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Newest Lake George peril

By David Cederstrom

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The Lake George Park Commission's boat inspection program intercepted "a whole bucketful" of invasive rusty crayfish last summer and kept them out of the lake, Commission executive director Dave Wick tells *The Chronicle*.

He said it was "the first time we've ever seen anybody bring it up to Lake George" in the three years of the inspection program.

"It was kind of a pretty good 'catch'" by the inspectors, Mr. Wick said. A fisherman had trapped the crayfish around the intersection

'Bucketful' of 'rusty crayfish' nabbed by boat inspectors; can grow to 4 inches, crowd out natives.

Rusty crayfish, an invasive species from the Midwest

Photo from the State of Michigan website.



of Schoharie Creek and the Mohawk River, and "brought them up just as bait," Mr. Wick said.

"One of the questions that we ask in the inspection process is, 'Do you have any bait on board?'" The fisherman said he had a bucket of crayfish.

The boat inspectors have cards identifying invasive species, including the rusty crayfish, Mr. Wick said. Other Commission staff confirmed the identification, and the bucketful was confiscated.

"The size and aggressive

behavior of rusty crayfish allow it to outcompete native crayfish and minimize predation from other fish," says the website of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

"....Rusty crayfish can also alter aquatic plant habitat and prey on fish eggs, further impacting native crayfish and fish populations."

DEC says, "The rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) has spread to New York State from the cen-

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Meet Adnan, the Bedouin guide in Jordan who took the Frosts and other travelers last January through Petra with its 2,000-year-old sandstone carvings.

Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

Qby. Hotel so far

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

It's coming up on nine months since Ed Moore purchased the Queensbury Hotel last March and put in a new leadership team of general manager Tyler Herrick and Mr. Moore's son Zack Moore.

"The biggest thing I've seen," Mr. Herrick tells *The Chronicle*, "the return of local support has been ridiculous....Gordy (Twiss) in the barbershop tells me he can't remember seeing the parking lot so full."

Mr. Herrick says, "There's nothing better than being in a hotel and having activity all around, in the pub, in the lobby, the restaur-

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Civic Center 'close to break even'

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

Glens Falls Civic Center general manager Jeff Mead tells *The Chronicle* that including the \$250,000 in occupancy tax money that the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition received from Warren County, "we will be close to break-even in 2016. If we have a good December, our deficit for the year will be less than \$10,000." Coalition member Ed

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