



# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

MAY 2022



## *In Flanders Fields*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## WEARING A RED POPPY ON MEMORIAL DAY BEGAN WITH A WWI POEM...

In the spring of 1915, bright red flowers began poking through the battle-ravaged land across northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium). Canadian Lt. Colonel John McCrae who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit spotted a cluster of poppies shortly after serving as a surgeon during the bloody Second Battle of Ypres. The sight of these bright red flowers against the dreary backdrop of war inspired McCrae to pen the poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he gives voice to the soldiers who had been killed in battle and lay buried beneath the poppy-covered grounds. The poem was published later that year in "Ladies Home Journal." It was read by a Georgia teacher who then wrote her own poem "We Shall Keep the Faith" to begin a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute. To this day, the poppy remains a symbol of remembrance and sacrifice to honor those who served and died for our Country in all wars.

So, proudly purchase and wear a poppy this year on May 27th, National Poppy Day (Friday before Memorial Day) and help support Veterans associations and charities.

During the holiday weekend, take a moment to observe Memorial Day by attending a parade or ceremony or visit a cemetery to honor those who have sacrificed while protecting our freedoms.

Information from [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

## APRIL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On April 23rd, ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department held their annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser, which turned out to be a very successful and fun event raising approximately \$2,500!! We had eight teams of five bowlers that participated with cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place teams. We held a large 50/50 Raffle, a large "Stay and Play" prize raffle and a Chinese Raffle for some other great donated items. Thank you to Fred's of Roscommon and to the following supporters:

### Lane Sponsors

Ankle & Foot Associates  
BC Pizza of Roscommon  
Blackwood Chesapeake  
Dealers Supply Company  
Fifth Street Wines  
Hart Ford  
Nester Chevrolet  
Roscommon County Sheriff Auxiliary  
S&J Excavating  
Woodland Family Dental

### Prize/Gift Donors

Country Corners Pizza and More  
East Higgins Lake True Value Hardware  
Brian & Julie Hill  
Life Chiropractic & Wellness Center  
W. Higgins Lake Hardware

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Blarney Stone Broadcasting for donating a "Stay and Play" Golf Package at Shanty Creek Resorts valued at \$1,000. Winner of this great prize was Mark Bess.

50/50 Raffle Winner was Mary Beebe who won \$305.50 and donated her entire 1/2 back to ACT NOW. Thank you Mary for your generosity!

### First Place Team (Won \$500)

Gerrish Twp. Fire/EMS Department  
"Hose Before Bros"

(Donated 1/2 back to ACT NOW...Thank You!)

### Second Place Team (Won \$250)

"Livin on a Spare"

### Third Place Team (Won \$100)

"Pocket Pounders"

For more information and photos, visit our website page at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/act-now/bowling-fundraiser-2/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### MAY 6th

ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting  
10:00 a.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

### MAY 17th

SPRING ROAD CLEAN-UP  
4:00 p.m. Start at Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.  
(Pizza and Pop will be Served Afterwards)  
ALT. DATE IF BAD WEATHER 05/24/2022

### MAY 21st

Food Truck Distribution @ Roscommon Area Schools  
Bus Garage (10:00 a.m. until food is gone)

### MAY 30th



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Roscommon County Road Commission  
820 E. West Branch Road, Prudenville**

### Items Accepted:

Products marked with CAUTION, CORROSIVE, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, POISON, REACTIVE, TOXIC OR WARNING such as aerosols, antifreeze, auto liquids, cleaners, corrosives, fertilizers, florescent light bulbs, glues, herbicides, medicines/sharps, mercury-containing items, oil-based paints, pesticides, smoke alarms/detectors and solvents.

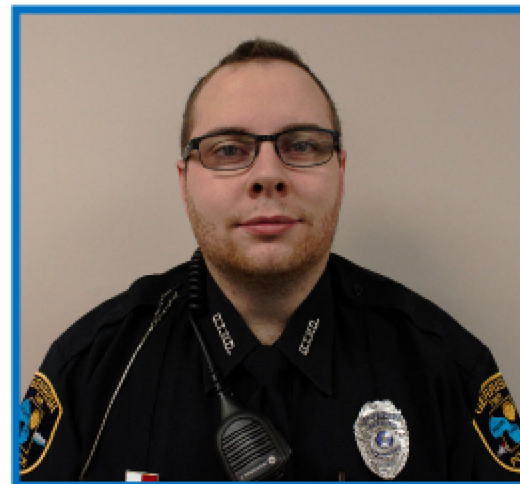
Will also accept ammunition, cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, all types of batteries, Styrofoam, used motor oil, computers, TVs, VCRs, printers, cameras, small household appliances (no Freon), tires (up to 4 feet tall and 12 inches wide, on or off rims).

### Will NOT Accept:

Toner printer cartridges, boat shrink wrap, Latex (water-based) paints, explosives, bombs, fireworks, propane tanks, large appliances, Styrofoam peanuts, building materials of any kind or empty containers.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections are scheduled twice a year, the Saturday following Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. They are coordinated by Roscommon County Solid Waste Recycling Committee & Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District. They are funded by all the Townships in Roscommon County & Roscommon County Commissioners. This is a FREE service for Roscommon County residents/landowners only!

**GERRISH  
POLICE  
DEPT.  
WELCOMES  
OFFICER  
ANDREW  
TAYLOR  
TO THE  
TEAM...**



Andrew attended Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township, MI and graduated from Northwestern Michigan College in May of 2019 with an Associates Degree in Applied Science majoring in Law Enforcement.

Officer Taylor joins the Gerrish Twp. Police Department with three years of law enforcement experience. His work history includes Park Ranger at Traverse City State Park, Seasonal Police Officer for the New Buffalo Police Department, Police Officer at Three Oaks Police Department and Police Officer at Denton Township Police Department. Officer Taylor was hired at Gerrish Twp. Police Department on April 2, 2022 and was formally sworn in as a Road Patrol Officer on April 12, 2022. He is currently in the Department's Field Training Program and fills the vacancy from the September 2021 departure of the last full-time Officer. Officer Taylor has training and certifications in Active Duty Firearms/Taser, Radar/Speed Measurement, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR), Emergency Assessment & Intervention, Naloxone Administration and Bicycle Laws.

Andrew and his wife, Jasmine, live in our local area and have a lot of family near by. During his off time, Andrew enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, attending community events and is a big sports fan all year round!

He was presented a Life-Saving Award when he was working at the Three Oaks Police Department. He enjoys volunteering and donating his time as community service is very important to him. If you see Officer Taylor, please welcome him to our community...he looks forward to serving Gerrish Township and our wonderful residents and business owners!

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM !**

