



# GAPS NEWSLETTER

“Community with Police...Caring & Sharing Together”



## 2026 Scholarship Winners

At the Roscommon Senior Awards Night on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Gerrish PD SRO Sgt. John Ellis and ACT NOW Co-Chair Mike Briggs presented three \$1,000 ACT NOW Scholarships each to Erika Roth, Alexis Carper, and Zoey Kauffman.



Erika is the daughter of Abby & Paul Roth and plans on attending Kirtland Community College this fall to study either in the medical or education field.

Alexis is the daughter of Renee Carper and will be attending Central Michigan University to major in Exercise Science.

Zoey is the daughter of Pamela & Greg Kauffman and will attend Mid Michigan Community College to major in Nursing.

All three of these young ladies were active in school sports, extra-curricular activities, were National Honor Society members and put in several hours of community service.

We would like to thank all of the seniors that applied for the 2026 ACT NOW Scholarship that is based on GPA, community service, and need.

Congratulations to all of the RHS 2026 graduates! Remember you can make a positive impact on any community that you live in by volunteering and supporting community events.

Gun Storage Check Week is a National campaign to encourage all gun owners to check their firearm storage practices, and if necessary, take action to “Make Sure It’s Secure.”

The Gerrish Township Police Department has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies to provide FREE gun locks to our community through “Project Child Safe.” Since 1998, this organization has provided 42 million free gun locks throughout the United States.

For more information on firearm storage options and safety resources, visit the NSSF at [www.nssf.org/gun-storage-check-week](http://www.nssf.org/gun-storage-check-week).

Take the time to review your gun storage practices to help prevent accidents, suicides and theft. For more information on responsible gun ownership and talking to kids about gun storage safety, visit Project Child Safe’s website at [www.projectchildsafe.org](http://www.projectchildsafe.org).

The Gerrish Township Police Department provides FREE gun locks to our community that will work with all types of guns. Stop by our office during administrative hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and pick up however many free locks you will need. Together, we can all do our part in preventing firearm related incidents.



# UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

**JUNE 5**

**ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
10:00 AM @ GERRISH TWP. POLICE DEPT.**

**JUNE 20**

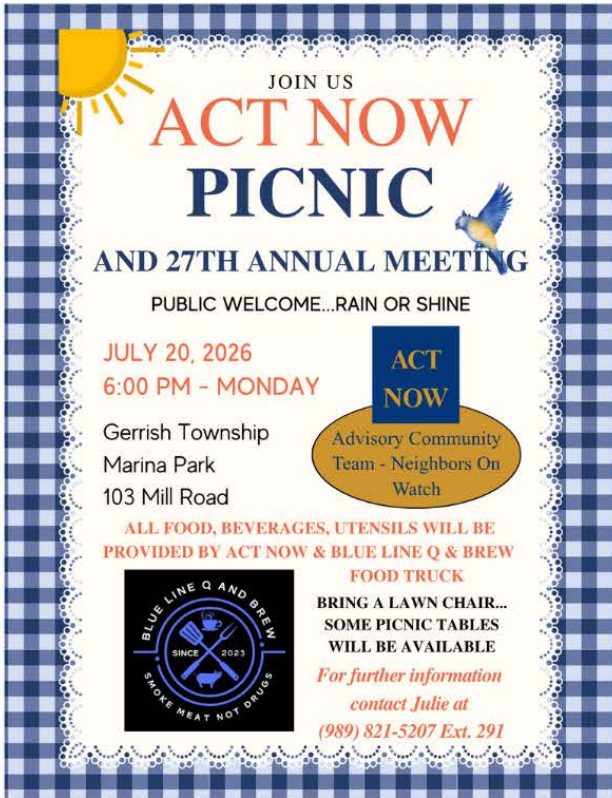
**HIGGINS LAKE SUNRISE RUN @ SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK  
10K & 5K RUN/WALK 8:30 AM  
KIDS ONE MILE FUN RUN 9:30 AM  
½ MARATHON 7:30 AM (@ NORTH STATE PARK)**

**JUNE 27**

**FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION @ ROSCOMMON AREA SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE  
10:00 AM UNTIL FOOD IS GONE**

# Law Enforcement TORCH RUN

We are in full swing for fundraising for our annual Law Enforcement Torch Run event. We host a 5K run/walk or bicycle event that raises money for Michigan Special Olympic athletes including those from our own Area 4. The event will take place on September 15, 2026 and will begin at the Gerrish Twp. Police Department and end at the South Higgins Lake State Park pavilion area. There will be bus transportation after the event to bring participants back to their vehicles and hot dogs, chips, and water will also be provided afterwards. Registration fee is \$30 and includes the Annual LETR shirt, dog registration is \$20 and includes a LETR dog leash. Registration is available at [www.flameofhopemi.org](http://www.flameofhopemi.org) (make sure you select the Gerrish Township Run). If you don't want to participate in the Run, you can still support the program and purchase a T-shirt, coin, or raffle tickets which are available at the Gerrish PD. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM!**



JOIN US  
**ACT NOW PICNIC**  
AND 27TH ANNUAL MEETING

PUBLIC WELCOME...RAIN OR SHINE

**JULY 20, 2026**  
6:00 PM - MONDAY

Gerrish Township  
Marina Park  
103 Mill Road

**ACT NOW**  
Advisory Community  
Team - Neighbors On  
Watch

ALL FOOD, BEVERAGES, UTENSILS WILL BE PROVIDED BY ACT NOW & BLUE LINE Q & BREW

**FOOD TRUCK**  
BRING A LAWN CHAIR...  
SOME PICNIC TABLES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE

*For further information  
contact Julie at  
(989) 821-5207 Ext. 291*

BLUE LINE Q AND BREW  
SINCE 2003  
SMOKE MEAT NOT DRUGS



**LIMITED EDITION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN  
CHALLENGE COIN BOTTLE OPENER  
\$20.00 Each**  
Available while supplies last.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN 2026

PURE MICHIGAN  
**GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME**

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN

**2026 LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN SHIRT \$20 Each**

Save the Date:  
**ACT NOW Annual Golf Outing**  
August 8, 2026

Don't miss our 17th Annual Golf Event!

Register Early!  
Room for 18 Teams  
4-Person Scramble  
18 Holes w/Cart

Watch for more information to come

Contact  
989-821-5207 X291

Redwood Golf Course  
10 am Shotgun Start  
9 am Registration




**Law Enforcement Torch Run  
Cash Raffle**  
Drawing: December 10, 2025 @ 1:30 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Gift Card Basket  
**\$10 / Ticket**  
Drawing Location: SCMI, 1120 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Raffle License #R03405

**Law Enforcement Torch Run  
TRIP RAFFLE**  
Drawing: June 4, 2026 @ 1:30 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mackinac Island Hotel  
2 Night Bed and Breakfast (2 people) + breakfast  
(1) Room for two people (2 people) + breakfast  
(2) 18-hole round of golf (2 people) + breakfast and horse-drawn carriage ride  
**\$10 / Ticket**  
Drawing Location: SCMI, 1120 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Raffle License #R03403

**Law Enforcement Torch Run  
HUNTING RAFFLE**  
Drawing: September 18, 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Trophy Whitetail Hunt from Whitehouse Whitetails in Ravenna, MI  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$100 Jay's Sporting Goods Gift Card  
**\$10 / TICKET**  
Drawing Location: SCMI, 1120 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Raffle License #R03403

Raffle Tickets are \$10 each.  
CASH RAFFLE Prizes are \$1,000 VISA gift card (1st) or a gift card basket (2nd).  
HUNTING RAFFLE Prizes are Trophy Whitetail Hunt (1st) or \$100 Jay's Sporting Good gift card (2nd).  
T-SHIRTS are \$20 each. They are a 60/40 cotton/poly blend in a maroon heather color. Sizes S-XXXL.  
CHALLENGE COIN \$20 each. Limited edition bottle opener. LETR International Conference 2026 - Grand Rapids, MI