

5/23/21 Joshua Nguyen, Apple Valley • 20-inch largemouth bass • Lake in west metro



## OPENING WELL

It was another fishing opener to remember. Joshua, 6, fishing with his father, caught this 5-pound largemouth bass on an undisclosed lake in the west metro. He used a bobber and a minnow. After getting the catch into their canoe, and a quick photo, the catch was released.



◀ **An unofficial record:** Ron Paar, of Woodbury, caught this rock bass, which he said weighed 3.35 pounds and was about 18 inches, while fishing for crappies May 13 on White Bear Lake. The catch was immediately released. Paar learned later that the official state record for rock bass is 2 pounds and 13.5 inches.

**Last cast:** Cole Armitage, of North St. Paul, closed out his opener by catching this small-mouth bass on Green Lake near Spicer, Minn.



**Heavy lifting:** Tatum Jo Skog, 3, of Andover, caught these two walleyes opening weekend while fishing with her uncle at a family cabin on Lake Minnewawa in Aitkin County.



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**Namakan northern:** Samuel Johnson, 13, of Becker, Minn., caught a 36-inch northern on Namakan Lake in Voyageurs National Park. His brother Wyatt looked on.

# NORTHERN PRIZE

Hugh Nugent, 13, said he caught this lunker “by rigging dead sucker minnows on the bottom.” Nugent added that he fought with it for four minutes.



**Special catch:** Malik Rucker of Minneapolis caught this 13-inch crappie on Island Lake near Northome, Minn., using his special jig.