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Stephanie Genereux of Big Sandy captured this incredible Northern Lights display. It also earned her 4th place in the 2023 Photo Contest.

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BIG SANDY & BOX ELDER CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

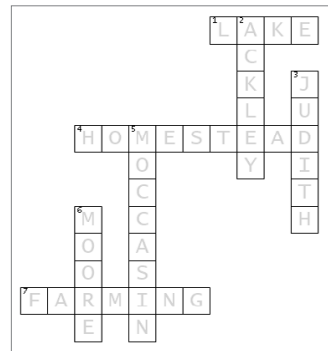
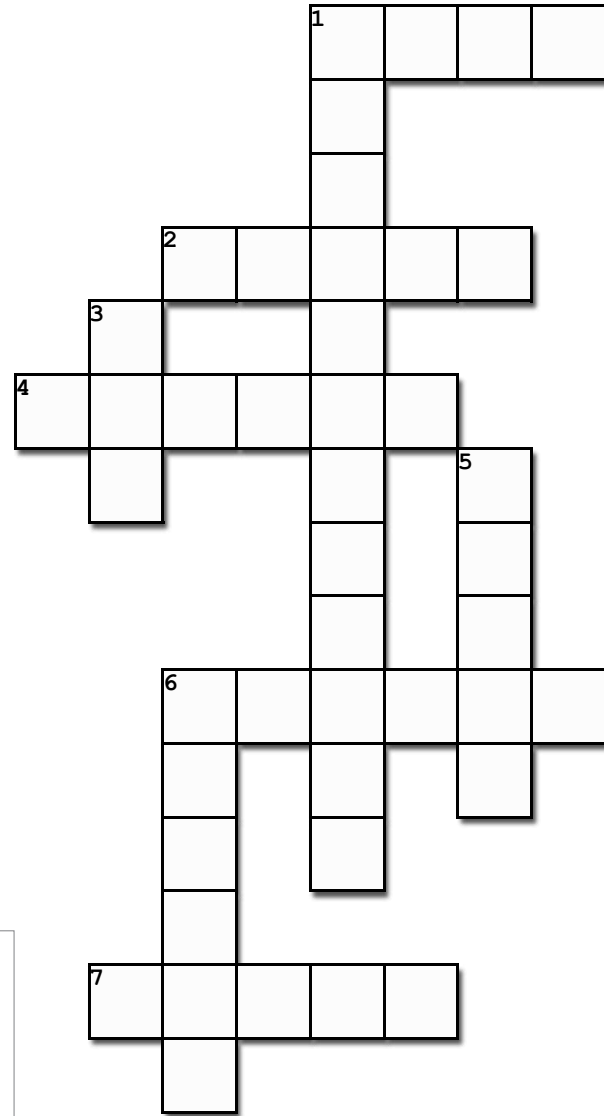
2. ___ Elder & Big Sandy Crossword Clues
4. Big ___ is located in Chouteau County.
6. ___ began arriving in Big Sandy in 1909 and the influx continued for a decade.
8. Jeff ____, bassist for Pearl Jam built a skatepark in Big Sandy in 2010.

DOWN

1. The town originally called Bremer was changed to ___ Elder.
2. Stone Child College is located 8 miles east of Box Elder in ___.
3. The town was first called ____, the name of an early homesteader.
5. Box Elder is located near the southern border of Hill ___.
7. Originally named Bremer, the name was eventually changed to Box ___ because of the trees that lined the nearby creek.

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.
Letters are shared when the words intersect.



ANSWERS
For the May/June
Moore and Moccasin

DISTRICT ELECTIONS 2024

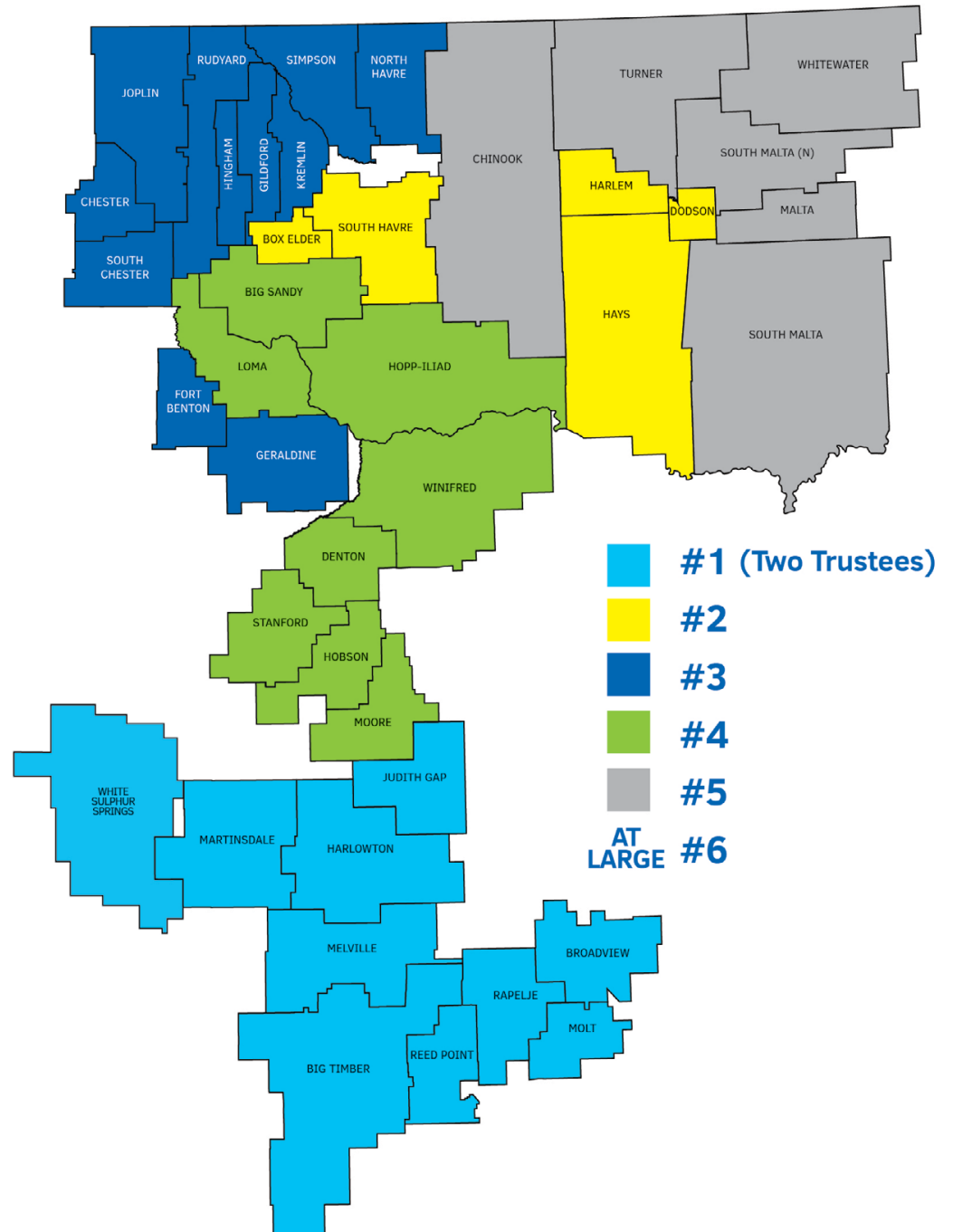
Opportunity available to serve your community as a Trustee for Triangle Telephone Cooperative. Triangle has 2 Districts up for elections this fall. To run for an open position, the member must reside within the District they wish to serve and have an active account in good standing.

District 4 – Big Sandy, Loma, Hopp-Iliad, Winifred, Denton, Stanford, Hobson & Moore.

District 5 – Chinook, Turner, Whitewater, South Malta and Malta

Triangle Trustees serve a 3-year term. Members can be nominated by submitting their name to the nomination committee for review and potential nomination by emailing nomination@itstriangle.net or by running by petition. Nominations by petition are due August 28, 2024.

Additional information can be found in our [by-laws](#).



BITES AND BREWS COMMUNITY FEATURE

White Sulphur Springs

White Sulphur Springs boasts a rich history deeply intertwined with its natural resources. In the late 19th century, the discovery of gold in nearby Meagher County brought a wave of prospectors and settlers, leading to the town's official founding in 1880. Today, the town continues to embrace its heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into its colorful past while showcasing the natural beauty that has drawn people to this unique Montana oasis for generations. The Spa Hot Springs, Tenderfoot Cabins and The Edith Hotel host great accommodations when you are visiting the area.



Montana Roadhouse

With a menu that boasts an array of mouthwatering dishes, this establishment ensures that there's something for everyone. In addition to its delectable food, The Montana Roadhouse also offers a selection of local brews and house drinks. The Roadhouse also hosts weekly specials, such as Burger Friday, and extends a special 10% discount to veterans every day. The Montana Roadhouse is the ideal destination for a memorable dining experience you can enjoy Sunday 9am-2pm, Tuesday 5pm-10pm and Wednesday through Saturday 9am-10pm. Don't forget to like Montana Roadhouse on Facebook and check out montanaroadhousewss.com to keep up with their specials and upcoming events.

2 Basset Brewery

The 2 Basset Brewery is a family-owned and operated establishment that has been delighting beer enthusiasts with its extensive selection of brews on tap since their opening in 2016. This charming brewery not only offers a wide variety of flavors to suit every palate, but it also boasts a super fun atmosphere. Excitingly this memorable atmosphere will be moving with The 2 Basset Brewery right across the street to their new location potentially this summer! The 2 Basset Brewery is the perfect destination for those seeking a unique and enjoyable drinking experience, all while being surrounded by the loveable charm of man's best friend.

This-N-That Peddlers

The This-N-That Peddlers is a delightful ice cream shop that offers a unique blend of sweet treats and local crafts and craft classes. With a wide variety of hard and soft serve ice creams, as well as old-fashioned candies and sodas, this charming establishment caters to the nostalgic cravings of ice cream lovers of all ages. As you indulge in your favorite frozen delights, don't forget to browse through the antiques, the quilting corner, and Montana-made crafts on display, showcasing the region's rich artistic heritage and providing a perfect opportunity to take home a piece of local culture.

Bar 47

Bar 47 is a fun, welcoming restaurant where family & friends enjoy food, drink, and fun. Brimming with western flavor and small-town appeal, Bar 47 is on the must-experience list for anyone in White Sulphur Springs. With a full menu of food and drink options, everyone will be able to satisfy their cravings and have a great time doing it.

Haugan Express

Located in the parking lot of the Spa Hot Springs Motel, the Haugan Express offers a diverse menu of made-to-order meals that cater to a wide range of tastes. This delightful eatery is not only known for its scrumptious food but also for its hot cups of coffee and cozy outdoor seating. Whether you're a local or a traveler, the Haugan Express is a must-visit destination for a satisfying meal and a relaxing ambiance.

Bob & Kelli's Café

This beloved establishment serves up an array of homemade breakfast and lunch delights that will tantalize your taste buds. Bob & Kelli's is renowned for its daily specials, offering a unique and delectable menu that keeps customers coming back for more. Whether you're a local looking for a comforting meal or a traveler seeking a taste of small-town charm, this cafe promises an unforgettable experience.

Wild Oats Baking

This bakery coffee-shop offers a wide variety of from-scratch baked goods, coffee, tea, and espresso, as well as quick and delicious breakfast and lunch options. Since opening in 2021 they've become known for their cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, and high-quality coffee. Outdoor and indoor seating available with a cozy, welcoming atmosphere just off of main street. Wild Oats Baking is a great place to grab a quick bite, meet friends for coffee, or pick up some pastries to take home.

Stockman Steakhouse

Indulge in culinary excellence at The Stockman Steakhouse, where every dish is crafted with love and care. Experience the finest USDA Prime cuts for an unforgettable steak experience or savor other meal options with locally raised ground beef. The menu boasts a diverse selection of delectable options, ensuring something to satisfy every palate. Quench your thirst with local beers on tap or sip on expertly crafted drinks.

Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack

This smokehouse offers a tantalizing array of house-made breads, sides, and desserts, all meticulously crafted to complement their signature smoked meats. To top it off, they serve an impressive selection of craft beer and wine, making it the perfect spot for a memorable dining experience. Open for both lunch and dinner, Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack also offers great specials, ensuring that every visit is a delightful and delicious one.

Stageline Pizza

Stageline Pizza, a unique dining experience, offers not just mouth-watering pizzas, and much more, for dinner or take-out, but also a dine-in movie theater. With a diverse menu and a cozy atmosphere, Stageline Pizza is a must-visit for locals or travelers passing through.

Ringling, MT

The town of Ringling, Montana, originally known as Leader, owes its name to a prominent figure in American entertainment and business: John Ringling, a member of the renowned Ringling Brothers Circus family. The town's transformation from Leader to Ringling occurred in 1908 when the White Sulphur Springs and Yellowstone Park Railway was built, a project John Ringling heavily financed and presided over. Thus, the town's name change not only reflected the railway's construction but also acknowledged John Ringling's significant impact on the region's development.



Ringling, MT

A short 20-minute drive South from White Sulphur Springs will bring you to the little town of Ringling, home of the Ringling Bar. Their menu offers options such as fine steaks, seafoods, hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, brats, and Saturday night succulent prime rib. To accompany your food, the Ringling bar also offers a great selection of beverages to satisfy everyone's tastes. This is a must stop for great food, drinks and fun!

CEO MESSAGE



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

At the heart of our organization lies a profound dedication to our members, the very individuals who make our mission possible. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every member feels valued, empowered, and connected.

Our dedication manifests in various ways, from offering exceptional resources and services tailored for our members. Also fostering a community that celebrates achievements and encourages their growth. We seek feedback to help the Cooperative to implement improvements to ensure that our offerings are relevant, impactful, and responsive to the evolving needs of our membership.

This unwavering commitment to our members is the driving force behind everything we do, and we are continuously striving to exceed their expectations and create a legacy that benefits them for years to come.

Beyond the formal agenda, the annual meeting can be a valuable networking event, connecting members with management and other stakeholders, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. Ultimately, the annual meeting is a critical moment on the cooperative's calendar, shaping its trajectory and solidifying our relationship.

In preparation for the annual meeting, the nominating committee will convene on August 7, at 11:30 AM. The committee will meet at the Havre Office and by video conference.

This year's annual meeting is going to be held on October 12, at 10 AM located at the Student Union Building in Havre on the MSU – Northern Campus. Hope to see you there, and stay safe, stay healthy!

Fireworks Safety

Each year, fire departments across the country respond to emergencies resulting from the use of fireworks; including injuries and wildland or structure fires. These incidents occur most often throughout the month surrounding the July Fourth holiday.

Did You Know?

During this time, around **200** people are seen in the ER **each day** with fireworks-related injuries.

The three body parts most commonly injured by fireworks:

- **Hands**
- **Eyes**
- **Head**

Stay Safe

- **Follow all warnings and instructions.**
- Never allow children to play with fireworks of any kind.
- **Wear protective clothing, including eye wear.**
- Light devices on smooth flat surfaces away from residential areas, dry leaves and flammable materials.
- **Always keep a hose or bucket of water nearby in case of malfunction.**
- Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.

Neighborhood Resource Unit

KEEPING PACE WITH THE TIMES: PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR TRIANGLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSN, INC.

Triangle is committed to providing reliable and affordable telecommunications services to its members. As the cooperative evolves to meet the changing needs of its members, it is crucial to review and update the bylaws to ensure they remain relevant, effective and meet the needs of today. The original bylaws were written over 70 years ago and many sections have remained the same. Below is a summary of the proposed changes that will be presented to our membership in September:

Addressing Mail Delays

Recognizing the recent challenges with mail delivery and increased lead times for printing of the notice of members' meeting, the cooperative proposes extending the number of days before the meeting that the member will receive their notice of members' meeting. This extended the amount of

time to allow for the mail in ballots to coincide with the mailing of the notice of members' meeting more closely. Triangle also requests that the nomination committee meeting dates and due date for petitions also increase to match the change for the notice of the members' meeting.

Voting List

This requested bylaw change is a grammatic issue clean up that clarifies that the voting list is pulled for both the annual meeting and the mail in/online voting.

Ensuring Trustees can be insured once elected

This proposed bylaw change would require all trustee candidates to undergo a felony conviction background check. This measure is essential for obtaining insurance coverage for the board.

The proposed bylaw changes are a testament to the cooperative's commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. The bylaw changes will be published in the notice of members' meeting for you to review in full. The cooperative encourages all members to review the proposed changes and we respectfully request that you accept these bylaw changes. Please watch for your mail in ballot to arrive in September or come in person to the Annual Meeting on October 12, 2024, at the MSU-Northern Sub, 10AM to vote in person.

As always, please contact your local board member or the General Manager with any questions or concerns.



Congratulations!
**2024 High School and Undergrad
Scholarship Winners**



GRAND PRIZE **RUNNER-UP PRIZES**
\$200 **\$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 July 7th.
 Limit two entries per person.*

Winning photos will be featured on covers of our magazine!

VOTING: All valid entries will be posted on Triangle's Facebook page on July 15th for First Round Voting through August 5th. The top 20 photos will go to Second Round Voting in the September/October "Keeping You Connected" magazine to select the top 10 by Sept 30th. Winners will be chosen through in-person voting at our Annual Meeting.

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.

2024 Beef Grant Winners

Triangle Communications is proud to announce this year's recipients of the 4-H Beef Grants. We would like to congratulate all of the following clubs and organizations that were selected!

- Big Sky Warriors Outreach Inc.
- CommUNITY Builders
- Harlem FFA
- Hi Line Rodeo Team
- Landusky Foundation, Inc.
- Mustang Wrestling Club
- Reed Point Community Club
- Rudyard Historical Society



Congratulations!

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

Triangle Communications is offering the following items for sale to the public:

2009 GMC 2500HD*

Duramax 130,000 miles TDK bumper, bed liner, complete rubber floor, aftermarket wheels, more than I can list. Call 406.399.2803.

Motorized Tow Behind DR Rototiller

Like new DR 36" motorized pull behind rototiller, used less than 15 hours. Asking \$1,500. Call 406.378.3226.

Taking pre-orders for September 2024 processing

Farm raised in Havre, processed at the Saco Pay and Save. Whole pork \$450 plus processing fees, half pork \$250 plus processing fees. You receive approx. 150 lbs of meat per whole hog. Delivering processed meat locally and between Saco and Havre on pickup day. Contact Josh or Twyla Knudson by email: noneckfarms@gmail.com or call or text 406.230.2281 or find Twyla Knudson on Facebook.

Flex Coil 51 ft Drill Cultivator

5,000 culv, no cart. Asking \$5,000. Call 406.376.3215.

2014 Massey Ferguson Heston2956A*

2014 Massey Ferguson Hesston 2956A baler with twine and net. 11,486 bales, well maintained and shedded. Asking \$20,000, call Don at 406.799.4131 or 406.357.4131.

Oak Cabinet with TV and Sony Sound System*

Oak cabinet with Sanyo TV & Sony Sound System (sell as a unit). Call 406.390.1362.

1986 Ram D50*

1986 Ram D50. 2.0 Mitsubishi, 2wd, 5 manual, 140k miles, no rust, recent service, starts instantly, 27mpg, all switches, lights and radio work. Never towed anything. Call 406.390.3522. Asking \$3,500 obo. Price reduced.

Quick Release Towing System

Stow Master 5000 quick-release towing system. Asking \$225. Call 406.547.2184.

Walker Bay Boat

10-foot walker bay boat with rigid inflatable tubes, 6hp mercury, 4 cycler motor, includes trailer. Asking \$1,500. Call 406.547.2184.

Heavy Duty Car Dolley

Dexter axle, electric brakes, new tires and wheels, asking \$400. Call 406.547.2184.

2003 Subaru Imprezza

All wheel drive 5-speed, new motor parts. Has 181,000 miles. Asking \$1,500. Call 406.547.2184.

Wanted Single Barrel Shot Gun

Single Barrel Shot Gun. Call 406.326.2287.

Wanted 1955-1959 Chevy or GMC Parts

Pickup parts or whole pickup. Call 406.326.2287.

Jeep Wrangler For Sale*

1997 Jeep Wrangler with 134,000 miles. Asking \$6,800. Call 406.366.0653.

F150 4x4 Parts Truck 85 ft.

It might be something minor, was running before they fixed fusible links, new coil, map sensor, voltage regulator, new tires and mags. \$1500 or best offer, call 406.357.5442.

Antique Monarch Wood Cookstove*

Antique Monarch wood cookstove for parts or restoration. Asking \$200/OBO, call 540.624.0502.

Two Folding Arched Steel Ramps

Ramps suitable for ATC, UTC, or small tractor. Ready to use, factory made, traction surface. To make a reasonable offer, call 406.390.3522.

IH Cadet 1450 Hydrostatic PTO*

400 hours, one bottom plow with 40 inch rototiller, 44 inch mower deck, 44 inch push blade and Trac-vac and attachments. Call 406.390.3522.

1998 Carelift Telehandler ZB8040*

1998 Carelift telehandler ZB8040, call 406.390.1362.

Tires For Sale

Three Continental 235/54 R18 106 T Cross Contact LX Sport All Season, less than 1000 miles. Asking \$200, call 406.397.3236.

For Sale or Trade

300 Rem. WinMag, 26" Barrel, Timney trigger. Trade for youth model 7mm08 or 308. Call 406.932.4057.

2001 Dodge Dakota

Cab and half pickup, 2-wheel drive, air and 148,000 miles, asking \$2,000. Call 406.378.3131.

Big Foot Pickup Camper

10-foot camper with overhead over pickup cab. Includes queen size bed, sleeps 4. Also has air conditioning, a refrigerator, stove and shower. Asking \$1,500, call 406.301.4035.

TAMKO T-Lok Shingles*

Up to 12 bundles, 22 shingles to a bundle. Tile red blend color, \$50 per bundle. Call 540.624.0502.

Free Moving Supplies

Flattened boxes (Lowe's small medium sizes and more, bags of bubble wrap, air bags, packing paper and foam peanuts. Hobson area, call 540.624.0502.

Hay For Sale

Alfalfa Hay, Alfalfa Grass mix, plain grass, Hay Barley in round bales. Call 406.671.6876, 406.671.6633 or 406.473.2422.

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!

CPNI 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.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Two Lucky Subscribers Per Issue Will Win \$25!

Two Chances to Win!

#1. How many years is the Triangle high school senior scholarship renewable for?

#2. Mystery Photo (right):

My name is: _____

My Triangle phone number is _____

Yes! I want to receive e-mail notifications about special events or deals in my area. My e-mail address is: _____

Entries must be received by April 22, 2024 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.



Paperless Billing

HOW CAN PAPERLESS BILLING HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR BILL?

Our SmartHub Paperless Billing option for the web portal or mobile app provides an efficient and eco-friendly way to pay your bill and organize your life.

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You should never have to feel overwhelmed or frustrated with a desk full of paper bills. That's why we offer SmartHub Paperless billing, the eco-friendly way to get instant access to your bill and declutter your life.

HOW WILL YOU ACTIVATE PAPERLESS BILLING?

Getting started with SmartHub Paperless Billing is as easy as 1-2-3.

Step 1: Log in to your SmartHub Account

If you haven't registered yet, download the app or visit our web portal to get started at www.itstriangle.com/pay-my-bill

Step 2: Activate Paperless Billing

Take advantage of this billing option to have better control over your account.

Step 3: Pay your bill online or through the mobile app

Activating the Paperless Billing option will have a positive impact on the environment and organization your life by giving you instant access to your bill.





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