

# G.A.P.S. Newsletter

Gerrish Alternative Policing Strategies

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

JUNE 2025



## 2025 Scholarship Winners

On May 5th, ACT NOW Chair John Ellis Sr. and Board Member Ralph Rowland presented three \$1,000 Scholarship Awards to Landon Mann, Elise Cherven, and Sawyer Griffis at the Roscommon High School Senior Awards Night. SRO John Ellis also attended to present the awards to the students who were awarded the scholarships based on community service, GPA and need.

Landon will be attending Kirtland Community College (or Delta Community College) this fall to start his studies in the medical field.

Elise will be participating in the nursing program at Kirtland Community College and Sawyer will be headed off to the University of Michigan to study Biochemistry.

All three recipients were very active student athletes throughout their high school years, participating in many sports while maintaining their High Honors standing. They were also all members of the National Honor Society.

They had to submit a short essay on the "Value of Community Service" along with a detailed list of their community involvement with their application submissions.

We would like to CONGRATULATE these fine ACT NOW Scholarship recipients and wish them the very best in their future endeavors!

## John Ellis Promoted to Sergeant

When John Wybraniec retired from the Gerrish PD at the end of last year, the Road Patrol Sergeant position was vacated up until May 13th when Officer John Ellis was promoted to this position.

John also serves as the current RAPS School Resource Officer and this August will mark his third year with our Department.

John met all of the Department's criteria for the promotion and will continue to be assigned new administrative tasks and training as part of his new role. He will make a great addition to the Department's administrative team and will support the Chief and Lieutenant in the daily operations of the Department.

He will also serve as the first-line supervisor of the Road Patrol Officers and will provide guidance and support to them when needed.

All of the Gerrish PD team would like to congratulate Sgt. John Ellis on his promotion and wish him the very best in his new role.



## Mark Your Calendars...

**07/21/2025**

ACT NOW 26th Annual Meeting & Picnic will take place at the Gerrish Twp. Marina Park at 6:00 pm. We will have a food truck supplying the food this year, just bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the food and fellowship before we hold the annual meeting where the 2025-2026 Election of Board Officers will take place.

**08/09/2025**

ACT NOW will hold the 16th Annual Golf Outing fundraiser at Redwood Golf Course. This is a 4-person scramble and the registration fee is \$60 per person. Your fee will include green fees, golf cart, cash prizes, hole games, pop/bottled water and lunch will be provided afterwards. There will also be a large 50/50 raffle and a prize raffle.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

### JUNE 5th

CERT Training - Mass Casualty Triage  
6:00 - 9:00 pm @ Gerrish PD

### JUNE 6th

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

### JUNE 14th

Higgins Lake Sunrise Run @ S. Higgins Lake State Park - 1/2 Marathon @ N. Higgins Lake State Park (CERT Briefing - 6:30 am at Gerrish PD)

### JUNE 28th

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



June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and was created to empower communities to address the critical issue of preventing elder financial abuse.

According to the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, fraud scams aimed at older adults resulted in losses of more than \$184 million in 2018. Many crimes go unreported because victims are scared, embarrassed or don't know who to contact. That is why the DOJ created the National Elder Fraud Hotline to take that first step and report fraud with no fear and total understanding and completely free.

If you or someone you know is age 60 or older and has been a victim of fraud, help is standing by. Call the hotline at 1-833-372-8311 Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (Eastern Time).

Reporting helps authorities identify those who commit fraud and to help others from becoming victims. The hotline is staffed by professionals who know how to support fraud victims who are caring and understanding. Callers will be assigned a case manager at no cost who will guide victims through the process.

For more information on common scams and warning signs and how to spot, stop, and report imposter scams visit the DOJ website at [www.justice.gov/stopelderfraud](http://www.justice.gov/stopelderfraud).

# NMCAC Open House

The Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center will be hosting public Open Houses & Tours on four different dates in June. The center will be expanding to enhance the vital services they provide.



NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S  
ASSESSMENT CENTER

## EXPANSION PREVIEW

112 S FOURTH ST, ROSCOMMON, MI 48653

Thursday, June 5th	at 5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, June 11th	at 11:00am-12:30pm
Tuesday, June 17th	at 3:30pm-5:00pm
Monday, June 23rd	at 3:30pm-7:00pm

Join us at the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center to see firsthand our vision for expansion! Take a tour of the Center and learn more about our upcoming building campaign and how it will enhance the vital services we provide. Connect with our staff and Executive Director, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and discover how we're working to support children and families across our communities.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT  
ADDIE.IMFELD@NMCAC4KIDS.ORG OR CALL 989-275-7145

We look forward to seeing you!  
Thank you for supporting the NMCAC!

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

We are currently selling 2025 Sale Shirts for the Torch Run for Special Olympics Michigan. They are \$20 each. Available in several sizes. We are also selling 2025 Torch Run Challenge Coins for \$10 each.

### 2025 SHIRTS - \$20.00 Each



57% Cotton - 38% Polyester - 5% Spandex

These are sale shirts and are different from the runner participant shirts.

**All funds raised support  
Michigan Special Olympics**

These shirts and coins are available to purchase at the Gerrish Twp. Police Dept. or contact Julie at (989) 821-5207 Ext. 291