

# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

MAY 2024

**Congrats  
Class  
of  
2024**



## Message from New Chief

Hello from your new Police Chief Eric Muszynski. I am sharing this note to thank the community and everyone for the opportunity to serve as the next Police Chief here at Gerrish Township Police Department. I would also like to thank the Gerrish Township Board and retired Chief Hill for this opportunity. It truly is an honor and I am very humbled and appreciative of everyone's warm welcome and encouragement. We are adapting well at the Police Department and are continuing with the Community Policing tradition. We are also handling the transition phase well with the retirement of Chief Hill. Please keep in mind that as we move forward we are finding things that need to be updated on our website, social media platforms, and other publications and we are addressing them as quickly as possible. The staff here at the Police Department has also been very supportive and we are continuing to work together as a team. In closing, I just want to say thank you again to everyone and please know that we are here for you if you ever need anything. Please feel free to stop into the office and visit at anytime. As always if you have an emergency, please call 911. If you have a non-emergency but would like to speak with an Officer, you can always contact Central Dispatch at their non-emergent number 989-275-0911 and they will be happy to assist you or forward a message. If you have a smart phone, please go out and download our free mobile app at the App Store or Google Play to receive important notifications.

Sincerely...Chief Eric Muszynski

## 2024 ACT NOW Scholarship Winners

ACT NOW awarded two \$1,000 scholarships on April 29th at the RHS Awards Ceremony.

The first recipient was Logan Hasting who plans on attending Michigan Technological University this fall to major in Robotics Engineering. Logan was very involved in school participating in track, volleyball, cheerleading, musicals, musical reviews and drama. She was the Co-Chair of the Roscommon County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC), and Vice President of the National Honor Society. Logan also helped other students by volunteering for after school tutoring.

Logan is the granddaughter of Edward & Julie Nordquist.

The second recipient was Jordan Hendershott who will be attending Central Michigan University this fall to major in Elementary Education. Jordan participated in basketball, soccer, sideline cheerleading, musical, music review and student council while in high school. She volunteered many community hours through the National Honor Society and her church youth group. Jordan has been on five mission trips throughout the country and has volunteered at food pantries, shelters and senior homes. Jordan is the daughter of Gregory and Tracy Hendershott.

ACT NOW would like to congratulate both of these young ladies on their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We would also like to congratulate the entire RHS Class of 2024 and hope that you remember the value of community service wherever you go.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### MAY 3rd

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

### MAY 14th

Spring Road Clean-Up  
4:00 pm @ Gerrish Twp. Police Dept.

### MAY 18th

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

### MAY 27th MEMORIAL DAY



ACT NOW held their Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser on April 13th at Fred's of Roscommon.

We would like to thank all of the participants, donors, sponsors, volunteers and Fred's for making this fundraiser a huge success! We raised over \$3,100 to go towards ACT NOW and GTPD annual community programs and projects. The First Place Team "Livin' on a Spare" (pictured above) took home \$500. Second Place Team "Legal Loopholes" won \$250 and the Third Place Team "JP Heating of Northern Michigan" won \$100.

The 50/50 Raffle proceeds of \$355 went to Ginny Trombley of Higgins Lake and the winner of the Strike Ball game was Dan Durecki who rolled a strike right away and won the entire pot of \$197. We also raffled off 13 awesome prizes and had 18 businesses and organizations that sponsored lanes. For more information and photos of our Bowling Event, visit our website at <https://www.gerrishpolice.org/act-now/bowling-fundraiser-2/>



5k • 10k • HALF MARATHON • KIDS FUN RUN

JUNE 15th, 2024

REGISTER AT  
[NMCAC4KIDS.ORG](https://nmcac4kids.org)



STARTING TIME:

NORTH HIGGINS  
STATE PARK  
HALF MARATHON  
7:30 AM

SOUTH HIGGINS  
STATE PARK  
5K/10K - 8:30AM  
KID'S FUN RUN - 9:30AM

\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF NMCAC\*

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Gerrish Twp. Police Officers and ACT NOW volunteers will be doing our Spring Road Clean Up on 05/15/24 at 4:00 pm.

We start at the PD and bags, gloves, safety vests, pokers and buckets are provided. We serve pizza and pop afterwards to all the volunteers (anyone is welcome). We clean up along both sides of County Road 100 from the top of Pioneer Hill to Hillsdale Drive. Contact Julie at 989-821-5207 X291 if you would like to sign up.

## LE TORCH RUN SHIRTS & COINS



This is the 40th Anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Michigan Special Olympics.

This year's sale shirt is available to the public for a \$20.00 donation. It is dark gray with navy and white lettering. Shirts are available in sizes Adult Small thru XXX-Large. They are made of a cotton/poly/spandex blend.

This year we are also selling Challenge Coins to commemorate the 40th Year. The challenge coins can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Shirts and Challenge Coins are available at the Gerrish Police Department or call (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291.

