



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JUNE 2022

Pictured left to right... ACT NOW Chair John Ellis, Alisha Pratt, ACT NOW Officer Rep. Eric Muszynski. (Not pictured, Alex Goodall)



ACT NOW Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the 2022 ACT NOW Scholarship Award recipients Alex Goodall and Alisha Pratt!! Gerrish Twp. Police Officer Eric Muszynski and ACT NOW Chair John Ellis presented these two RHS graduates with \$1,000 scholarships each at the Senior Awards Program on May 2nd.

Alex Goodall is the son of Michael and Samantha Goodall and plans on attending Kirtland Community College in the fall where he is enrolled in the Automotive Technology 2-year program. Alex participated in Varsity soccer, Trap Club and achieved his Eagle Scout rank after seven years in the Boy Scouts program. He has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and Association of Rescued Kritters (ARK) while working and attending dual enrollment classes at Kirtland Community College.

Alisha Pratt is the daughter of James and Jackie Pratt and plans on studying Early Childhood Education at Kirtland Community College and transferring to Central Michigan University to complete the 4-year program.

Alisha was active in Softball, Cheerleading, Steel Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Musicals and Spirit Week. She was also a member of NHS and Rotary Interact. She volunteered for many community events including Crop Walk, Breakfast with Santa, Halloween Walk, Valentine's Tea, RAPS Kitchen Food Distribution, 30-Hour Famine, Bible School and teaching Sunday School. She also worked summers at the Dairy Queen and Evergreen Market.



HIGGINS LAKE
SUNRISE
Run
2022

12th ANNUAL HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN

5K | 10K | HALF MARATHON | KIDS FUN RUN

JUNE 18TH, 2022

REGISTER AT:
NMCAC4KIDS.ORG

STARTING TIMES:

NORTH STATE
HALF MARATHON
7:30 AM

SOUTH STATE
5K | 10K-8:30am
Kid's Fun Run - 9:30am

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF NMCAC

You can register for the Sunrise Run on-line at
<https://higginslake.enmotive.com/>

This is a great way to support the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center and the work that they do with the youth and their families in our community that have experienced child abuse, assaults and neglect. Registration fees are \$65 for the 1/2 Marathon, \$45 for the 5K and 10K Runs and \$10 for the 1 Mile Kid's Fun Run.

SAVE THE DATE



JULY 18, 2022 - 6:00 pm
ACT NOW 23rd Annual Meeting
& Picnic at the Gerrish Twp. Marina
PUBLIC WELCOME - All food and beverages
will be provided! Just bring your chairs!



UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JUNE 3rd

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

JUNE 8th

CERT First Aid Training
6:00-9:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

JUNE 15th

CERT First Aid Training
1:00-4:00 p.m. @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

JUNE 18th

Higgins Lake Sunrise Run (S. Higgins Lake State Park)
Volunteers meet at GTPD at 6:30 a.m. for Briefing

JUNE 25th

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

Law Enforcement TORCH RUN Shirts

The 2022 Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Sale shirts are still available to purchase for \$10.00 each!! These are awesome shirts made of a 52/48 cotton/poly blend in a heather blue material with a very patriotic design. Help support the Gerrish Twp. Police Department as we raise money for Special Olympics Michigan and get one of these cool shirts while supply lasts! They can be purchased at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department or at The Bird & The Bear Cafe located at the corner of E. Higgins Lake Drive and N. Cut Road. Our "13th" Annual Gerrish Township Community TORCH RUN will take place on September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.) and will start at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and end at the S. Higgins Lake State Park Boat Basin. This is a 5K Run/Walk/Bicycle event and all money raised supports Special Olympics Michigan including our local athletes. Registration is \$25.00 and includes a different run shirt than these blue sale shirts.

For more information or to register for the TORCH RUN, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 X291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org.



You can also register for this event on-line at <https://www.classy.org/event/2022-flame-of-hope-week/e400668>. Registration forms are also available at the Gerrish Township Police Department and on-line at our website at www.gerrishpolice.org.

13th Annual GOLF OUTING

Gather up some friends or family, get those golf clubs out and register for the ACT NOW Annual GOLF OUTING. This event will take place on Saturday, August 13th at the Redwood Golf Course in Roscommon. Registration Fee is \$60 per person and includes 4-person scramble, hole games, golf cart, Chinese Raffle, large 50/50 Raffle, bottled water, soft drinks and lunch served afterwards. Shotgun start at 10:00 am. with registration beginning at 9:00 am. All proceeds benefit ACT NOW & Gerrish Police Department's community programs and projects. If you would like participate, be a hole sponsor or make a donation, please contact Julie Hill at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291 or email jhill@gerrishpolice.org. Watch for more information in next month's Newsletter.

Weather Watch

On May 4th, Gerrish Township and Roscommon County Emergency Management hosted a free Weather Spotter Training Class at the Gerrish Township Hall. The class was presented by the National Weather Service Gaylord Office and we had a great turnout of 25 attendees. Little did we know, or they know, that about two weeks later an EF-3 rated tornado would touch down in Gaylord!

Maximum winds of 150 mph ripped roofs of buildings, flipped cars, killed two people and injured 44 people as it tore through the town. Michigan averages about 15 tornadoes per year and

it's very rare to see a tornado in northern Michigan. The governor declared a state of emergency as several local and state agencies arrived to help with victim support, clean up, medical treatment, police services, utility services, etc. This should be a wake-up call for all of us living in Northern Michigan that these storms can happen and we should know the early warning signs and how to prepare for such emergencies. Tornadoes develop when there is a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height. This creates an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere. Rising air within a thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal to vertical causing a violently rotating column of air extending from the thunderstorm to the ground. In other words, you must have lift and rotation to develop tornado funnels.

If you are inside a building, go to the lowest floor or basement away from windows. If an underground shelter is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes, leave the mobile home and go to a nearby building if possible. If caught outdoors or in a vehicle, try to seek shelter inside a building, if you don't have time to exit your vehicle, stay inside with your seat belt fastened and keep your head below the windows. For more info on tornadoes and safety visit www.weather.gov/gaylord.