

## Research Center providing employment opportunities for high school students

By Gadi Reddy

The Montana State University Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center, in Conrad, recruits 7 - 10 high school and college students to work at the research center every summer.

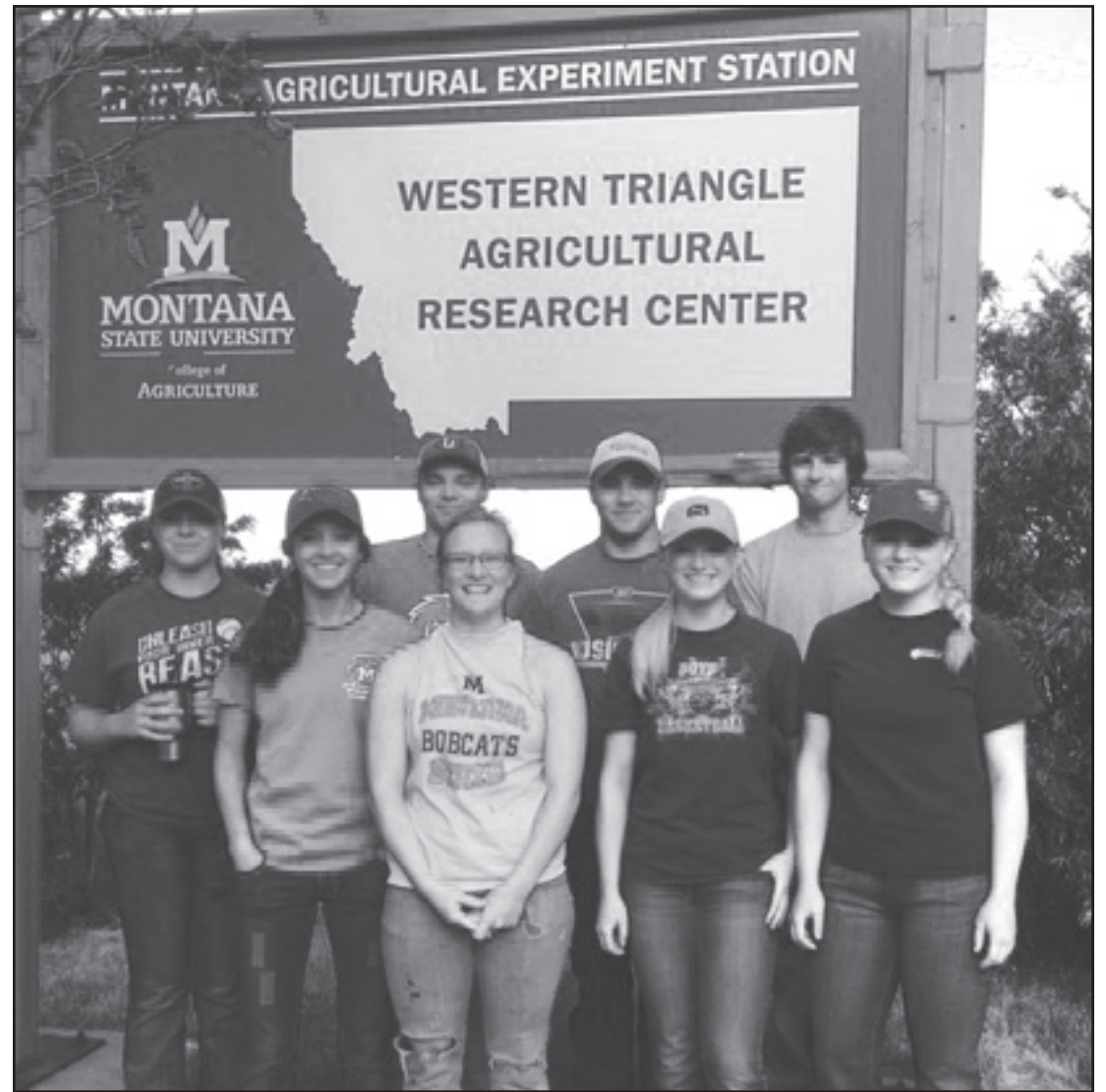
The students will work on the programs associated with Agronomy, Varietal testing and Entomology/Insect Ecology. The

programs receive competitive funding from Montana Wheat and Barley, Montana Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture-USDA and several other grant agencies.

The research center has been very active in conducting research based on the growers needs and publishes the results in scientific journals and news-

papers. For information about the Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center and its programs and researchers, please visit, <http://agresearch.montana.edu/wtar/>

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### STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

These eight students are involved in the Montana State University Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center summer program. In front row from the left are, Gabby Drishinski, Connie Miller, Carley Taft, and Hayley Taft. In back are, Jessica Kinamon, Bert Paulsen, Dawson Berg, and Blaine Giachino.

## Independence Bank announces 2016-2017 scholarship winners

Independence Bank is pleased to announce the recipients of the Independence Bank New Student Scholarship for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. All of the students will be attending Montana State University-Northern and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship during their freshman year.

April Balek is graduating from Choteau High School and is planning to major in Criminal Justice. Her parents are Robbie and Pamela Balek of Choteau.

Brooke Elliot is graduating from Chinook High School and plans to pursue a major in Elementary Education. Her parents are John Elliot and Stacy Hasler of Chinook.

Colt Pederson is graduating from Shelby High School and plans to major in Nursing at Northern. His mother is Tammy Pederson of Shelby.

Cortland Brenna is graduating from Havre High School and plans to major in Pre-Med.

Her parents are Ron and Mayke Brenna and Shari Robinson, all of Havre.

Sarah Morgan is graduating from Opheim High School and plans to major in Criminal Justice. Her parents are Rex and Kristy Morgan of Larslan.

Samantha Watson is graduating from North Star High School. She plans to major in Elementary Education. Her parents are Dave and Karen Watson of Joplin.

The Independence Bank Scholarship is open to incoming freshman students planning to attend MSU-Northern. To be eligible students must graduate from a high school in Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Valley, Roosevelt, Daniels, Sheridan, Liberty, Chouteau, Pondera, or Toole counties. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each year. For more information on the Independence Bank Scholarship please contact your local branch or the MSU-N Financial Aid Office at 406.265.3787.

## Summer Back-Pack Program

By Carey Monahan

The program funded by a grant from the Town Pump known as "Friday Back-Packs" will be continuing throughout the summer thanks to a corporate sponsor.

It is a supplemental food share program for families in need. The school letters have been sent out to parents but program coordinator Carey Monahan is attempting to contact parents of younger children that may also want to sign up and participate.

The food will be distributed through the Food Pantry and possibly the Conrad Library on Fridays.

Parents may contact Carey Monahan at 406-278-3948 (Home) or 406-289-0990 (Cell) to sign up and for any other information.

## Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics - awards

The Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (MTAND), a state affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, honored several of its members at the June 8 Food and Nutrition Summit in Billings.

The national organization celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. To qualify for the recognition, members must have provided leadership in the association, community, or in their jobs, and promoted optimal health and nutritional status of Montanans.

**Kilani Klette, RDN, CDE, of Conrad**, was given the Emerging Dietetic Leader award. As the only dietitian at Pondera Medical Center, Ms. Klette has increased access to healthful foods and helped start a Diabetes Education Program. She is also involved with the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at Pondera Medical Center and has been a preceptor for the Montana Dietetic Internship.

Anna Diffenderfer, MS, RDN, of Bozeman, received the Out-

standing Dietitian of the Year award. Ms. Diffenderfer is the Montana Dietetic Internship Assistant Director. She has spearheaded a proposal for a Montana State University Bobcat Food Pantry and advocates for connecting healthy food to people through community gardens, responsible marketing, and respecting growers and those who process food.

Lacy Stephens, MS, RDN of Bozeman, received the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year award. Ms. Stephens has played active roles as an MTAND Member at Large and serving on the association's Public Policy Committee, where she helped advocate for policies that improve the health of Montanans. She also represents the National Farm to School project.

Brianna Golden of Helena, received the Outstanding Dietetics Student recognition. As a senior at Montana State University's Food and Nutrition Program, she has excelled in and outside

of the classroom. Ms. Golden has served on the MTAND board as a student representative and also is the Student Liaison for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Patricia Bollinger, MS, RDN of Helena, was a recipient of the Patricia Hennessey Leadership Award offered by MTAND. Ms. Bollinger has been MTAND's Chair of the Professional Development Committee, was the association's representative on the Montana Board of Medical Examiners for 12 years, and was instrumental in developing the scholarship foundation for the Montana Dietetic Internship. She has been practicing for 39 years, taught at the college level, and provides individual nutrition counseling services.

For more information on the Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, see [www.mtand.org](http://www.mtand.org).

*Editor's note: Article submitted by Crystelle Fogle, Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.*



Courtesy photo by Pondera Medical Center

**FIRST PLACE, IN THE STROLLER CATEGORY GOES TO** — Kristen Russell, PharmD at PMC (center) watches as her sister, Lisa Clark (pushing the stroller) crosses the finish line at the recent "Fun Run" event, as part of the Whoop-Up weekend. Clark's daughter, Aubree Clark, is holding the doll. Kristen's son, Malcolm Russell, is in the stroller. Clark's other daughter, Isla Clark, is in the shaded area of the stroller. Allan Diedrich and Peg Diedrich are recording times for those participating in the race.

## Montana Special Olympics raffle winners

On May 19, at the closing ceremonies of the 2017 State Summer Games, in Missoula, the winners of the Special Olympics raffle were announced.

The winners are as follows:

Grand Prize, a 2017 Chevy Silverado Truck – went to Mark Smith, of Great Falls.

Runner-Up, a 2017 Forest River Wildwood Travel Trailer – went to Robin Bratz, of Great Falls.

2nd Prize, a Disney vacation for a family of four – went to Ericka Bradley, of Billings.

3rd Prize, a Town Pump \$3,000 Gas Card – went to Stephanie Kindt, of East Helena.

4th Prize, a Town Pump \$2,000 Gas Card – went to Patty Coleman, of Great Falls.

5th Prize, a Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

\$1,000 Gift Card – went to Lindsay Cooper, of Great Falls.

6th Prize, a Town Pump \$1,000 Gas Card – went to J. Monnin, of Bozeman.

7th Prize, four tires, from Tire-Rama, up to a value of \$750 – went to Wanda Benton, of Helena.

8th Prize, Bob Ward & Sons \$500 Gift Card – went to Dorothy Fredrickson, of Butte.

9th Prize, Scheels \$500 Gift Card – went to Tom Sanchez, of Eureka.

10th Prize, Year's supply of pizza from Montana Pizza Hut Stores (5 winners) – Cathy Roesler, of Miles City; Sebastian Balyeat, of Great Falls; Nyla Capheart, of Bozeman; Todd Litton, of Billings; and Jerry Stephens, of Bozeman.



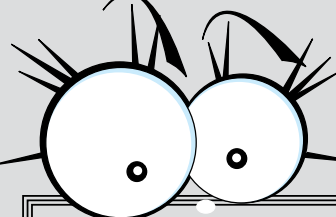
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