



Jean Ice, Nate's grandmother, now lives at Folkestone in Wayzata. She says Nate's grandfather wanted to return to Wayzata for the kind of lake fishing he enjoyed. She continues: "Nate surely got turned on to fishing in his own quiet way, just like his grandfather."

Nate has learned more fishing expertise from his maternal grandparents, Ken and Sandy Johnson, who have a home on Rabbit Lake in Crosby, MN. Nate specializes in fishing for bass and crappie there.

Krista Ice says: "Nate's had a lot of interests come and go as he grows up, but fishing seems to stick. He'll do just about any chore around the house in order to spend more time on the water. "She adds, "he keeps on learning all the time by watching YouTube videos online." Nate has become a well-known fisherman because of social media. He posts pictures of fish he's caught on Instagram and Twitter.

Fishing on Lake Minnetonka is nearby, but Nate doesn't want to divulge his favorite fishing spots.

On the subject of fishing, Nate says his favorite thing is "the fight you have to get in to land the fish and then the amazing feeling that the fish is in the boat, right next to you." He is a catch-andrelease sportsman.

His biggest dislikes are "the cost of fishing gear and sometimes how hard it can be to hook the fish." Nate recommends these baits for bass fishing: jigs, spinnerbaits, stick baits, and top water baits: "Those are my favorite baits."

His boat is a 1970's 14-foot Boston Whaler with a 40 hp engine. Nate, his Dad and some friends worked together to build a fishing platform for it. What is a fishing platform? Nate explains: "When you want to be fishing for bass you need to be as low to the water as you can with no wall in front of you. So we built this platform with carpeting on it so I can stand up as low to the water, so I can look down to get a clear view into the water."

This fall, Nate will become a freshman at Wayzata High School. During the summer months he has met with fellow anglers to lay out the steps to start out a Wayzata Fishing Team independent of WHS, Krista Ice reports. She continues: "They are learning as they go the steps in setting up an organization -- from joining the existing bass organization, to getting insurance, sponsors and more teammates. Teams from Minnetonka and Brainerd are helping the Wayzata boys to get things rolling."

Grandfather Allen Ice, the fish horticulturist, would be pleased.