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## News Nugget

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### Congratulations, Mrs. Gray



Mrs. Trish Gray, French teacher here at Ridge, was the recipient of the 2018 Tim Conroy Award during the school's recent Accolade's Night. This award is given to an exemplary teacher who has contributed significantly to the extracurricular life of the school community. The students of Mountain Ridge vote on this prestigious award. —Olivia Schroeder

### Dates to Know

- x June 12th—Students' Last Day
- x June 14th—Teachers' Last Day

### Farewell Class of 2018!

This year, a total of 247 students graduated from Mountain Ridge. Of that 247 students, 115 graduates received at least one scholarship. Mountain Ridge's total dollar amount in scholarships for 2017-18 was \$3,831,974.00, which is the most money Ridge senior's have ever received. —Kailia Pua'auli



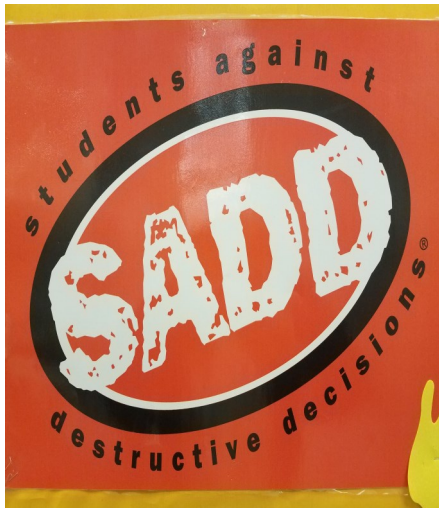
### Thank You!

Thank you to all staff members who participated in this year's Newsletter project by giving us information about activities in which your students/athletes participated. Because of you, we were able to report positives surrounding our school and students.

Additionally, I would like to thank the two groups of young ladies who made up the *News Nugget* staff. You worked hard to create a fantastic publication from scratch. We had a great year learning from each other and from one publication to the next. I'm very proud of you!

—Mrs. Ruby

## **Club & Sports Announcements!**



### **S.A.D.D.**

The SADD group has produced a radio ad, billboard, and a YouTube video for their Annual E-Cigarette Campaign. The radio ad can be heard on 94.1 QZK; students who helped produce the radio ad were Aashee Singh, Brandy Morgan, and Brianna Ralston. The billboard has been completed and put up. Students who worked together to create the billboard design include Shyanne Foutz, Angela Colmer, Madeline Cullen, Anna Cullen, Destiny Warnick, and Donna Morgan. The YouTube video's launch is to be determined. Reillee Beeman, Quinn Stark, and Jessica Farell worked together to complete the YouTube video. — Shyanne Foutz

### **Cross Country**

The cross-country team will have sign-ups and begin summer training in June. For more information, contact Coach Derosa through email: [noman.derosa@acpsmd.org](mailto:noman.derosa@acpsmd.org). —Shyanne Foutz



### **Girl's Soccer**

Girls soccer pre-season conditioning will begin on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be conditioning every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you're attending, please remember to bring water, a soccer ball, and shin guards. —Annabelle Wilhelm



### **Tennis**

The boys' tennis team finished 12-2. Returning players Seth Jones, Andrew Dittmer, Evan Darr and Trevor Ritchie did a great job leading the team. New additions to the team were Isaiah Bohn, Jacob Blank, Josh Metz and Ethan Linder, who really helped the team succeed. To finish the season, Seth Jones and Megan Murphy won the Bi-County Mixed Doubles Championship, Jacob Blank and Isaiah Bohm won the Bi-County Boys' Doubles Championship, and Trevor Ritchie and Andrew Dittmer got second in Bi-Counties. Congrats to everyone on the Tennis team for having a great season! —Annabelle Wilhelm

### **French Club**

French 5 students will be Mrs. Gray's guests to a French dinner catered by chef John McConnell at Ristorante Ottoviani. The French dinner will consist of mushroom Duxelle, duck a l' orange, ratatouille, cog a vin, and petite creme brulee. Mrs. Gray would also like to both recognize and congratulate Chloe Wildman, Jeff Chen, Ben Lauder, Sidney Winner, Katie Spiker, Joey Grabenstein, Brett Thomas, Courtney Shoemake, and Cherie Jenkins on an amazing senior year and French Club experience.— Olivia Schroeder





## Chorus

The Spring Chorus Concert was held on May 15th. The concert consisted of four ensembles and began with the concert choir singing the *National Anthem*. They were joined by the rest of the choir for the remainder of the program. Also singing were the women's ensemble (Grace Notes) and the men's ensemble (Yahoos). The concert concluded with the entire group singing three pieces they performed at Choir Adjudication in March. — Annabelle Wilhelm



## Band

On Monday, May 7th the Jazz Orchestra performed at The Palace Theater in Frostburg. The Mountain Ridge Instrumental Music Department held their Spring Concert in the auditorium on Saturday, May 12th, at 3 P.M. The concert featured the string orchestra, percussion ensemble, and concert band.—Shyanne Foutz



## Project YES

Project YES members took a field trip to Cumberland to explore different historic sites. Students Sarah DiGraziano, Shyan Wilt, Dylan Eichelberger, Natalie Murray, Dustin Muir, and Taylor Leftwich all participated in this field trip. The field trip included a tour of Liberty and Centre streets with local historians and a tour of the Allegany County Museum, while participating in a scavenger hunt; Mountain Ridge students found most of the items for the scavenger hunt. The students concluded their field trip with an inspiring motivational speech from Master Rick Rando. —Shyanne Foutz

## Envirothon

Congratulations to both Envirothon teams on their success at the competition. Team "This is over-elming," made up of Ian Zheng, Morgan Edwards, Kendra Harpold, Dresden Kershaw, and Eleanor Brown, had the highest score in Wildlife and took third place overall. Team "Tree Knees," made up of Sarah Browning, Sarah Robertson, Jessica Blank, Aashee Sing, and Alex McNemar, had the high score in Aquatics, Current Environmental Issue, and Forestry. Their score in forestry, the highest ever achieved in Allegany County, captured their first-place win. The team will now advance to the State Competition on June 14-15<sup>th</sup> at 4H camp in Garrett County. We applaud all the team members for their hard work and preparation and wish you good luck at States! —Emily Jones



## Stepping into Spring Walking Challenge

Mountain Ridge Stepping into Spring Walking Challenge ended Monday, April 30th. The top 3 place winners received an Amazon Echo Dot. Congratulations to Ms. Broadwater, Mrs. Bittinger, and Mr. Dillon for being the top 3 finishers! Other participants names were randomly drawn for ten fun prizes. The team for Mountain Ridge also place 3rd in the county-wide walking challenge Race to Summer Break. They won a Bluetooth Portable Speaker. —Emily Jones



## Lifting

This month, fifteen young men have made the 1,000lb lifting club: Caleb Dante, Jared Horseman, Dustin McDonald, Peyton Porter, Tre Smith, Aaron Vanmeter, Alec Dermer, Cobey Fair, Bryan McKenzie, Trent Merebaugh, Jay Miller, Kage Guyton, Luke Vinci, Damien Workman, and Josh Winner. In addition to these achievements, some of the members of the football team and after-school lifters have been preparing for the seven on seven tournament at FSU on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all of those participating! —Kailia Pua'auli



## Frend2Friend

Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Ternent conducted Friend2Friend training with all students from grades 9-11. Friend2Friend is a computer simulation that teaches students how to help friends who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Students learn how to ask questions and get their friend to open up and connect them to adults who can help. — Kailia Pua'auli



## Girl's Track

The Girls' Track team competed in the Regional Meet held at Oakdale High School on Monday, May 21st, and Tuesday, May 22nd. Sami Jo Kight placed 1st in the 100m dash and 2nd in the 200m dash. Jenna Green placed 4th in both the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles. The 4x100 relay team, consisting of Jenna Green, Trinity Washington, Sarah Rafferty, and Sami Jo Kight, placed 3rd. The 4x200, consisting of Ella Hoffman, Sarah Rafferty, Trinity Washington, and Sami Jo Kight, placed 1st make them the Regional Champions. Gabby White placed 7th in triple jump with a jump of 32-05.00. White placed 7th in high jump and Emily Lease placed 3rd. Alexie Arnold won 1st place in shot put with a throw of 41-00.25, setting a new personal and school record. She also placed 1st in discus with a throw of 122-01. Kight, Green, Washington, Rafferty, Hoffman, White, Lease, and Arnold all qualified for the State Meet that was held on Thursday, May 24th, and Saturday, May 26th. Arnold won 1st place in Discus making her the State Champion with a throw of 137-08, and she placed 2nd in the shot put with a throw of 40-07.00.

—Jenna Green





## Boy's Track



## Academics!

The Boys' Track team competed in the Regional Meet on Monday and Tuesday, May 21st-22nd. The 4x800 relay team, consisting of Justus Leprevost, David Morgan, Baraketab Tessema, Thomas Miller, placed 3rd, making them state qualifiers with a personal record of 8:43.51. Justus Leprevost also qualified in the 3200m run with a time of 10:30.22, placing 5th. Tre Smith placed 2nd in shotput with a throw of 48-08.25, Alex Maddy placed 3rd with a 47-06.50, and Dylan Baker placed 5th with a 45-04.25. Kenneth Muir placed 3rd in discus with a throw of 125-03, Noah Snyder placed 6th with a 123-06, and Brady Flanigan placed 7th with a 121-09. Leprevost, Morgan, Tessema, Miller, Smith, Maddy, Baker, Muir, Snyder, and Flanigan all moved onto the state meet which was held at Morgan State University in Baltimore on Thursday and Saturday, May 24th&26th. Brady Flanigan finished 3rd in the state with a throw of 139-03 in discus. Noah Snyder placed 4th behind Flanigan with a throw of 138-11. Alex Maddy placed 3rd in the state with a throw of 48-01.75 in shotput. Dylan Baker finished behind Maddy with a throw of 48-11.00. Tre Smith placed 5th in shotput, throwing a 46-10.00. —Jenna Green

## English

Dr. Marchbank's Honors 10 English group will be performing the murder scene from *Julius Caesar* at The Shakespeare Festival. Mrs. Malec's AP Literature class will also be attending and performing a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Seniors Audrey Jones and Morgan Edwards have been chosen to speak at the Graduation Ceremony. —Kailia Pua'auli

This year in Mrs. Bonsell's 9<sup>TH</sup> grade classes, students are reading a popular novel, *Divergent*. In this thrilling book, the students are reading about the daring adventures of Tris Prior. Her 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes are now reading *Julius Caesar*, which has been a classic for centuries. This book tells the story of Julius Caesar's triumphant return from war, which then ultimately leads to his death by hand of his so-called "friends".—Kailia Pua'auli

## Math

Twelve juniors in Mrs. Hoover's Trigonometry class, Wesley Blubaugh, Aimee Culler, Evan Darr, Cobey Fair, Dresden Kershaw, Josh Metz, Tim Moore, Laurel Plitnik, Dylan Printy, Jackson Taylor, Grace Trenum, and Nicholas Twing, participated in the Annual Tri-State Math Scholarship Competition at Allegany College on Wednesday, April 18. Eight schools and approximately 75 students participated in this event. The Mountain Ridge team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, and the top three scorers were Wesley Blubaugh, Aimee Culler, and Josh Metz. In the individual competition, Wesley Blubaugh places first, and Josh Metz placed seventh.—Emily Jones



## Personal Finance

In Mrs. Goodwin's personal finance class, Timothy Willison is a student to be recognized for redesigning and typing the brochure for the Academic Endowment Fund. Timothy also completed all nine modules of the Everfi finance program in one day by completing them on his own time at home. —Olivia Schroeder



# Prom!

**Mountain Ridges 2018 Prom was held on May 5, from 7:00-10:00. The theme was *Starry Night*, and the prom committee put together an amazing venue. Students who attended the dance voted Page Petenbrink as Prom Queen and Logan Durst as Prom King. Special features included a hand-painted mural of “*Starry Night*” by Vincent van Gough, a photo booth in the auxiliary gym where refreshments were served, and a giant moon to really make you get a sense of “*Starry Night*.” —Kailia Pua’auli**



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