



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

"Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together"

JULY 2020



Congratulations!
Class of
2020

Bailey Warson is the daughter of Kristy Muszynski (Eric Muszynski) and Brandon Warson and will be attending Kirtland Community College.

Bailey was active in high school and participated in Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Drama, Advanced Arts and with her Church. Bailey also volunteered at many of the past Shop-With-A-Cop programs and Trunk or Treat and has worked summer jobs at Andy's and Spicer's Boat City.

On behalf of the entire ACT NOW Board and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department we would like to again Congratulate these two fine young ladies on their accomplishments and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

We would also like to recognize and congratulate all of the Roscommon High School 2020 graduating class and wish them all the happiness and success they so deserve!

At the June 5, 2020 regular ACT NOW Executive Board meeting, two recipients were selected from the applications received for the 2020 ACT NOW Scholarship Awards. Each of these young ladies will receive a \$1,000 award toward their college tuition. Due to COVID-19, they did not get to receive their awards at a public presentation, but we still wanted to recognize them and share their accomplishments!

Karlee Erickson is the daughter of James and Christina Erickson and will be attending Western Michigan University this fall and will major in Aviation Management and Operations.

During high school, Karlee participated in Softball (including a travel softball league with the Royals), Student Council, National Honor Society, Band, Jazz Band, Wolverine Summer Band Camp, East Shore Wind Symphony Honor Band, Higgins Lake Water Quality Testing and Western Michigan University's Aviation Summer Camp.

Karlee also served on the Roscommon County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council and Roscommon Rotary Interact and worked during the summer at Lakeside Private Association Dining Hall.



ACT NOW ANNUAL MEETING will take place on July 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the outdoor pavilion behind the Gerrish Township Hall.

There will not be a picnic this year due to COVID-19 guidelines regarding food service and buffets. The 2020-2021 election of officers will take place during this meeting. Please bring a lawn chair so that social distancing can be followed. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be moved inside the Gerrish Township Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JULY 4th

Roscommon Village Fireworks

10:15 p.m. @ Fire Training Grounds on Ballanger St.

JULY 10th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Pavilion (Behind Hall)

JULY 20th

ACT NOW Annual Meeting (NO PICNIC)

6:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Pavilion (Behind Hall)



ROSCOMMON FIREWORKS

The Roscommon Fireworks Committee will still be hosting their annual fireworks show in Roscommon on JULY 4th beginning at approximately 10:15 p.m. The event will take place at the Fire Training Grounds located at 290 Ballanger Street in Roscommon.

ANNUAL ACT NOW GOLF OUTING CANCELLED

The ACT NOW Executive Board decided to cancel this year's Golf Outing in August due to COVID-19. To begin trying to organize the outing would be very difficult on such short notice and since we rely on our local business community for sponsorships and prize donations we do not feel comfortable asking for their help as they have suffered immensely in this pandemic and they need to focus on starting back up and staying in business.

We have set the date for this event next year to take place on August 14, 2021 at the Redwood Golf Course.

This is ACT NOW's largest annual fundraiser and we anticipate a loss of \$8,000 - \$9,000 this year due to the cancellation. We are going to try to hold some smaller fundraisers in the fall to help offset this loss including a Glow Golf event scheduled for September 12, 2020 at Ye Olde Country Club in Roscommon.

Please watch for future information and updates on upcoming fundraising events on our website at www.gerrishpolice.org and our Facebook Page "Gerrish Township Police."

Roscommon County ORV ORDINANCE

On May 13, 2009, Roscommon County adopted an ORV Ordinance for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) on roads and streets in Roscommon County. Any person violating this ordinance is guilty of a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00. A court may also order a person who causes damage to any street, highway, or other property as a result of the operation of an ORV in an area permitted by this ordinance to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil fines.

SOME OF THE ORDINANCE RULES...

- ORV must be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a road or street
- ORV must not be operated on the road, shoulder, or any right-of-way of any State or Federal highway (M-18, M-55, US 127, I-75)
- Operate ORV at a speed of no more than 25 mph or a lower posted ORV speed limit
- Operate with the flow of traffic
- Must travel single file
- Must not operate if under 12 years old
- Operate 1/2 half hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset unless displaying a lighted headlight and taillight
- Must wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear unless vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet and properly adjusted safety belts are worn if equipped
- A child less than 16 years old shall not operate an ORV unless under the direct visual supervision of an adult and child must possess a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate

The number of ORV crashes and serious injuries/deaths have increased in our County recently. Law Enforcement will be making extra efforts to enforce this County ordinance and citations will be written if the rules and regulations of the ordinance are not followed. For further information or to get a brochure showing the County ORV Trail Map, visit our website at www.gerrishpolice.org and click on the tab "Roscommon Co. ORV Ordinance/Map" or stop in at Gerrish P.D. for a printed copy.