



G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JUNE 2023



ACT NOW 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...

On May 1st, ACT NOW presented a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to Katie Ross and a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to Aleia Smith at the Senior Awards Night at Roscommon High School.

The ACT NOW Scholarship Program began in 2008 and is based on the value of Community Service, GPA and individual need.

Pictured above (from left to right) are Scholarship Recipient Aleia Smith, ACT NOW Board Member Ralph Rowland, ACT NOW Chair John Ellis, Scholarship Recipient Katie Ross and Gerrish Twp. Police Officer John Wybraniec.

Aleia Smith is the daughter of Shawwna Smith and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall to pursue a career in Nursing. Aleia is a member of NHS and was active in Dance Team, Prom Committee, Float Committee, Spirit Club, School Concessions, Project Graduation, Youth Cheerleading Camps, Elementary Field Day, Kindergarten Round Up and Roscommon Fireworks volunteer. She has also worked as a Dance Instructor and at her family business Roscommon Floral.

Katie Ross is the daughter of John Ross and Malinda Ross-Stone and will be studying Applied Mathematics at Saginaw Valley State University. Katie was also a member of National Honor Society (NHS) and participated in Class Council, Steel Band, Quiz Bowl, Prom Committee, Rotary Interact and Cooking Club. She volunteered as a Tutor, working local Food Drives, Gahagan Clean Up, Mail a Smile, Student Rotary activities, Animal Shelter and RHS Office assistance. She has worked at the Higgins Lake KOA Campground and the Little Cottage Ice Cream Shop.

We would like to CONGRATULATE both of these fine young ladies and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

We would also like to wish the entire RHS graduating Class of 2023 the best as they set out on their next chapters in life.

Remember...whatever community you live in, there will always be opportunities to serve and make a difference! 😊



HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN...

The 13th Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run will take place on Saturday, June 17th and will include a 5K Run, 10K Run, Half Marathon and a Kid's Fun Run. The Half Marathon will start at 7:30 am at the North Higgins Lake State Park and end at the South Higgins Lake State Park. All other runs start and end at the South Park. The 5K and 10K start at 8:30 am and the Kid's Fun Run starts at 9:30 am.

This is a great community event and one of the largest fundraisers for the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center. All proceeds support the work of NMCAC making sure no child gets lost in the aftermath of child abuse and neglect. The services provided at the Center are invaluable to the community and local law enforcement and services are free of cost.

You can register at [NMCAC4KIDS.ORG](https://www.nmcac4kids.org) under the "Events" page. Registration fee for the Half Marathon is \$65, 5K & 10K are each \$45 and the Kid's Fun Run is \$10.

SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Spring Road Clean-Up in May. We collected 12 full large trash bags of garbage, one tire and some plywood from both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill south to Hillsdale Drive. We provided pizza and pop afterwards to the 14 volunteers. Our Fall Road Clean-Up is scheduled for 09/20/2023 at 4:00 pm and starts at the Gerrish Township Police Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

JUNE 2nd

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

JUNE 17th

HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN
7:30 am @ South Higgins Lake State Park
6:30 am Briefing for CERT Volunteers at GTPD

JUNE 24th

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

Mark Your Calendars...

24th Annual ACT NOW Meeting & Picnic

Monday, July 17th at 6:00 pm
Gerrish Township Marina

All food, beverages, utensils will be provided. There will be some picnic tables available but bring a lawn chair just in case. If the weather is bad, we will move inside the Marina building...so plan on attending rain or shine!

14th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, August 12th at 10:00 am
(Registration will start at 9:00 am)

Redwood Golf Course

Enjoy 18 holes of golf and support ACT NOW and the Gerrish Twp. Police Department in their largest fundraiser of the year! All proceeds support their community programs and projects. The fee is \$60.00 per person (\$240.00 per team) and includes a 4-person scramble with multiple hole games, golf cart, cash prizes, a Chinese Raffle, a 50/50 Raffle, and lunch afterwards.

Bottled water and pop will be provided, other beverages can be purchased at the Club House or from the beverage cart.

If you would like to enter a team, be a hole sponsor or donate a prize, please contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

14th Annual Torch Run

Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm
(Registration from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

Starts at the Gerrish Twp. P.D.
Ends at the South Higgins Lake State Park Boat Basin/Pavilion Area
Registration Fee is \$30 and includes a Flame of Hope Run Shirt.

Support Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

Every year, the Gerrish Township Police Department hosts a LETR Community 5K Run/Walk/Bicycle event to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan. Did you know that fundraisers happen all over Michigan throughout the year with all proceeds going to Special Olympics Michigan athletes? A portion of the funds we raise supports our local Area 4 (Counties of Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda and Ogemaw) Special Olympics athletes so please consider supporting one of these fundraisers if you cannot participate in the 5K event:



Heather Green Sale T-Shirts
\$20 Each
52/48 cotton/poly blend
Available in Adult Sizes S-XXL

Gun Raffle Tickets - \$20 Each
Cash Raffle Tickets - \$10 Each
You do not need to be present to win on the Raffle drawings.

GUN RAFFLE

1st Prize - Great Lakes Firearms Rifle/Accessories
2nd Prize - Werewolf Personal Defense TR-101
3rd Prize - Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0

CASH RAFFLE

1st Prize
\$1,000 Cash
2nd Prize
\$500 Cash

Law Enforcement Torch Run

GUN RAFFLE

Drawing: July 11, 2023 @ 3 pm
Ticket Price: \$20 Each

1st Prize: Great Lakes Firearms Rifle and Accessories
2nd Prize: Werewolf Personal Defense TR-101
3rd Prize: Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0

Drawing Location: SOMI, 1120 S. Mission, MI, Pleasant, MI
Raffle License #884931

Law Enforcement Torch Run

CASH RAFFLE

Drawing: December 6, 2023 @ 2 pm

1st Prize: \$1000 Cash
2nd Prize: \$500 Cash
\$10.00 each

Drawing Location: SOMI, 1120 S. Mission, MI, Pleasant, MI
Raffle License #884931
*Winner will be selected by random



CONGRATULATIONS to LT ERIC MUSZYNSKI for completing and graduating on May 23rd from Command Level One School through the Shield Leadership Institute. This was a 5-month long training to support newly promoted command officers as well as those already in those positions. The course covered 80 hours of on-line and in-person sessions and assignments.