

G.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2015

GERRISH ALTERNATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES "COMMUNITY WITH POLICE...CARING AND SHARING TOGETHER"

R.H.S.
Class
of
2015



CONGRATS

2015 ACT NOW Scholarship Winners

On Monday, May 4th, two Roscommon High School Seniors were presented \$500 Scholarship Awards from ACT NOW.

The applicants were selected by the ACT NOW Executive Board based on GPA, community service involvement, written essay on the "Importance of Community Service" and need. The first recipient was Jessica Morton. Jessica is the daughter of Dennis and Tracey Morton and will be attending Michigan State University in the fall studying Pre-Med. She has been active in church youth group and camps, cross country running, wrestling, track, choir, musical productions and is a member of the National Honor Society and Rotary Interact Club. Jessica's volunteer service includes chaperoning middle school dances, monitoring music solo and ensemble performances, serving at community dinners, shopping and wrapping Christmas gifts for those in need and volunteering her time at Cindy Lou's Zoo.

The second recipient was Katie Burmester who will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue her career in Nursing. Katie was very active in high school sports and participated in cross country, track, volleyball and basketball. She also was a member of NHS, LINK Group, Rotary Interact, Youth Advisory Committee, Students Leading Students and performed in musicals. She volunteered for youth summer sports clinics and tournaments, yearbook committee, Mid Michigan Brain Bee Competition, Camp Live-Laugh-Love, American Red Cross and Chapstick Fundraiser for DeVos Children's Hospital. Katie is the daughter of Lisa Burmester and truly enjoyed growing up in a small town and serving the community and looks forward to her next step in life in the medical service field. CONGRATULATIONS to both of these fine young ladies and best wishes to the entire Class of 2015!!

6th Annual Higgins Lake SUNRISE RUN

Saturday, June 20th is the date for the 6th Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run featuring a half marathon race near beautiful Higgins Lake. The marathon will begin at the North State Park and will follow a select 13.1 mile route to the South State Park finish area.

This race will begin at 7:30 a.m. and shuttle service is available from the South Park to the North Park from 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

There are also 5K and 10K Runs/Walks that will begin at the South State Park at 8:30 a.m. and a

One Mile FUN Run/Walk that begins at 10:00 a.m. at the South State Park for kids and families. Packet pickup and registration will be available at VFW Post #4159 in Roscommon on June 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. where a Pasta Dinner will also be served (tickets sold separately for the dinner). All proceeds from the run will benefit Roscommon Rotary Club, ACT NOW and the Roscommon Area Youth Booster Club. For further information on this event or to pre-register visit www.roscommonrotary.com and click on the link for the Higgins Lake Sunrise Run.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

JUNE 4th

1:00 p.m. ACT NOW Executive Board Meeting
@ Gerrish Township Police Department

JUNE 20th

6th Annual Higgins Lake Sunrise Run
Registration at South State Park from 6-7:30
a.m. ~ 1/2 Marathon begins at 7:30 a.m. ~
10K/5K begins at 8:30 a.m. ~ FUN Run/Walk
begins at 10:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars...

☺ July 20th will be the ACT NOW 16th Annual Meeting & Picnic/Block Party at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerrish Twp. Hall outdoor pavilion area. THERE WILL BE VACANCIES OF TWO BOARD POSITIONS...IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A GAP #2 OR GAP #3 REP ON THE ACT NOW EXECUTIVE BOARD, PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF HILL AT 821-5207 EXT. 287 OR SHARON ZACNY AT 275-8858.

☺ August 8th will be the 6th Annual ACT NOW Golf Outing at Redwood Golf Course start at 10:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Please watch for further information on these and other upcoming events in newsletters, mailings and on-line at www.gerrishpolice.org.

You can also follow us on Facebook by liking the "Gerrish Township Police" page.



Gerrish Twp. Police are selling Torch Run shirts for \$10.00 each. They are dri-fit material in dark blue designed as shown. There are also two different raffles with tickets available at \$5 each. Shirts and raffle tickets are available at the Gerrish Police Department or from any Officer.

Sportsperson Raffle features a Whitetail Hunt Package, a Darton "Scorpion" Crossbow and a Thompson Center Arms "Impact" Muzzleloader as prizes and the Getaway Raffle features a Mackinac Island Package, a Traverse City Wine Tour Package and an Upper Peninsula Package as prizes. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN RAFFLES.



WELCOME to OFFICER SHANNON FICK who was sworn in as Gerrish Township Police Department's newest hire on May 22nd. Shannon received her Associates & Batchelors Degrees in Law Enforcement from Ferris State University and graduated from the Ferris State Police Academy at the beginning of May. She originates from the Midland area and is a graduate of Midland High School. Shannon is very community oriented and has done volunteer work with events such as Fallen Officer Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Relay for Life, Walk for Life (suicide awareness/prevention) and SkillsUSA Service Project (Anti-Bullying). Officer Fick will begin her Field Training Program with FTO Norm LaBonte this month and will work with him throughout the 17-week program. The addition of Officer Fick now brings the Department up to its normal fully staffed status. Please welcome Shannon when you see her as she looks

forward to serving the township and the community as part of the Gerrish Township Police Department team!

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