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Photo by Jenny Haglund

**RETURN BIRDER** – Ruth Sawyers, Saginaw, has attended birding events in Iosco County for the past six years. She is pictured here at the Tawas Point Lighthouse last Friday, where she spotted everything from a nesting pair of green herons to a host of warbler species. “This is the best birding festival,” she asserts.

## Regardless of rain, Tawas Point Migration brings in birders from across the world

by Jenny Haglund

**EAST TAWAS** – Avid birders don't let inclement weather slow them down, and a prime example of this was witnessed during the Tawas Point Migration event, held at various locations throughout

Iosco County from May 17-19.

Despite a nearly constant rain-fall on the main day of the event, Saturday, there were still plenty of bird enthusiasts who took advantage of the impressive diversity of species which make their way

to the area each year along their spring migration route.

“It's just amazing,” observed Pete Ohren who, along with Kathy Brady, both of Lansing, took part in their first birding event in Iosco.

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## Memorial Day parades, events are planned

by Jenny Haglund

**EAST TAWAS** – Multiple Memorial Day events will be taking place throughout Iosco County in the coming days, to honor those who gave their lives while serving their country.

The tributes will begin early in Oscoda Township, with members of local military veterans posts inviting the public to join them as they place American Flags on the graves of deceased military personnel buried in Pincrest Cemetery.

Oscoda American Legion Post 274 Vice Commander Joe Duby said the event will begin at 9 a.m. this Friday, May 25, and the flags

will remain in place through Veterans Day in the fall.

Activities are also planned for Saturday, May 26, in both Tawas City and Whittemore.

A performance by the Tawas Area Veterans Honor Guard at 2 p.m. will start things off at Tawas City Veteran's Park, located on the corner of US-23 and Mathews Street.

Iosco County Veterans Recognition Plaza Chairperson Sandy Whitford said this will be followed by the unveiling of the bench that was recently installed at the park, after being purchased by the Kendall family of Tawas.

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## Tawas Area Schools to seek new principal

by Tim Hissong

**TAWAS CITY** – Tawas Area Schools (TAS) Board of Education reluctantly accepted the resignation of Tawas Area High School (TAHS) and Middle School Principal Peter Newman at its regular meeting on May 14.

Newman, whose last day on the job will be Sunday, June 3, will be moving on to become superintendent of Caro Community Schools.

Newman's tenure with Tawas Area began in January 2012, when he was hired as assistant principal and athletic director. He became

middle school principal in September of that same year and held that position for four years. Then in the summer of 2016, Newman accepted the responsibility as high school principal in addition to his duties at the middle school, and has filled both roles since then.

In his memo tendering his resignation, Newman said, “It has truly been my honor working for what I believe to be one of the finest school districts in the State of Michigan, and alongside the best professionals I have ever met. Fur-

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## Whittemore-Prescott boys claim fourth straight regional title

by Ben Murphy

**WHITTEMORE** – The Whittemore-Prescott stranglehold on area track teams hasn't let up one bit this season. The Cardinals, last year's state champions, showed they might be just as strong this year as they handily won Saturday's Division 4 regional at Alcona.

“This was a dominating performance by our boys, they really deserved this one,” head coach Jeff Erickson said. “They fought hard in tough weather and never complained. It would have been easy to make excuses but none of them did. This is one tough bunch of kids. They have worked extremely hard and it was great to see that hard work pay off.”

The Cardinals scored 181 points, most out of any Division 4

school in the state, edging second place by 102 points. The team also moves 14-of-17 events on to the state finals.

“I am especially happy for this group of seniors,” Erickson said. “Many of them have been with me for three and four years. When they were freshmen they won the

first regional in team history and I remember wondering if we would ever win another one. Now they have won four in a row. It truly is amazing.”

Winning regional championships are the 3,200 relay team of Cole Svejcara, Tanner Harrison, Josh Green and Zane Aldrich,

Kyle Colton in the 110 hurdles, Dakota McKuen in the 100 meter dash, the 800-meter relay of McKuen, Colton, Ridge Schutte and Brad Lomason, Zane Aldrich won both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, Bobby Maxwell won the discus and the 1,600-meter relay team of McKuen, Colton, Schutte

and Lomason were first place as well.

Others qualifying for the state meet was the 400 relay team of Dana Thorson, Dakota Gagnon, Schutte and Maxwell, Josh Green in the pole vault, Charlie Prescott in the discus and shot put, Loma-

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**FOUR IN A ROW** – The Whittemore-Prescott track team poses with the regional trophy, after winning its fourth straight regional crown at Alcona on Saturday.

Courtesy photo

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