ONE FINGER — This electrical stretcher can be loaded and unloaded by a single finger on a button. Such innovations mean seconds and effort shaved off for dealing with other problems during an emergency situation.

Iosco EMS have crazy hours, crazy stories

by Ryan Herzog

TAWAS CITY — It’s a routine, every day job, but is one that’s essential to keeping a community healthy.

Iosco County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are always on the roads, taking calls to serve local residents in medical needs, big or small.

From simple house calls, to medical transfers of seniors between homes to life saving emergency calls, the EMS services all sorts of scenarios, including opening mayonnaise jars.

"I cannot begin to tell you the comedy gold of situations I’m called into," said Jake (not from State Farm, as he introduces himself) Rayes of Oscoda. "Sometimes people will call and ask, ‘Can you get me a pop out of the fridge?’ Once, we had a call with sirens and lights flashing, the caller was saying ‘I can’t breathe!’ over the phone and we got to the home and they tell us there was really no problem. But while you’re here, can you open this jar of mayonnaise?’"

When asked if he opened the jar for the patient Rayes said ‘yes,’ but he has to treat all callers the same with the same level of professionalism and courtesy regardless of the request.

Now, it’s not advisable to dial 911 just to get your local Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to do chores or change the channel for you. It means there’s one less ambulance on the road to deal with.

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Tawas Bay F.O.E. shows appreciation to first responders

EAST TAWAS — Imagine that you’ve completed all of your tasks after a long day, and the moment your head hits the pillow as you settle into the comfort of your bed, you’re jolted by the blare of a siren.

Photo by Jenny Haglund

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Sights, sounds abound for birders during Tawas Point Migration event

by Jenny Hagland

EAST TAWAS — Feathered fliers made their presence known at Tawas Point State Park this past weekend, as both native birds and traveling species flooded the area in a sea of sights and sounds.

Human visitors also packed the park in East Tawas, as they arrived for the Tawas Point Migration event, which ran from Friday through Sunday, May 13-15.

Hosted by AuSable Valley Audubon (AVA), a chapter of Michigan Audubon, the occasion made a much anticipated return after a two-year break due to COVID-19.

While avid birders often come equipped with state-of-the-art binoculars, cameras and spotting scopes, Tawas Point was brimming with so many birds that novice participants could also have a great experience, even without all the sophisticated gear.

The feeding station, alone — sponsored by Neiman’s Family Market and Gingerich Feed &

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Memorial Day advertising deadlines

EAST TAWAS — An advertising deadline for the June 1, Memorial Day issue, will be noon on Thursday, May 26 for display advertising, and noon on May 27 for classified ads.

Any questions can be directed to the Iosco County News-Herald at 362-3456.