

# Keeping You **CONNECTED**

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The logo for Triangle Communications features a stylized white graphic of a triangle with a curved line through it, followed by the text "TRIANGLE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font and "COMMUNICATIONS" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font below it.

**TRIANGLE**  
COMMUNICATIONS

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Rod Schaff's photo captured the colorful clouds while seeding his fields. This photo was awarded 5th place in Triangle's 2022 Photo Contest.

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**LABOR DAY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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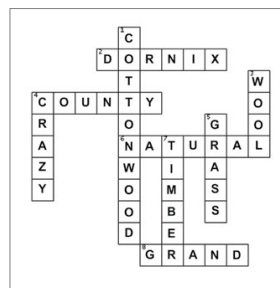
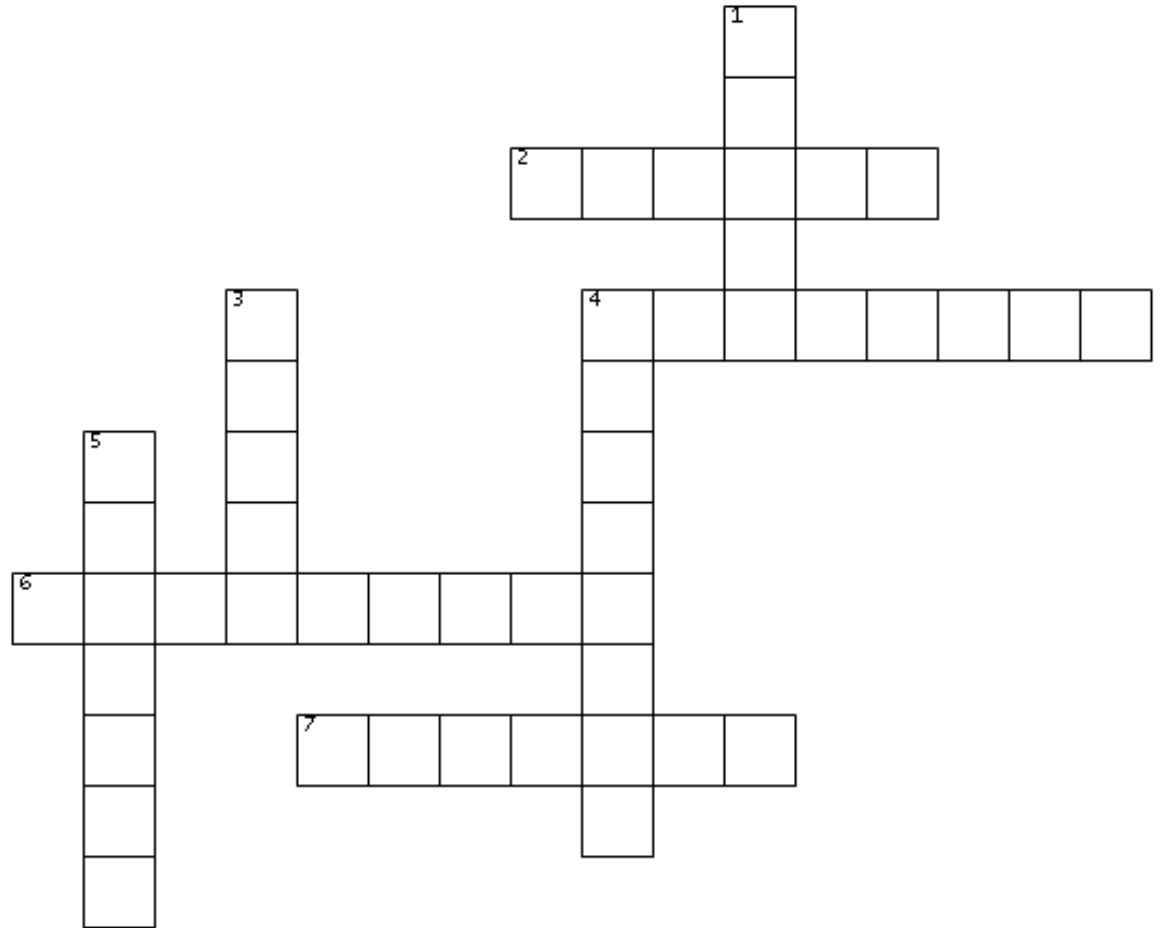
# CHESTER CROSSWORD CLUES

## ACROSS

- The Liberty County \_\_\_\_\_ and Liberty Village Art Center are great places to visit in Chester.
- The First Episcopal Church and the First State Bank of Chester are listed in the \_\_\_\_\_ Register.
- The first \_\_\_\_\_ operator named the new station Chester after his hometown in Pennsylvania.
- \_\_\_\_\_ County was created in 1920.

## DOWN

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Grass Hills to the north of Chester are the highest elevation peaks east of Glacier Park within 30 miles of Hwy 2.
- Chester eclipsed both \_\_\_\_\_ and Shelby in size and boasted the largest town west of Minot, ND.
- The Great \_\_\_\_\_ Railway constructed a water tank, windmill, and section house in Chester in 1891.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the county seat of Liberty County.



## ANSWERS

For the July/Aug  
Big Timber 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.



### RECIPE

#### Grilled Lime-Cilantro Chuck Steak

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

##### INGREDIENTS

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 3 Tbsp. fresh lime juice                     | 1 lg. garlic clove, minced                             |
| 3 Tbsp. water                                | ¼ tsp. ground cumin                                    |
| 1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped. | 1 ¼ lb. boneless beef chuck eye steaks, about 1" thick |
| 1 Tbsp. chopped cilantro                     |  |

##### DIRECTIONS

In a glass baking dish large enough to hold the steaks, combine all ingredients except steaks. Add steaks and turn a few times to coat well. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator, turning occasionally if you can. Remove steaks at least an hour later and grill to your liking. Discard marinade.

### RECIPE

#### Green Bean Bake

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

##### INGREDIENTS

- |                               |                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 ½ Tbsp. butter              | 1 ½ cups fresh mushrooms, sliced     |
| 3 Tbsp. flour                 | 1 ¼ pounds fresh green beans, cooked |
| 1 ½ cups milk                 | 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs, toasted     |
| 3 tsp. dry ranch dressing mix |                                      |
| ½ tsp. pepper                 |                                      |
| 1 cup chopped onion           |                                      |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced       |                                      |

##### DIRECTIONS

Melt butter in a small saucepan. Stir in flour and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Using a whisk, stir in milk and bring to a boil. Cook 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened, whisking constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in dressing mix and pepper. Set aside. Cook garlic and onion in a skillet sprayed with cooking spray until tender. Remove half of onion mixture and cook until mushrooms are tender. Combine green beans and white sauce, pour into a large casserole dish. Combine breadcrumbs with reserved onion mixture and sprinkle over casserole. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

### RECIPE

#### Cream Cheese Squares

From HCE/Triangle Cooking for a Cure Cookbook

##### INGREDIENTS

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 2 (8 oz.) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough | ½ cup margarine, melted |
| 2 (8 oz.) pkgs cream cheese                     | ¼ cup white sugar       |
| 1 cup white sugar                               | 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  |
| 1 tsp vanilla extract                           |                         |

##### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9x13 inch pan. Press one can of the crescent rolls into the bottom of the prepared pan. In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, 1 cup of sugar and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Spread over the crescent layer. Unroll the second can of crescent rolls and lay them over the top of the cream cheese layer. Do not press down. Pour the melted margarine over the entire pan. Combining the remaining ¼ cup of sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over the top. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until the top is crisp and golden.

EARN A FREE GIFT JUST FOR SHARING!



# SPONSORSHIPS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Triangle Communications is dedicated to partnering with community and non-profit organizations to support events, activities and projects that serve the needs of the members in our cooperative service area. Our area of interest includes: arts and culture; education; sports and recreation; community service activities; wellness and health.

Triangle Communications gives priority to requests that include the following type of activities:

- Events that make a difference in the communities that we serve
- Events that benefit a broad range of members
- Opportunities for job creation
- Civic improvement projects

## APPLY TO PARTNER WITH US

Please submit your partnership request 45 days in advance. Applications are reviewed monthly. Apply to Partner with Us at [itstriangle.com/community-partnership-application](https://itstriangle.com/community-partnership-application).

*Triangle Communications appreciates the opportunity to partner with your event. We may opt to promote the sponsorship and/or the event on our website, Facebook page, YouTube Channel, customer statements, printed collateral and other digital or print avenues. We also request to take photos and/or video footage to capture the event. Due to regulatory constraints, Triangle Communications is unable to donate services, including voice and broadband. Checks will be processed once the fundraising for the project is completed.*

## CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!



**Havre Police Protective Association**

**Malta Kids Club**

**Hospitality House**

**Chinook Public Schools**

**Havre Women's Golf Association**

**Choteau County Fair**

**Sweet Grass Technical Institute**

**Big Flat Community Grain Bin**

# CEO MESSAGE



Craig Gates  
General Manager/CEO

This year, Triangle Communications will be hosting only one meeting for our 69th Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will take place in Havre on Saturday, October 7th at the Student Union Building on the campus of MSU-Northern. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, the meeting follows at 10:00 AM and lunch is served after the meeting is complete.

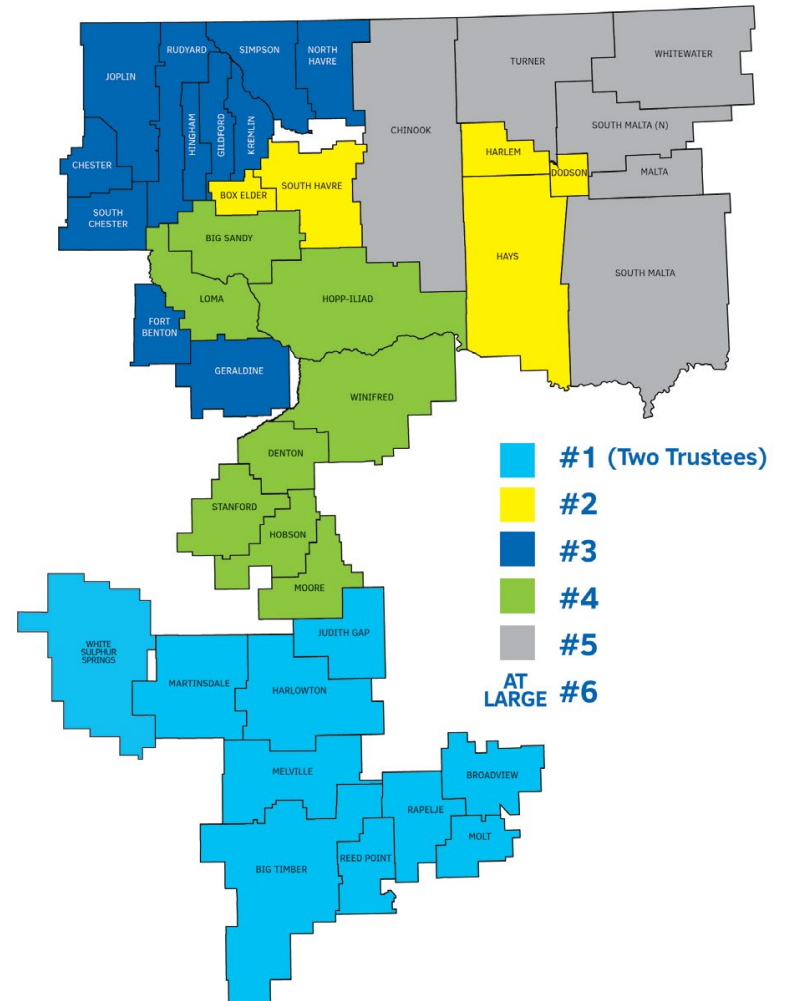
This year we have two Districts up for election: District 1 and District 3. Watch your mail for the Annual Meeting Notice, as well as the mail-in ballot which will be sent out to members.

I would like to thank Tom Bangs for his 30 years of service to the members of Triangle Communications. Tom has made the decision to retire as the Trustee for District 3. We wish him all the best.

Our 2023 Fiber to the Home projects are moving forward. Construction has finished on two of the six Fiber to the Home projects and the contractor has started splicing cable in Big Timber town and Whispering Pines. Members in the town of Big Timber and Whispering Pines area should be getting cutover to fiber soon, if they have not already. The South Chester exchange has been plowed completely and the contractor has moved to Geraldine where they have brought drops to members in town and rural plowing should be completed soon.

Why fiber? It is estimated that by 2025 US households will have an average of 20 connected devices. That fact makes it even more important for us to bring the best possible Internet experience to our members. Bringing fiber to all our service areas

will allow our members to have faster and better service than ever before. If you are connected to our fiber or have just recently been connected to the fiber, you may want to call and talk to our Customer Service team to find a package that works for you.



# 2023 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP OF A LIFETIME



Kataya Kill Eagle

## KATAYA KILL EAGLE

My name is Kataya Kill Eagle and I was one of the winners for the 2023 FRS youth tour trip that was sponsored by Triangle Communications. I was so excited but nervous about going to D.C. because I was going there not knowing anyone who had also won the trip. It was a bit nerve racking knowing that there were going to be 100 students from 21 different states attending the tour, but I made a lot of new friends from different states. I even became really good friends with two of the girls on the trip.

While in D.C., we were busy every day touring different sites. A couple of my favorite things we did was visit Mt Vernon, viewed the numerous memorials, and watched the Shear madness performance. We also got to meet our local Senators at the nation's capital.

Aside from the amazing sites we got to visit in D.C., the group activities that FRS hosted at our hotel were fun and engaging. The trip offered many learning opportunities throughout the week. We got to visit the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and learn about how they are responsible for regulating all types of communication across the 50 states and enforcing America's communication laws internationally, as well.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend this trip and I would like to thank Triangle Communications for selecting me to take part in this wonderful experience.

## ALLANA HOLDERMAN

Over the course of the few days I was in D.C., I'd have to say that one of my favorite parts of the trip involved meeting the Montana Senators on our first full day there. Senator Daines and Senator Tester were kind enough to let the Montana kids into their offices to speak about small, rural communities and broadband internet access, with the inclusion of Senator Tester speaking about a bill he is proposing regarding said internet access.

Other than that, I loved visiting all the different memorials the city had to offer, with my favorite being the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial! Mount Vernon,

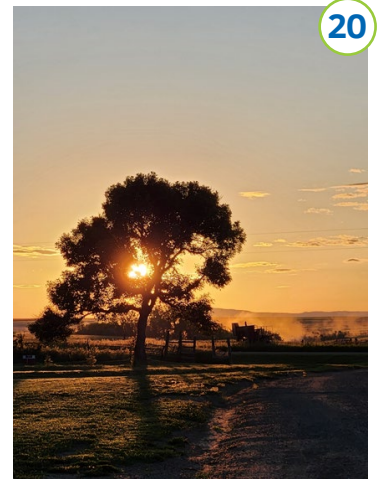
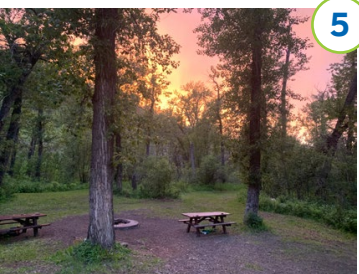
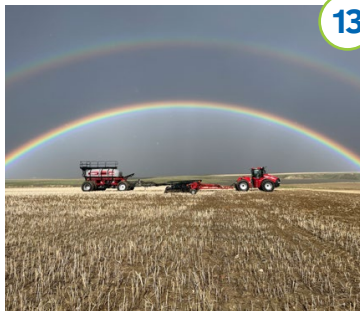
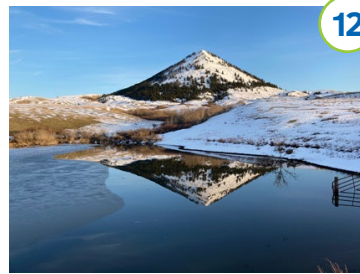
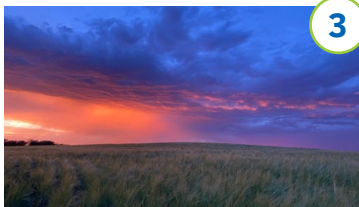
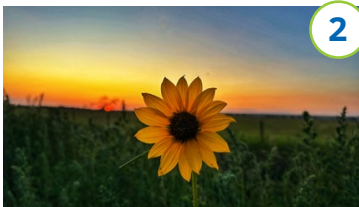
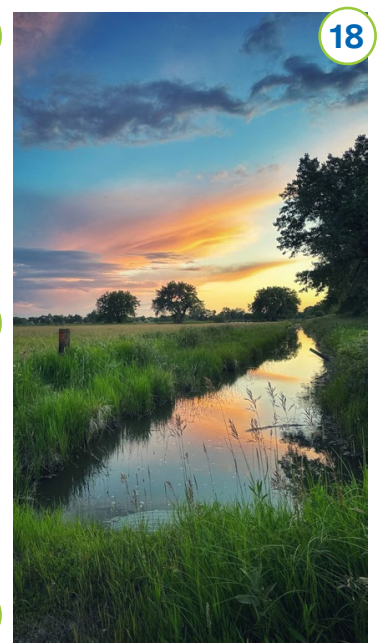
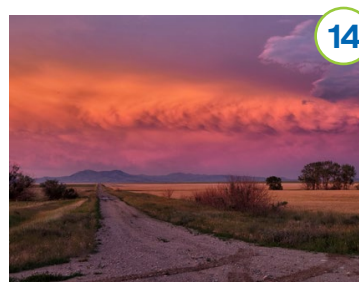
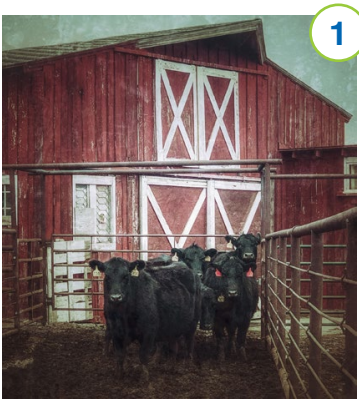
the estate of George Washington is also something I enjoyed as I got to learn more about the First President of the United States than I originally did.

I also visited the Holocaust Museum, the Capitol, the Federal Communications Commission and so many more places! This trip has made me want to go back and visit our nation's capital again as soon as possible and I am so thankful to Triangle Communications for giving me the opportunity for the experience of a lifetime!



Allana Holderman

TRIANGLE PHOTO CONTEST TOP 20





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ALLOCATED CAPITAL CREDITS

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

The board is doing a general retirement for the year 2022 and has decided to also offer an allocated capital credit discounted offer as well. The Cooperative will pay each present and former member who have an allocated account during the discounted time period, the present worth or discounted present value (discounted amount) of the member's allocated capital credits for the years 2003 to 2022.

Information regarding the discounted capital credit balance was included in the letter mailed out in July to all members, past and present, with an allocated capital credit account. If you elect to participate in the discounted offer, please sign the form included with the letter and return in the envelope provided with the letter, you can deliver it to the Havre or Big Timber office, fax it to 406-394-7815 or scan and email to [capitalcredits@itstriangle.net](mailto:capitalcredits@itstriangle.net). **Acceptance forms must be RECEIVED before September 15, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for acceptance forms RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2023.**

If you choose not to participate in the discounted offer, you will **NOT** receive a retirement of your

allocated capital credits for the specified years between 2003 and 2022. No further action will be required on your part and your allocated capital credit balance for the years 2003 to 2022 will remain unchanged. Members will still be eligible to receive future retirements of all allocated capital credits when approved by the board.

If you are participating in the discounted offer, you will receive the 2022 general retirement amount included with the discount check. If you are not participating in the discounted offer, a check for the 2002 general retirement will be sent to you.

Please email questions to [capitalcredits@itstriangle.net](mailto:capitalcredits@itstriangle.net) or call our office at 1-800-332-1201.

## HOW TO SET UP AUTO PAY

### SET UP THROUGH ONLINE BILL PAY:

1. Log in to My Account.
2. Click "Billing & Payments" in the menu bar.
3. Click "Auto Pay Program" on the left side of the screen.
4. Click "Sign Up for Auto Pay" on the bottom right.
5. Enter credit/debit card or checking account information.

### SET UP THROUGH SMART HUB APP

1. Log in to My Account.
2. Click "Billing & Payments" in the menu bar.
3. Click "Auto Pay Program" on the left side of the screen.
4. Click "Sign Up for Auto Pay" on the bottom right.
5. Enter credit/debit card or checking account information.

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS BILLING

1. Login to your account
2. Go to "My Profile" then "Update My Printed Bill Settings"
3. Switch "Printed Bill Status" to "OFF"
4. That's it!

The screenshot shows the Triangle Communications website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Billing & Payments', 'My Profile', 'My Usage', and 'Contact Us'. Below this, there's a 'My Information' sidebar with options like 'Update My Email Address or Password', 'Manage My Registered Accounts', 'Update My Billing Address & Contact Information', 'Manage My Stored Payment Accounts', 'Update My Security Phrase', and 'Update My Secret Hint Question'. The main content area is titled 'Printed Bill Settings' and includes a table with columns for 'Customer' and 'Account'. The 'Printed Bill Status' is currently set to 'ON'. A pink circle highlights this status, and a black arrow points to it with the text 'Switch from "ON" to "OFF"'. There are also 'Log Out | Help | Triangle Home' and 'Pay Now' links in the top right corner.

# SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members! **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 month's magazine. \*Denotes photo available on website

Check out the current version online at [www.itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop!](http://www.itstriangle.com/swap-and-shop!)

## 2005 Crestliner 1950 Sportfish\*

Purchased new in 2009, one owner. Includes a boat cover, 200-horsepower Mercury Motor, one 9.9 Mercury Kicker motor, a 24-volt trolling motor, and 2 depth finders. Many accessories included, call 406.262.4015 or see in person at 700 Cleveland Road.

## In Search of Pickups and Parts

1949 to 1959 Chevrolet or GMC 1/2-ton pickup or just parts. Call 406.326.2287.

## Sanger Speedboat

Sanger Speedboat, asking \$6,000 or best offer. Call 406.378.2572.

## 980 Case 446 Tractor

1980 Case 446 tractor 2 cycle, 16hp, hydro with 48-inch mower. New battery, always stored inside, nice tires, set and paint. Call Mike at 406.374.2458.

## 2016 Starweld Boat

18 Pro Merc 150 (20 hrs) Merc 9.9 kicker, minn-kota troll, 4 seats, ram mount rod holders, bimini top, travel cover, shorelander trailer. Asking \$32,000, call 406.566.2426.

## Hunting Lease Wanted

Respectful, honest group of sportsmen seek long-term yearly hunting lease for elk, deer and other game. We are willing to compensate a landowner well for premier hunting. We will work with landowner to manage game and allow period(s) for landowner and family to hunt, Contact David at 406.263.2133, serious inquiries only.

## Tires For Sale

Four 33x12.50R17 General Grabbers at 95% on black aluminum rims, 5x5.5 bolt pattern. Asking \$1,200, call 406.566.2274.

## 1955 Ford 600 Series Tractor with Ford loader

Does not run but not seized, good tins. Asking \$1,500, call 406.566.2274.

## 1985 Ford F150

4x4 1985 Ford F150 4x4, 300-6, 4 speed, good body, very little rust, front dif bad but have used one for replacement. Parked because of starter/solenoid issue 12 years ago. Asking \$5,000, call 406.566.2274.

## Culvert For Sale

Galvanized steel culvert, 12" diameter, 14' long. Never used, \$225, call 406.547.2184.

## Car Dolly

Heavy duty car dolly with new tires and wheels, Dexter axle, electric brakes, \$400. Call 406.547.2184.

## Craftsman Zero Turn Mower

42", 22 HP, 130 hours, rear bagger. Asking \$1,800, call 406.378.3122.

## 7Up Refrigerated Cooler and more

Nice original 7up soda pop refrigerator cooler out of an old grocery store, asking \$650. Also have Cushman scooter parts for sale. Firebird original snowflake wheels, \$350.00. call 406.350.1392.

## 1979 CJ5 Jeep with winch

1979 CJ5 Jeep with winch, steel cab and roll bar. New tires, batter, starter, fuel pump and windshield. Runs good. Also and 1989 Dodge short box V8 auto. All original, great shape with seats and carpet in excellent shape. Very hard to find one like this, runs great. No rust 87K, 2nd owner. 1980 Case 446 tractor with 46 inch mower and hydro, 16 hp. Good tires and paint, always inside, \$1,500. Call 406.350.1392.

## 1967 Ford F100

1967 Ford F100 4x4, 360, 4 speed, upgraded front and rear difs, power front disc brakes, very little rust, 2-inch front lift. New 235 8SR16 tires on new white spoke wheels. Runs great but leaks oil and water. Located in Stanford, asking \$10,000, call 406.566.2274.

## Musical Instruments, Books and misc

Yamaha FG800 guitar and case, \$125.00. The Old West (Time-Life Books) 27-volume set plus Master index, \$150.00. Bamboo Lupaca pan flute, 21 pipes with case, \$110. Can text photos. Call 406.622.5093 or 406.231.0969.

## Whole & Half Pork For Sale

Farm raised in Havre, processed at the Saco Pay and Save. Processing in June and October. Whole \$450 plus processing and half is \$250 plus processing. You receive appr. 150 lbs of meat per whole hog. I deliver processed meat locally and area between Saco and Havre on pickup day. Contact Twyla at 406.230.2281 (text or call).

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

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: JEFF KOGLMANN

Jeff has been at Triangle for a year and a half and oversees operations of the Combination Technicians assigned to construction and maintenance in the South Service area. He also promotes and maintains positive communication between Triangle and the communities we serve in the South Service area.

Jeff enjoys solving problems and says that is what he likes best about his job. In his spare time, he likes to do anything outdoors and spending time with his family. Jeff and his wife, Tiffany, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Together they have 2 teenagers, Kian and Zoey.

When he was younger, Jeff was a wildland firefighter and after that, worked as a Network Technician for CenturyLink. He was the Boy Scout "Scoutmaster" for Laurel's Troop 414, until Kian obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, in 2022. Jeff is still active with the troop. Jeff's favorite vacation was a 4-day backpacking trip, climbing Cloud Peak (Bighorn National Forest), with his Boy Scouts. The elevation was 13,176 feet.

We are lucky to have Jeff on our team.



## MYSTERY PHOTO AND TELCO QUIZ

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

We received 45 entries that correctly named at least one Youth Program Triangle offers and the Mystery Photo was the Cyber Power box.

Congratulations to Sarah Karpstein and Renee Evans 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 date of the Triangle Annual Meeting?

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2. Mystery Photo (right):

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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 September 27, 2023 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](http://www.itstriangle.com/telco-quiz).*





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