECIATION PROGRAM

This year, we were pleased to present the first Teacher Appreciation Program award to Austin Rogers, 5th grade teacher at Hobson Public Schools. Ms. Rogers grew up in Fairfield and has a love for rural Montana. Her passion for teaching was inspired by her mother who has been a long-time public educator.

Ms. Rogers loves to help her students succeed while also being involved in the community through coaching and volunteering. This spring, Ms. Rogers completed her first full year as an educator, and we wish her continued success in her career!

To learn more about this opportunity, please visit our website:
itstriangle.com/education-support/teacher-appreciation-program



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

The Benefit Provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service.
- Up to \$75/month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

A household is eligible if a member meets at least one of the criteria below:

- 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.

Two-Steps to Enroll

1. Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application. Once your application is approved, you are ready to enroll with an internet service provider.
2. To enroll with Triangle, call 1-800-332-1201 with your Qualifying ID number from step 1 to begin the enrollment process with a customer service representative.

If you are having issues with Triangle Communications regarding an ACP-supported service or having difficulties enrolling with Triangle Communications, you have the right to file a complaint with the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center.

For more information, contact the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center at 888-CALL-FCC (888-225-5322) or visit consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.

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.

Property for Sale

Located in a historic town where Lewis & Clark camped (Decision Point). Small home/original Great Northern Depot and 1 room schoolhouse all housing antiques, collectibles, and as-is items for sale. All merchandise and display equipment goes with the property. Priced to sell at a reasonable offer. Call 406.739.4361 or 406.781.4245 for more information.

Wanting to Buy

Antique wood cookstove and horsedrawn wagon. Call 406.707.0244.

Sleigh Bed, Dresser, and Antique Organ

Sleigh bed and matching dresser. Asking \$350 for set. Old antique pump organ needs work. Asking \$50 for organ. Call 406.674.5520.

Delta Al Cream Separator*

Cream separator for sale, call for pricing 406.780.1572.

Wanting to Buy

Wanting to buy a 360 or 390 Ford engine, call 406.301.4035.

Ranchhand Grill Guard & Receiver Hitch

Ranchhand grill guard and front receiver hitch plus all mounting hardware that fits 2014 Ram 1/2-ton 4x4. Please call 406.390.3522 for an appointment to inspect or to ask questions. Reasonable offers are desired.

Ginger McSpadden Dulcimers For Sale

Two ginger McSpadden dulcimers in excellent shape. \$150 each, call 406.932.4583.

Grain Lifters

John Deere and Gaterman grain lifters for combine or swather. Call 406.622.5170 for more information.

Two Perception Caspia Kayaks*

Two Perception Caspia Kayaks with skirts and graphite double-blade paddles. These kayaks were bought brand new in 1996. Very gently used and in excellent condition. The boats are very stable due to their relatively wide beam. Asking price is \$375 for each boat, including skirts and paddles. Would negotiate a discount if you buy both boats. Call 406.547.3803, leave a message if no answer and owner will reply ASAP.

National Finals Rodeo Tickets For Sale

National Finals Rodeo Tickets in Las Vegas, 2 tickets. Five (5) nights December 1-5, 2022, seats located in Sec 226, Row H, seats 15 & 16. Asking \$825.00, call 406.759.5894.

Singer Sewing Machine*

Singer sewing machine with cabinet, \$300. Call 406.402.0622.

Misc For Sale

Small Pot Belly woodstove with stove pipe, 1950 era Royal typewriter, manual Olympia typewriter, Seventec collegiate typewriter. Call 406.930.2200 for pricing and more information.

Dexter Trailer Axle

Dexter trailer axle, 7-foot wide, P-15 Model SLR with electric brakes. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

MinnKota Motor

MinnKota endura boat motor, 40 lbs. thrust. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

Wood Oars

7-foot wood oars with oar locks, like new. Asking \$70, call 406.547.2184.

Wanting to Sell

Looking to buy 1955 to 1959 Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, call 406.326.2287 or 406.298.0614.

Boat For Sale

1971 Sanger V-Drive fiberglass boat with 440 Chrysler engine and homemade trailer. Asking for \$6,000. Call Lenard at 406.378.2572.

Wanting to Buy

Looking for an older pull-type camper for storage. Call 406.390.2276.

Wanting to Buy

Looking for ornate hot water (heating) radiators, height of 30" or less. Call 540.624.0502.

Antique Hot Water Radiator

Antique hot water radiator. Under window size, without legs. \$150, call 540.624.0502.

John Deere Combine For Sale

1979 John Deere 6600 Combine with 22-foot header and 3424 hours. Good tires, clean, runs well and includes lots of extra parts. Call 406.355.4479.

Boat and Motors for Sale

11-foot aluminum boat with 2 outboard motors, a 6hp two-stroke outboard motor, and a 2 hp two-stroke outboard motor. Includes fuel tank and oars. Best offer, call 406.669.3330 (no texts, landline only please).

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!



Marcella Holden, Telephone
Billing and Credit
Representatives Supervisor

WHO'S WHO: MARCELLA HOLDEN

Marcella Holden has seen a lot of changes over her 32 years at Triangle Communications. In her current position she supervises the Telephone Billing and Credit Representatives, maintains our billing software, and coordinates the processes for the monthly bill run. Marcella also balances, audits, and runs reports for the accounting department plus all the other things she has accumulated over the years. Marcella is the one we go to when we have a billing question.

When asked what the best part of her job is, Marcella said, "The people, both co-workers and our members." In her spare time, she likes to watch TV and spend time with her family. Marcella

and her brother Reg meet up somewhere on Reg's February breaks from school and have a fun adventure. I think every vacation with Reg might be her favorite. Marcella confessed that her guilty pleasure is "Ugly Mondays", which is an Ugly Burger from a local drive-in restaurant.

One thing she didn't mention is her impressive collection of Triangle phone books that fills a whole bookcase!

MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

**TWO LUCKY SUBSCRIBERS PER
ISSUE WILL WIN \$25!**

We received 83 entries that correctly identified tips to avoid spoofing calls (don't answer calls from an unknown source) and the Mystery Photo was a portion of the Stop Robo Calls graphic.



Congratulations to Lloyd Dionne and Jill Scott 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 are the locations for Triangle's Annual Meetings?

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 October 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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Member
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Havre - October 8th
MSU-Northern Student Union Building

Big Timber - October 15th
Sweet Grass Fairgrounds Community Center

Registration: 8:30 AM - Meeting: 10:00 AM - Lunch served afterwards