



Ely student summer research focuses on aquatic invasive species

by Abbie Rehbein, rising junior at EHS

Crayfish- an aquatic invertebrate residing in Minnesota's lakes, ponds, and streams. When one hears the word "crayfish" you might think about eating a platter of them. Or perhaps watching crayfish flitter in the shallow waters of a swimming beach. When I think of crayfish, invasive rustic "rusty" crayfish wreaking havoc in aquatic ecosystems flashes in my mind. Rusty crayfish are native to the Ohio River Basin. They are an invasive species in Minnesota.

I was introduced to trapping rusty crayfish at the beginning of summer. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, I was an avid member of the Science Club at Ely Memorial High School during the 2019/20 school year.

Bo DeRemee, my biology teacher and Science Club advisor, asked me if I was interested in participating in the Water Project with Jill Swanson from Ely Community Resource.

I asked him, "What's the Water Project?" He explained that the project involved canoeing and research on invertebrates. I was hooked.

The Water Project began in 2016. Over the years, there have been ten Ely students and three VCC interns who have helped trap crayfish in the Burntside River and collect spiny waterflea data on Burntside Lake.

This Spring, Jill Swanson, who presides over the Water Project at ECR, emailed me to schedule when I would be available to go crayfish trapping. We met at Burntside River in early June. We have been canoeing there for nearly every week over the summer.

The reason rusty crayfish are being trapped is because they have made an unwelcome appearance in the Burntside River. The Burntside River runs from Burntside Lake to Shagawa Lake.

Shagawa has rusty crayfish and they are slowly working their way upstream. We want to prevent the rusty crayfish from moving into Burntside Lake.

Their aggressive behavior causes harm to the ecosystem because they eat native fish eggs, destroy vegetation beds, and compete with native crayfish for resources. Rusty crayfish are being stopped in their tracks by the invasive bounty hunters of

Burntside River, Jill and Abbie.

During our canoeing expeditions, we put out nine traps at four different spots along the river. When it is available, we use chunks of sucker fish for bait. When not available, we turn to pieces of hot dogs. I noticed that not only do crayfish like the hot dog bait, leeches do too!

Every so often when I would pull a trap out of the water, there would be a gargantuan leech, the size of a large flat pickle, in the trap. An occasional tadpole or small fish would be seen as well.

Not only did we see the creatures we had trapped, we also saw ducks, blue herons, eagles, deer, turtles, many insects, and even a black bear.

It has also been interesting to see the aquatic vegetation and insect populations change throughout the weeks and months of summer.

From yellow water lilies, to white water lilies, water marigolds, river grass and cattails to dragonflies, damselflies, moths and ankle-biter flies; the river is constantly changing.

Monitoring vegetation in local Lake County lakes is an another part of the Water Project. Liz Anderson, AIS Program Coordinator and Water Resources Technician with Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, has taken us out on South Farm, Garden, Cedar, and White Iron Lakes to perform AIS early detection and baseline monitoring.

During this monitoring, we identify and record the vegetation seen in the lake as well as check for spiny waterfleas (none so far!) and measure the transparency or clarity of the water with a Secchi disc. I have learned about a variety of plant species in the local lakes thanks to Liz.

It is important to know if invasive plants are being introduced to lakes. That way, Minnesotans can be informed on properly cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft so as not to bring invasive plants or animals that could alter our lakes.

With the amount of canoeing I have done, there have been many memorable experiences. During the third week of canoeing, my phone fell out of my pocket as I tossed a trap into the water.

The phone is somewhere at the bottom of the Burntside River, never to be seen again. I hope the crayfish can at least use it to



Abbie Rehbein with a spiny waterflea plankton net in Garden Lake



Abbie Rehbein and her South Farm vegetation study. Photos by Jill Swanson

watch cat videos and call their buddies in distant lands.

Ely is an oddity. After attending school in larger towns, I know that opportunities such as participating in the water project independently as a high school student are slim to none.

Thanks to Julie Hignell, Jill Swanson (Ely Community Resource), Liz Anderson (Lake County Soil and Water), Darren Lilja (Forest Service), as well as the motivating and caring teachers in Ely, I have had experiences

that most high school students unfortunately do not get to have.

If an experience such as this is of interest to you, do not hesitate to contact Ely Community Resource.

This article is dedicated to all the students across the United States and around the world who do not have proper resources to get involved in enrichment activities like the Water Project.



Abbie Rehbein and Jill Swanson with Burntside River crayfish.

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Making family memories that last, at the state tournament

by Tom Coombe
Echo editor

Some families go camping. Others make annual treks to their cabins and their beloved lakes. A few choose Disneyland, Disneyworld or Wisconsin Dells.

My family chooses baseball, and more specifically, the State Amateur Tournament in Minnesota.

Sure, there was a family trek to San Diego a few years back and Hollee's family cabin on Burntside is a favorite, but toward the end of August every year, we load up our minivan and head south - to wherever the state's best townball teams and thousands of fans come together.

And we love it. My first state townball experience came sometime in the late-1990s.

I was still early in my coaching career, and while familiar with townball, or "city ball" as it was known in Ely when I was young, I had never experienced the state tournament.

It was my first visit to storied Chaska's Athletic Park, and the baseball, the crowds, the food and the fabled poster-board history displays at the park introduced me to something I had never known existed. This baseball fanatic was hooked.

In the ensuing years, there were more state tournament trips and stops at so many of Minnesota's amazing ballparks.

Fairfax and Sleepy Eye. Miesville and Red Wing. Arlington and Gaylord. Dundas and Jordan. These are virtual shrines

to the state's love of baseball and I've taken countless ideas for field enhancements and atmosphere from these venues and state tournaments and implemented them in Ely, where we host about 100 games and several Legion, Junior Legion or VFW tournaments each year.

Scanning the tournament program became a ritual in itself. As the years progressed, there would be a handful of players that I previously coached, and countless others who I have either coached against or had been to our park at one point in their playing career.

Along the way my family caught the baseball bug.

Before a late-summer escape to Vegas, Hollee got her first glimpse of a state amateur tournament at Chaska, and she joined me a few years later when 40-something Mike Adelman threw a no-hitter at Delano. A few years later Mike's son Lukas would play for me at Vermilion Community College.

It was in Delano where our oldest son Jacob got his first taste of the tournament, in a trip that was chronicled first in the Echo and last year in the state tournament program. Jacob was only eight, but the future ballplayer was hooked as well.

Jacob and I took in future tournaments in Belle Plaine and Jordan and his younger brother Robert would eventually join us on our excursions to Dassel, Hutchinson and Belle Plaine. By now, the boys' rooms are filled with T-shirts, caps, bats, hoodies and

other memorabilia from an assortment of state tournaments.

There's a photo of our boys on one of the most beautiful summer nights I've ever spent, watching a game in Dassel from the third-base side under the lights. Warm, but not too warm. A slight breeze, no bugs, a packed house and fantastic baseball. Pure heaven. And no, we weren't in Iowa.

It was inevitable that the state townball trek would soon become a trip for the entire family and 2018 was our debut - with then four-year-old Macy taking in stops at both Shakopee and New Prague.

The crowds at both venues were massive, as usual, but Macy was a trooper. Baseball parks are nothing new to her, and she will spend many hours at fields in Ely and across northern Minnesota watching her brothers play ball and otherwise keeping herself occupied. The townball trip was no exception, and aided greatly by the marvelous and variety-filled concession options.

We followed suit last year, stopping in Delano where Jacob wanted his mom to watch from the "Ditty Deck" where he and I took in a game several years earlier.

But on this busy late-August Saturday night the deck was full, and all five of us had to stand far down the first base line. Macy, weeks away from her first day of kindergarten, enjoyed spreading out in the grass and had some iPad videos to provide some distraction while the rest of us watched some ball.

Like the rest of us, Hollee loves the atmosphere and it was heartwarming to watch her relax with her "three baseball boys" and sample some townball tourney food and adult beverages. We lead a hectic pace with work and activities, school and family obligations.

A few hours together, watching players and teams we hardly know far away from home, is a respite we don't often get.

And isn't that what vacation is supposed to be about?

The next day, Hollee and the kids stayed behind in the suburbs while I watched a couple more games, reconnecting with some baseball acquaintances from around the state and chatting it up in the bleachers with perfect strangers - talking about everything from the weather to the tournament.

At the end of the weekend we pointed the van home, but talk already started - before the boys fell fast asleep - of the 2020 tournament and the new parks they will encounter. And of the memories yet to be made.

Sorry Disney and the Dells, you'll have to wait. The townball tourney is once again calling our name.

(Publisher's note: This column by Tom Coombe is also part of the program and booklet for this year's Minnesota Baseball Association State Amateur Tournament, which is held over three weekends and wraps up next weekend at Shakopee, Springfield and Milroy).

Fall sports season begins

Season-openers ahead for swimming, cross country teams

by Tom Coombe

The longest hiatus in the history of Ely High School athletics comes to an end this week.

For the first time in nearly six months, Ely teams will be back in action as the fall sports season begins.

The combined Ely and Northeast Range girls swimming team is first on the docket, hosting International Falls in a 3 p.m. dual meet Tuesday at Babbitt.

The following morning, it's the season debut for the Timberwolves' boys and girls cross country teams, who face of with host Virginia and Hibbing at 8 a.m., kicking off the Virginia Triple Tri.

Girls soccer is also part of the Ely lineup for the first time ever, with one Timberwolf joining the Mesabi East Area squad in a newly-formed cooperative.

The fall sports season begins amid unique circumstances - in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and after a spring season that ended last March before it truly began.

When the swimmers take to the pool Tuesday, it will be the first time an Ely team has competed in high school athletics since Mar. 11, when the boys basketball team lost to North Woods in the Section 7A semifinals.

Schools were closed the following week, first temporarily and eventually for the rest of the 2019-20 school year as distance learning also prompted the cancellation of all activities.

The Minnesota State High School League approved the return of some fall activities this year, although football and volleyball have been moved to the spring.

The remaining sports will play abbreviated seasons, with postseason opportunities still uncertain, and new COVID-related procedures and protocols are in place.

Among them are daily health screenings, limits on practice participation numbers and, for swimming, meets that will be held without spectators.

Nevertheless, fall activities resumed Aug. 17 and the teams are all on a path to-

ward their first competitions.

Ely's cross country teams, led by longtime coach Jayne Dusich, boast depth with roughly 45 participants between the two teams.

The Ely boys figure to be one of the better teams in Section 7A with the return of several top athletes from last fall's state-qualifying team.

While standout Luke Olson was lost to graduation, seniors Emmett Faltesek and Jasper Johnston, and junior Gabriel Pointer lead a solid nucleus.

Faltesek was eighth in the section a year ago while both Johnston and Pointer were top-20 finishers.

On the girls' side, previous state qualifier Zoe Devine, Phoebe Helms and Sydney Durkin lead a young but talented Ely team.

Wednesday's meet begins a regular season schedule

that will include an Oct. 2 meet at Ely.

The Northeast Range/Ely swimmers are heavy on Ely, with Timberwolves making up the bulk of the Nighthawks roster of roughly 22 swimmers.

Pool deck, lane and mask restrictions have made for a unique start of the season for the squad, led by first-year head coach Cheri DeBeltz.

Tuesday's meet with the Broncos is the first of six home events at Babbitt.

The girls soccer season starts Tuesday on the brand-new artificial turf field at Aurora, with Mesabi East Area hosting Hibbing at 7 p.m.

In the Giants' lineup is Ely junior Laura Holmstrom.

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This Week's Sports Schedule



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if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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If you have an objection to this case, please contact Court Administration at (218) 726-2460 option#6 for further instructions as these hearings are currently held remotely due to the pandemic.

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CASE #28877

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Motion for Service by Publication and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent, JUSTIN DUANE BUTLER, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon JUSTIN DUANE BUTLER. It is therefore ORDERED that the said Respondent be served by publication of the following notice in the ELY ECHO, a newspaper of general circulation in ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA. It is further ORDERED that if the respondent JUSTIN DUANE BUTLER does not enter an appearance or otherwise answer the petition, further personal service or further service by publication shall be dispensed with and service of any further notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent, JUSTIN DUANE BUTLER, by filing same with the Juvenile

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NOTICE: JUSTIN DUANE BUTLER

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I think about all the feathers from those birds drifting across the guy's yard when we cleaned them. We both saved the tail feathers, I packed a small plastic bag of neck hackle for fly-tying and

then we left the rest of them to float as they might in the late afternoon's breeze.

I can still hear in memory one rooster as it cackle burst from the millet, soars out flat above the bronzed reeds and my hunting partner pulls up, takes aim, the shotgun barks, three feathers hung in the air and that rooster drops like a rock from the sky.

The feathers floated, suspended briefly, then continuing a downwind spiral, dreamlike, disap-

pearing into the grain heads burgeoning with seed.

At day's end his dog laid down in some spent leaves. We sat on his firewood pile and talked over the day plucking the birds and dug a few bb's out of the eventual dinner.

My tail feathers from many roosters over the past few years are the centerpiece on the dinner table tonight, back dropped by what will be dinner so soon.

--The trout whisperer

Hunters asked not to shoot ear-tagged and radio-collared research bears

The Minnesota bear hunting season opens Tuesday, Sept. 1, and the Department of Natural Resources is asking hunters to avoid shooting marked research bears. These bears are marked with distinctively large, colorful ear tags and have radio collars.

Researchers with the DNR are monitoring about 20 radio collared black bears across the state, especially in bear hunting zones 27, 25 and 45, and in parts of the no-quota zone. Most of them are in or near the Chippewa National Forest between Grand Rapids and Bigfork. Others are near Voyageurs National Park or around Camp Ripley.

"We're asking hunters to avoid shooting these valuable research bears. These collared bears give us much of the data we use in bear management," said Dave Garshelis, DNR bear research scientist.

A key to the research is looking at year-to-year changes in natural food supplies and how that affects individual bears in terms of their habitat use, physical condition, denning, reproduction and interactions with people. This research is not designed to evaluate mortality from hunting. Trapping new bears every year to replace the ones killed cannot substitute for long-term data on individuals.

Most of the collars have GPS units. The GPS coordinates are either uploaded to a satellite, or stored in the collar and downloaded by DNR researchers when they visit the bears in their dens. Each bear provides several thousand data points per year.

The bear's coat often hides the collar, especially in the fall, and most of the collars are black. But all collared bears have large (3 by 2 inch), colorful ear tags so hunters

can simply identify a collared animal by these large tags, whether or not a collar is visible. The tags should be plainly visible when a bear is at a bait, or on trail cam photos.

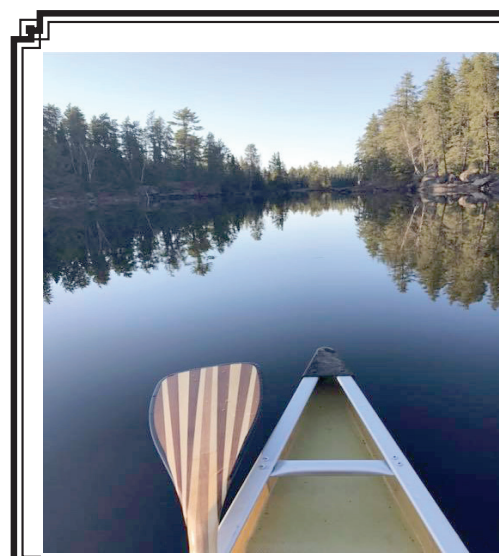
Photos of collared research bears and some research findings gained from them are available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/bear.

DNR officials recognize that a hunter may not be able to see a radio collar or ear tags in some situations. For this reason, taking a bear with a radio collar is legal; however, waiting a few minutes to get a clear view of the bear's head would reveal whether it has large ear tags, which indicates that it is collared. Bears with small ear tags (1 by 1/4 inch) are not collared but are important for other ongoing research projects. It is OK to take a bear with these small ear tags; if a hunter does take a bear

with a small ear tag, they should report it as they would with any collared bear.

Any hunters who do shoot a collared bear should bring the collar to a bear registration station and call the DNR Wildlife Research Office in Grand Rapids at 218-328-8879 or 218-328-8874 to report shooting a collared bear.

Most collared bears have a small implanted heart monitor under the skin on the left chest. It looks like a small, silver capsule that is approximately the width of a paper clip. This contains valuable information stored in memory. Hunters who find this device while skinning the bear should leave it with the collar. Hunters with trail cam photos of ear tagged bears are asked to email the photos and locational information (nearest town or GPS coordinates) to mnbearcams.dnr@state.mn.us.



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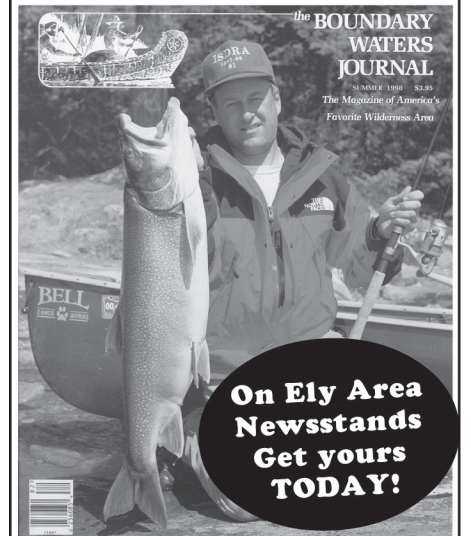
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DNR Conservation Officer weekly report for the week of August 24

District 6 - Two Harbors area

CO Sean Williams (Ely #1) spent the week concentrating on bear-baiting enforcement. Baits established north of Ely were down greatly from previous years. Williams also assisted Lake and St. Louis counties search and rescue with a recovery after a fatal airplane crash occurred on White Iron lake.

CO John Velsvaag (Ely #2) checked boaters and anglers this past week. He also dealt with ATV complaints and litter problems. Velsvaag looked at bear-baiting activity and past problem areas.

CO Thomas Wahlstrom (Grand Marais) checked bear-bait stations and anglers on remote trout lakes and Lake Superior. ATV complaints were followed up on. Several nuisance-wildlife complaints were handled. Enforcement action was taken for ATV and fishing violations.

CO Mary Manning (Hovland) continued checking bear-bait stations and patrolling area forest roads and trails. Nuisance-bear complaints are down and taking a backseat to nuisance camper and traveler complaints. Visitors are reminded there is no maid service in the outdoors and items such as dirty diapers, toilet paper and used baby wipes don't just disappear when thrown in the woods.

CO David Schottenbauer (Silver Bay) worked area bear-baiting activity this past week. Time was also spent on area ATV trails. Schottenbauer worked shore anglers as well.

CO Kylan Hill (Tofte) reports gearing up for fall hunting seasons as the questions begin to roll in. Anglers were also checked and, as always, lake trout dominate the live wells coming off the big lake. Bear baits were monitored and a few ATV contacts were made along the way. Hill stopped multiple people for failing to remove their drain plug before transport. Hill took part in a detail in the metro.

CO Don Murray (Two Harbors) worked an ATV detail with District 8 officers and monitored bear-baiting

activity. Hunters are reporting plenty of bear activity this year. Fishing reports were mixed as poor weather and foggy conditions made access difficult on Lake Superior. Murray also took part in a detail in the Twin cities earlier in the week.

District 5 - Eveleth area

CO Darrin Kittelson (International Falls #1) and CO Curtis Simonson started the past week getting to know the station. Action was taken on nuisance-animal complaints. A porcupine was captured within city limits and relocated to a more suitable area outside the city limits. Anglers and boaters were checked on Rainy Lake throughout the week. Verbal warnings were issued regarding not having licenses in possession, not having the proper flotation devices aboard the boat, and not displaying proper registration on boats. Enforcement action was taken on illegal-length walleyes and possession and transporting fileted walleyes on a special regulation lake.

CO John Slatinski IV (Ray) traveled to Minneapolis for a work detail. He followed up on an open public waters case with the area hydrologist. Slatinski also assisted St. Louis County with a stranded boater on Rainy Lake, who spent a couple hours adrift in the dark. Angling reports have been less than enthusiastic. Bear-hunting preparation is in full swing with activity picking up in forested areas.

CO Troy Fondie (Orr) reports monitoring angling activity. Anglers had limited success. Boating activities continue to be monitored. Public issues were dealt with during the week. Most wild rice in the area remains green. There were multiple questions on wild rice during the past week as the harvest season approaches. Equipment work was completed.

CO Shane Zavodnik (Cook) spent time checking sport fishing and boating safety compliance throughout the past week. Zavodnik took several nuisance-bear complaints and advises

people to remove all garbage, grills, bird feeders, or other food sources indoors so that bears are not tempted to grab an easy meal. He continues to complete several cases he's been working on from the previous months and has been addressing various boat and trailer owners who have been storing their items at public access sites. Zavodnik has been checking bear-baiting sites for compliance and continues to work ATV enforcement.

CO Don Bozovsky (Hibbing) spent the past week working anglers, boaters, ATV riders and state park users. An ATV driver was encountered in town and cited for registration that expired two years prior. Fifty-nine minutes later, the same driver was stopped with the same ATV on

a non-motorized bike trail. He was cited again, only this time for OHV trespass. His ATV partner was cited along with him. Enforcement action was taken for illegal-length fish, no angling license in possession, driving after revocation, driving after suspension, operating a motor vehicle on a state trail, OHV trespass, no state park permit and a number of boating and ATV violations.

CO Duke Broughten (Aurora) spent the past week monitoring ATV riding, boating, fishing and bear baiting. Anglers reported limited success. Broughten also followed up on a complaint of people harvesting green wild rice.

MN DNR: Application deadline for deer lottery is September 10

Firearms and muzzleloader hunters who want to harvest antlerless deer in a deer permit area designated as lottery this hunting season are reminded they must purchase their license by Thursday, Sept. 10.

Hunters who purchase their license before this date are automatically entered into the lottery for the deer permit area or special hunt area they declare.

No application is needed to take antlerless deer in permit areas with hunter choice, managed, intensive or unlimited

antlerless designations.

Hunters who want to participate in special firearm or muzzleloader deer hunts also need to apply for permits that are issued through a lottery, and that application deadline is also Sept. 10.

More information about designations and regulations for deer permit areas, as well as details about special hunt opportunities, is available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/hunting/deer and in the 2020 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook.

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