

Children learn how to properly plant a tree at RPU's Annual Arbor Day Celebration.



RPU encourages our customers to plant trees through our Partners in Planting program. We've partnered with the American Public Power Association's (APPA) TREE POWER program - a nationwide effort by public power utilities to plant trees. And now we want to partner with YOU to plant trees all over Rochester! Visit our website for more information on Partners in Planting and to download coupons toward the purchase and care of a new tree.

Partners in Planting

Arbor Day is celebrated by millions of people across our country every year. It is a day that reminds us of the many benefits trees provide our community. Trees are an asset that has investment value; they conserve energy through shade and wind block, filter air pollution, reduce storm runoff, and increase property value.

Since 2003, Rochester Public Utilities (RPU) has involved the community in an annual Arbor Day celebration. As part of the festivities, a poster contest for Rochester elementary students is held. This calendar features entries from 2020. RPU would like to thank all of the students who have participated in our poster contest over the years. These talented young artists help remind us of the importance of trees in our community.

Arbor Day



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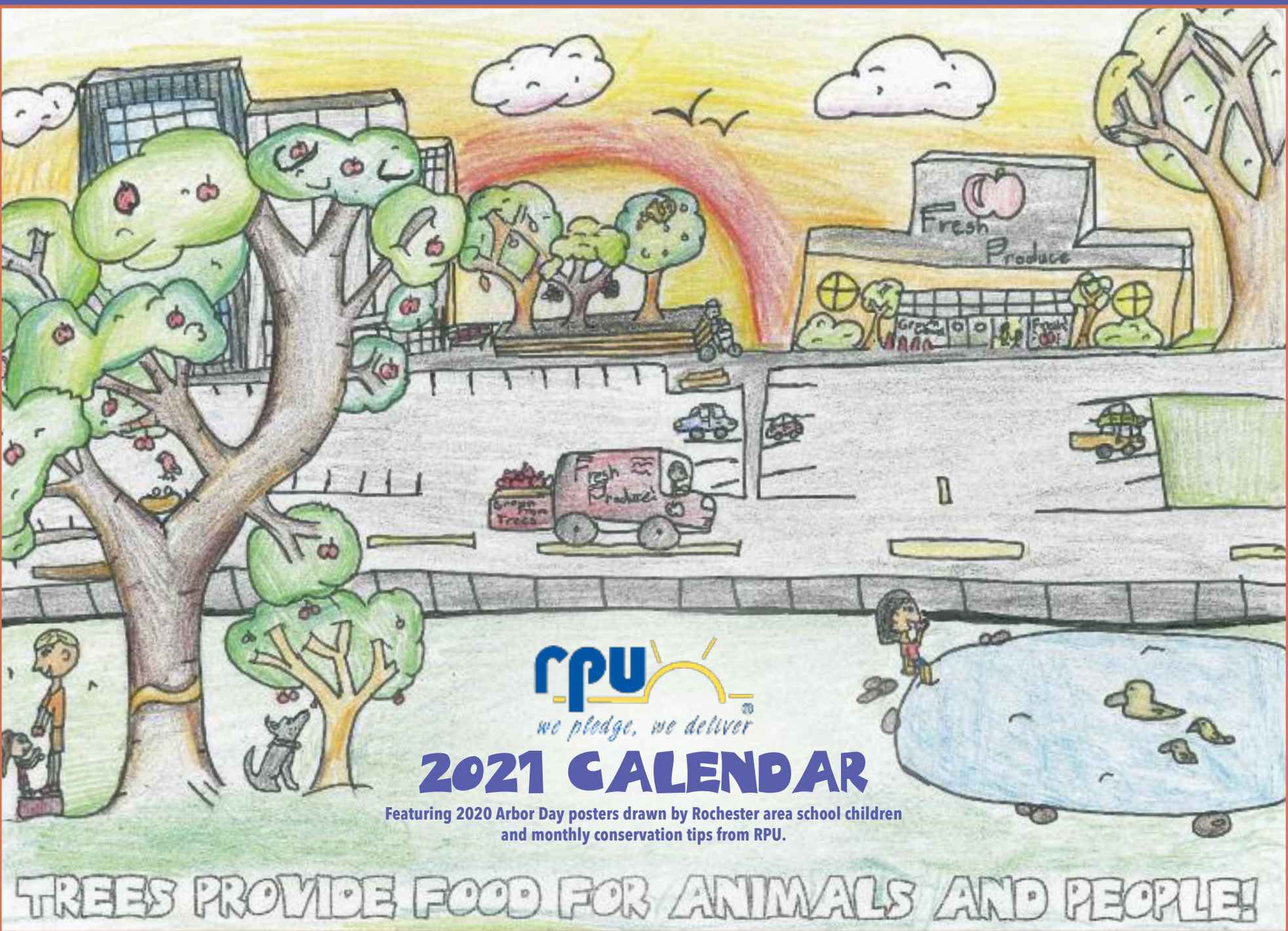
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Serena Davenport • 5th Grade • Gage Elementary • Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Kubista



Audrey Lewis • 5th Grade • Gibbs Elementary • Mrs. Reid



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2021 CALENDAR

Featuring 2020 Arbor Day posters drawn by Rochester area school children and monthly conservation tips from RPU.

TREES PROVIDE FOOD FOR ANIMALS AND PEOPLE!

Poster Contest Winners from RPU's 18th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

RPU's 18th Annual Arbor Day Celebration was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and following CDC guidance on avoiding mass gatherings. Prior to the cancellation of the Arbor Day Celebration, usually held at Three Links-Silver Lake Park, local elementary students had already been working hard on designing their posters for the annual poster contest.

Not wanting their hard work to go unnoticed, we moved forward with our judging and selection of the winners. Each year, the winners from each grade and an overall winner are selected and featured in the RPU calendar for the following year.

The overall winner for 2020 was Ruby Truong (pictured to the right), a 5th grader from Mrs. Reid's class at Gibbs Elementary School. A tree was planted by Ruby and her class to commemorate her as the overall winner and her poster is featured on the cover of this calendar.



2020 Poster Contest Winners (left to right)

Overall Winner
Ruby Truong, 5th grade
Gibbs Elementary, Mrs. Reid

First Grade
Macy Bohm
Churchill Elementary
Mrs. Grupczynski

Second Grade
Vivian Chen
Jefferson Elementary
Ms. Tiedeman

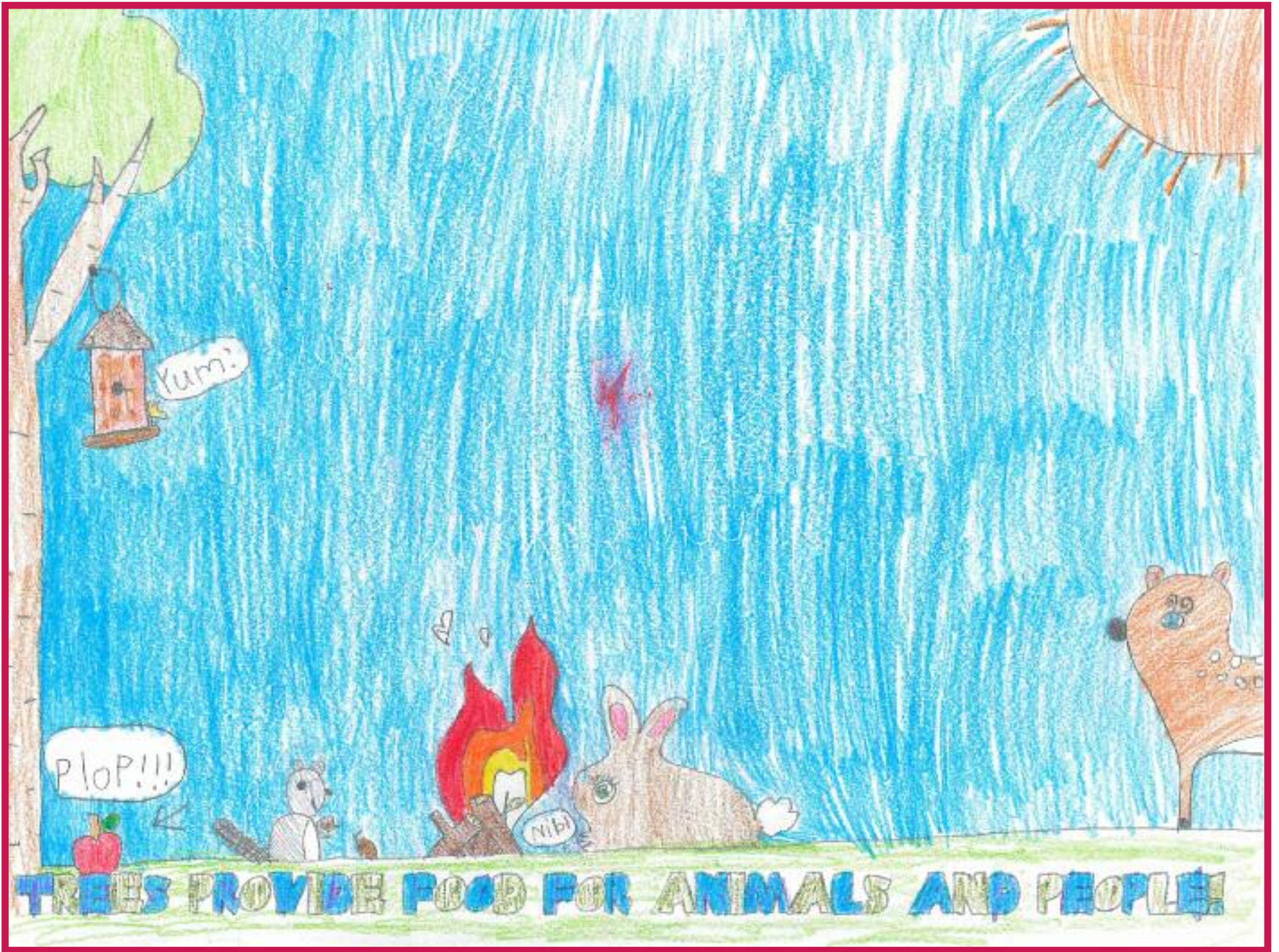


Third Grade
Maya Riedemann
Jefferson Elementary
Mrs. Hull

Fourth Grade
Evie Strauf
Harriet Bishop Elementary
Mrs. Schultze

Fifth Grade
Wendy Brandt
Harriet Bishop Elementary
Mrs. Olson

Photos by Josh Banks and Marie Ferguson



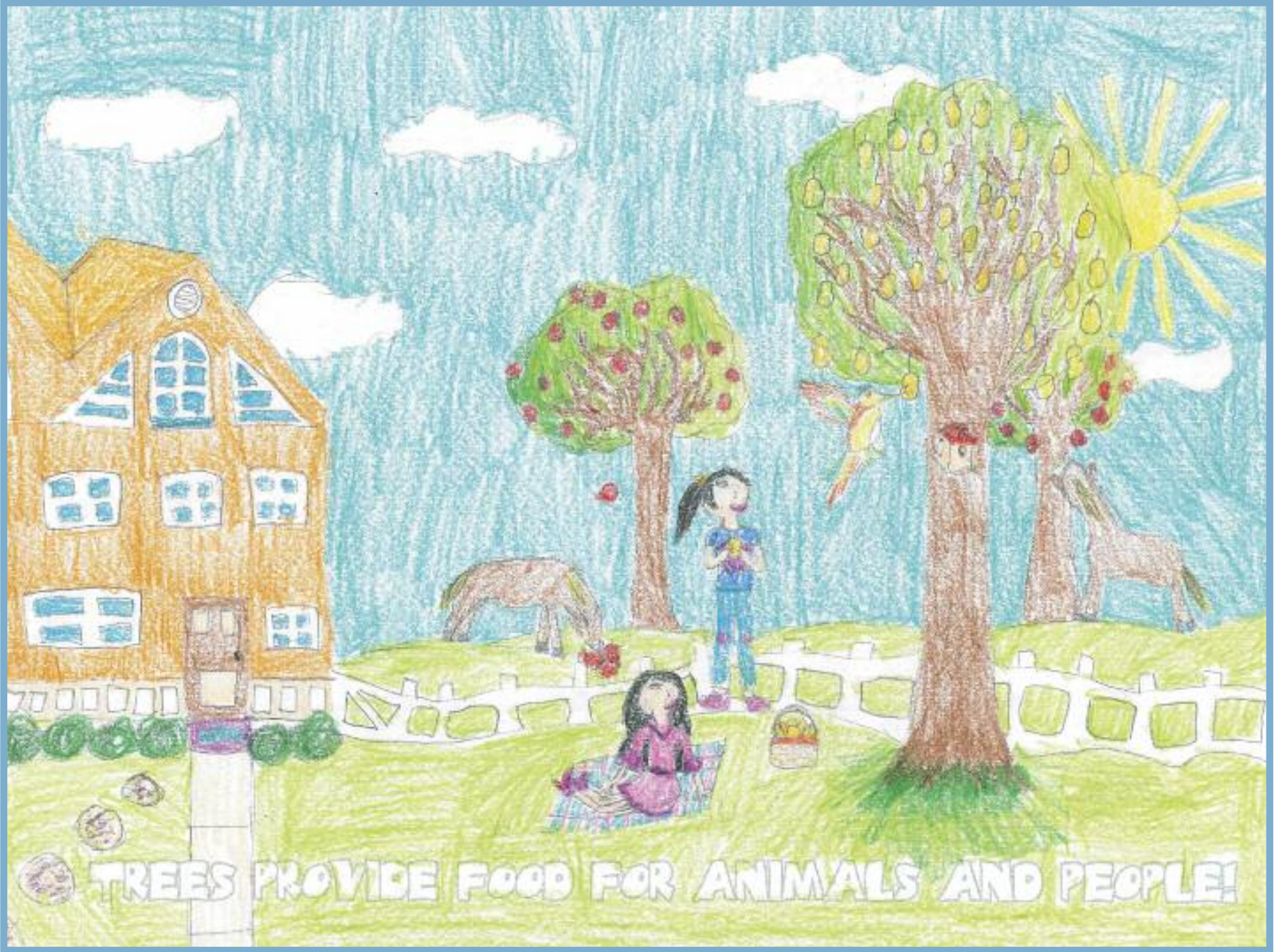
1ST GRADE WINNER • Macy Bohm • Churchill Elementary • Mrs. Grupczynski

DECEMBER 2020



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6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10 Hanukkah Begins	11	12
13	14	15 RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	16	17	18	19
20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON	25 Christmas Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27	28	29	30 ○ Full Moon	31 New Year's Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON	CONSERVE & \$AVE[®] ENERGY TIP Save money on your utility bill this holiday season by putting a timer on your holiday lights and decorations. For your outdoor decorations, look for timers that include a light sensor for easier operation!	



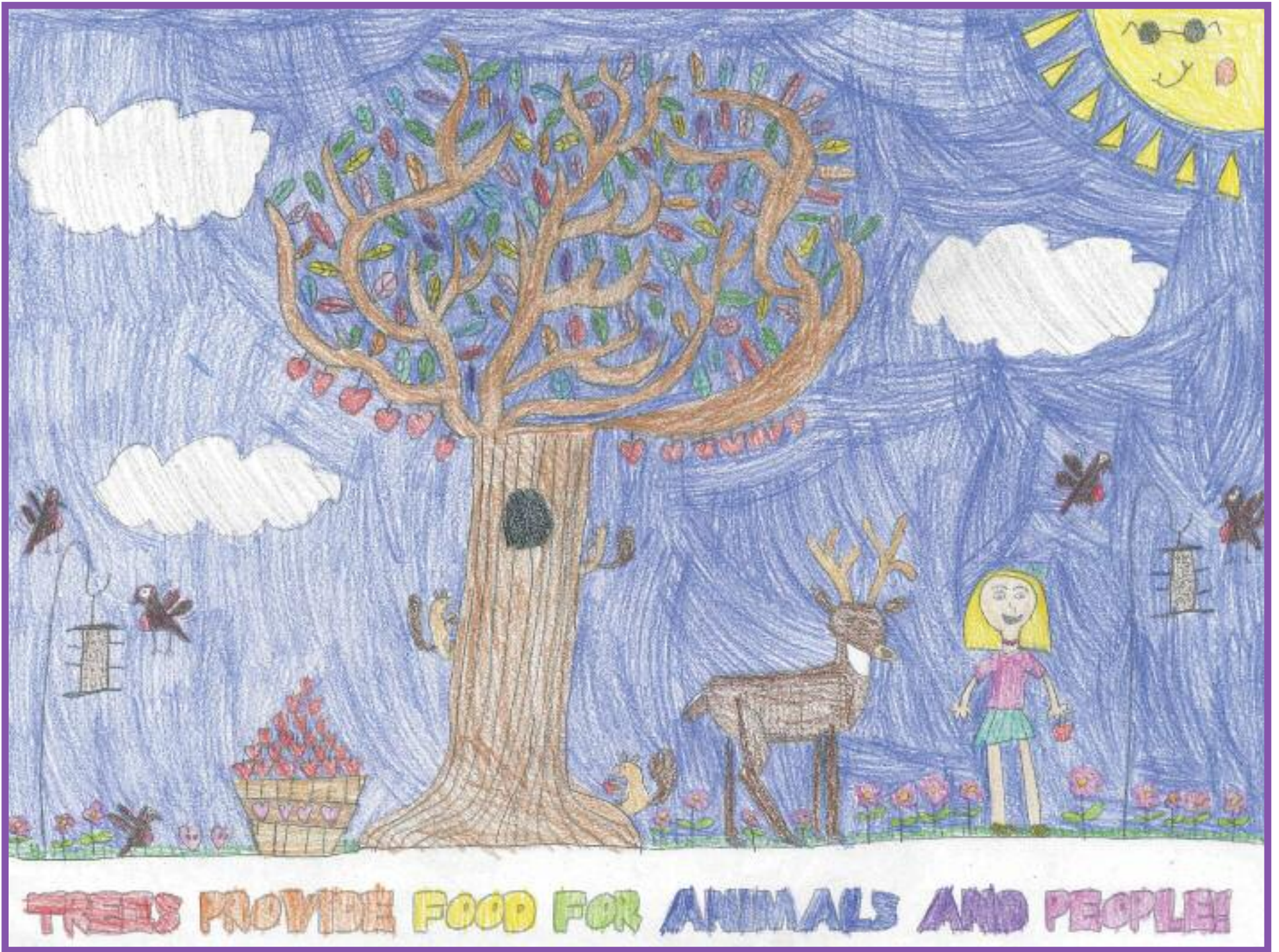
2ND GRADE WINNER • Vivian Chen • Jefferson Elementary • Ms. Tiedeman

JANUARY 2021



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CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP Buy new bulbs for the New Year! Switch to Energy Star® LED bulbs. They use at least 75% less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting.		DECEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		1 New Year's Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	2
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	Martin Luther King Jr. Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED					
24	25	26	27	28 ○ Full Moon	29	30
31		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



3RD GRADE WINNER • Maya Riedemann • Jefferson Elementary • Mrs. Hull

FEBRUARY 2021



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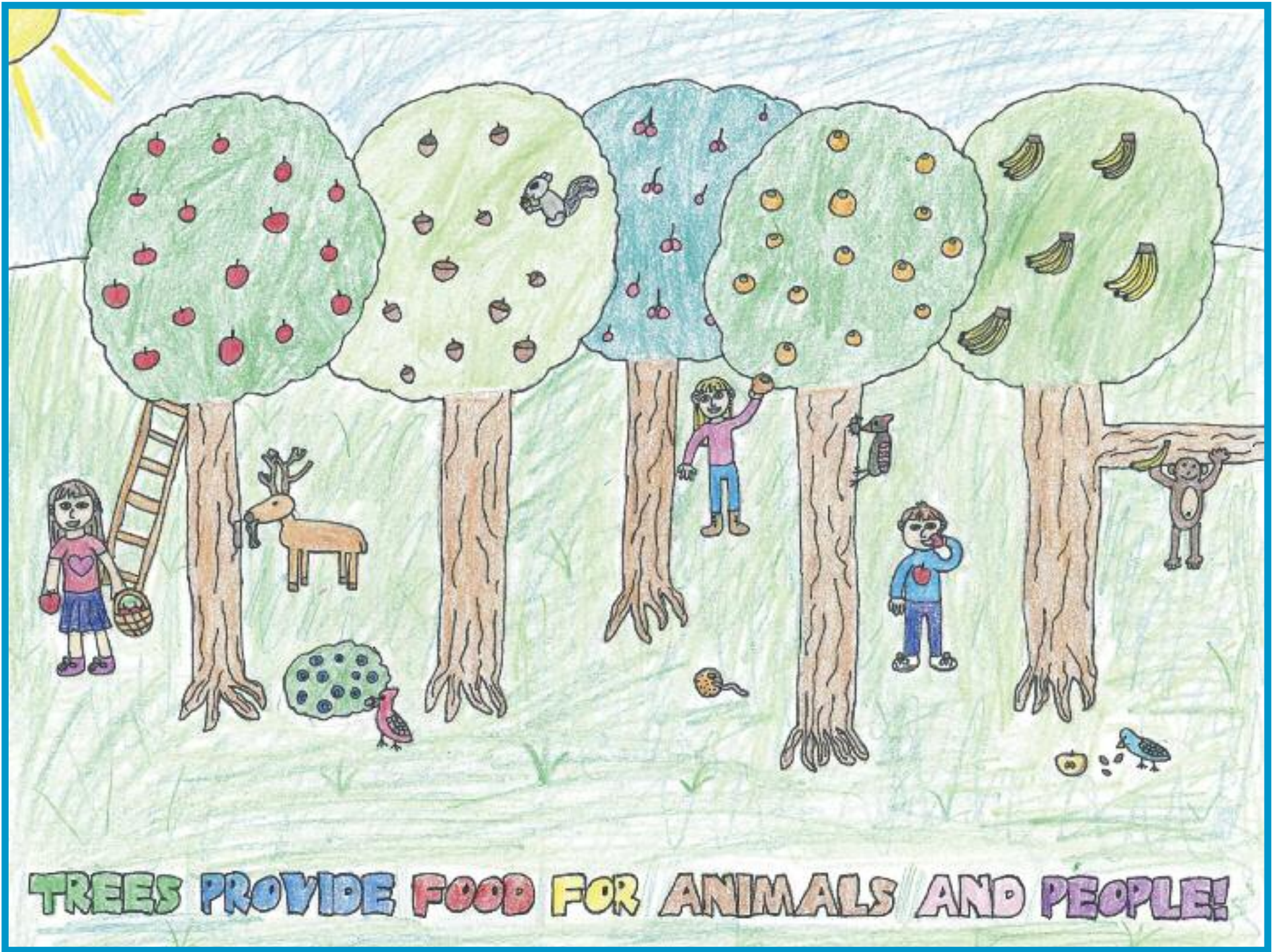
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	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 Rochester Area Builders Home Show February 5-7	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23 RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	24	25	26	27 ○ Full Moon

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JANUARY 2021							MARCH 2021						
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CONSERVE & \$AVE® WATER TIP

When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among Energy Star® models. Some can save up to 20 gallons of water per load!



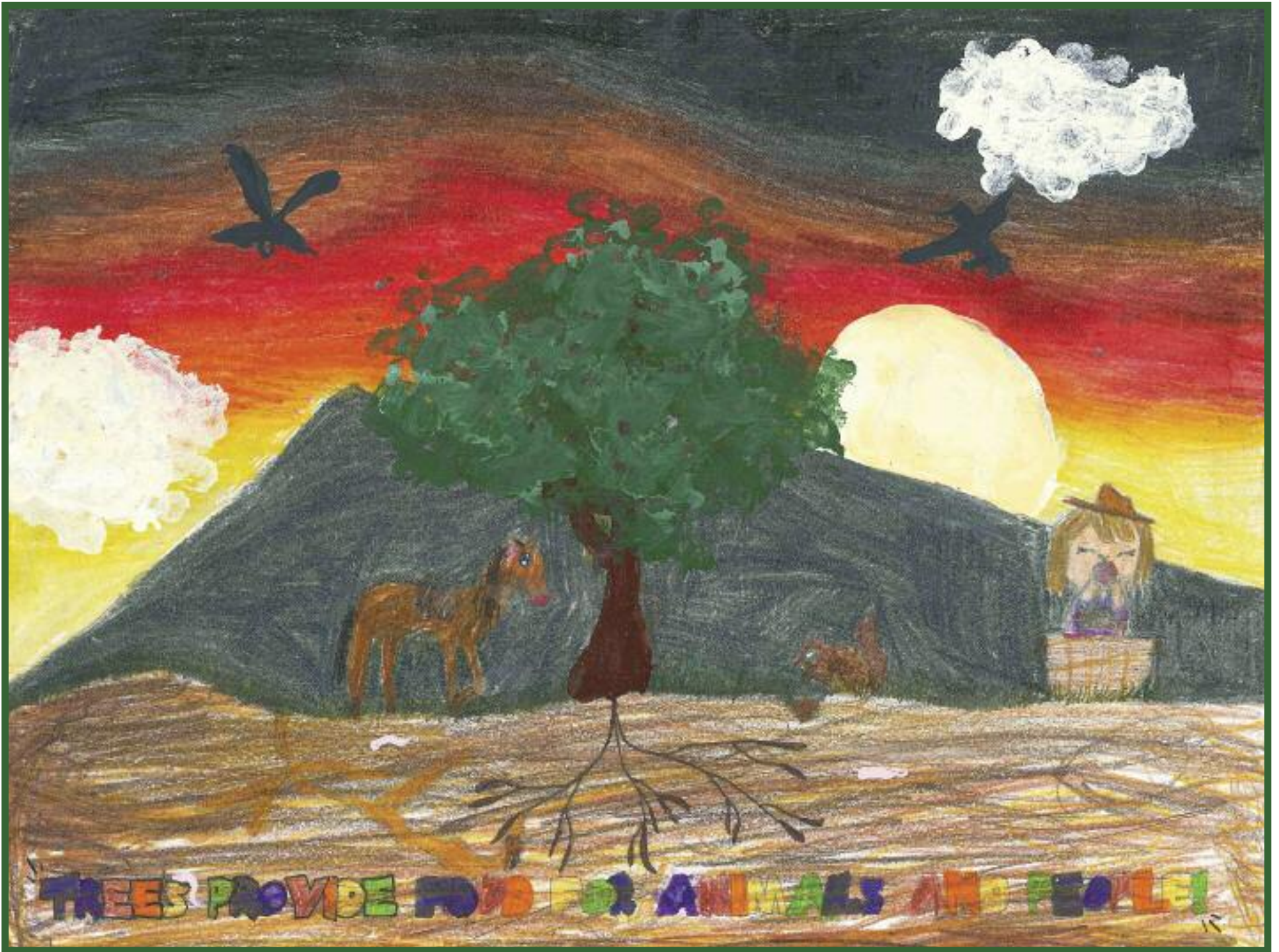
4TH GRADE WINNER • Evie Strouf • Harriet Bishop Elementary • Mrs. Schultze

MARCH 2021



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Daylight Saving Time Begins			St. Patrick's Day			First Day of Spring
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						Passover Begins
28	29	30	31	APRIL 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	CONSERVE & \$AVE[®] WATER TIP If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower!	
Palm Sunday		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



5TH GRADE WINNER • Wendy Brandt • Harriet Bishop Elementary • Mrs. Olson

APRIL 2021



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CONSERVE & \$SAVE[®] ENERGY TIP Plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day this month! If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%. Through our Partners in Planting program, RPU can help you with the purchase and care of a new tree with \$10 nursery and \$20 arborist coupons. Visit www.rpu.org for more information and to download the coupons.			MARCH 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1	2	3
				April Fools' Day	Good Friday	
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Easter						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Tax Day		
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				Earth Day		
25	26	27 ○ Full Moon	28	29	30	MAY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24/31 25 26 27 28 29
		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center			 RPU Arbor Day Celebration 11am-1pm Three Links - Silver Lake Park	



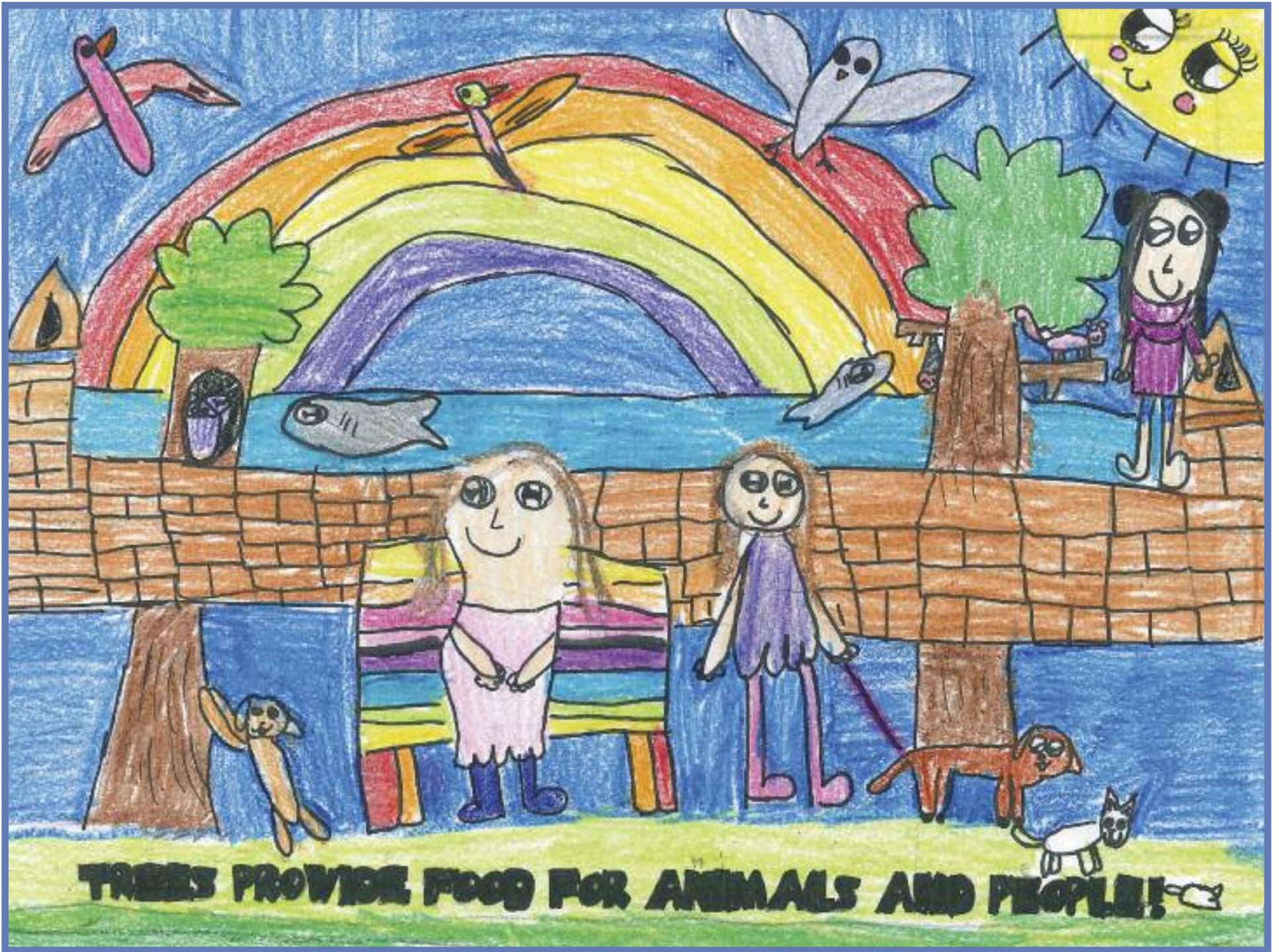
Jadyn Lahr • 1st Grade • Longfellow Elementary • Ms. Beck

MAY 2021



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CONSERVE & \$AVE[®] ENERGY TIP Don't leave your mobile phone plugged in overnight. It only takes a couple of hours to charge.			APRIL 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1
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National Drinking Water Week May 2-8			Cinco de Mayo				
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Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26 ○ Full Moon	27	28	29	
30	31						
	Memorial Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center					



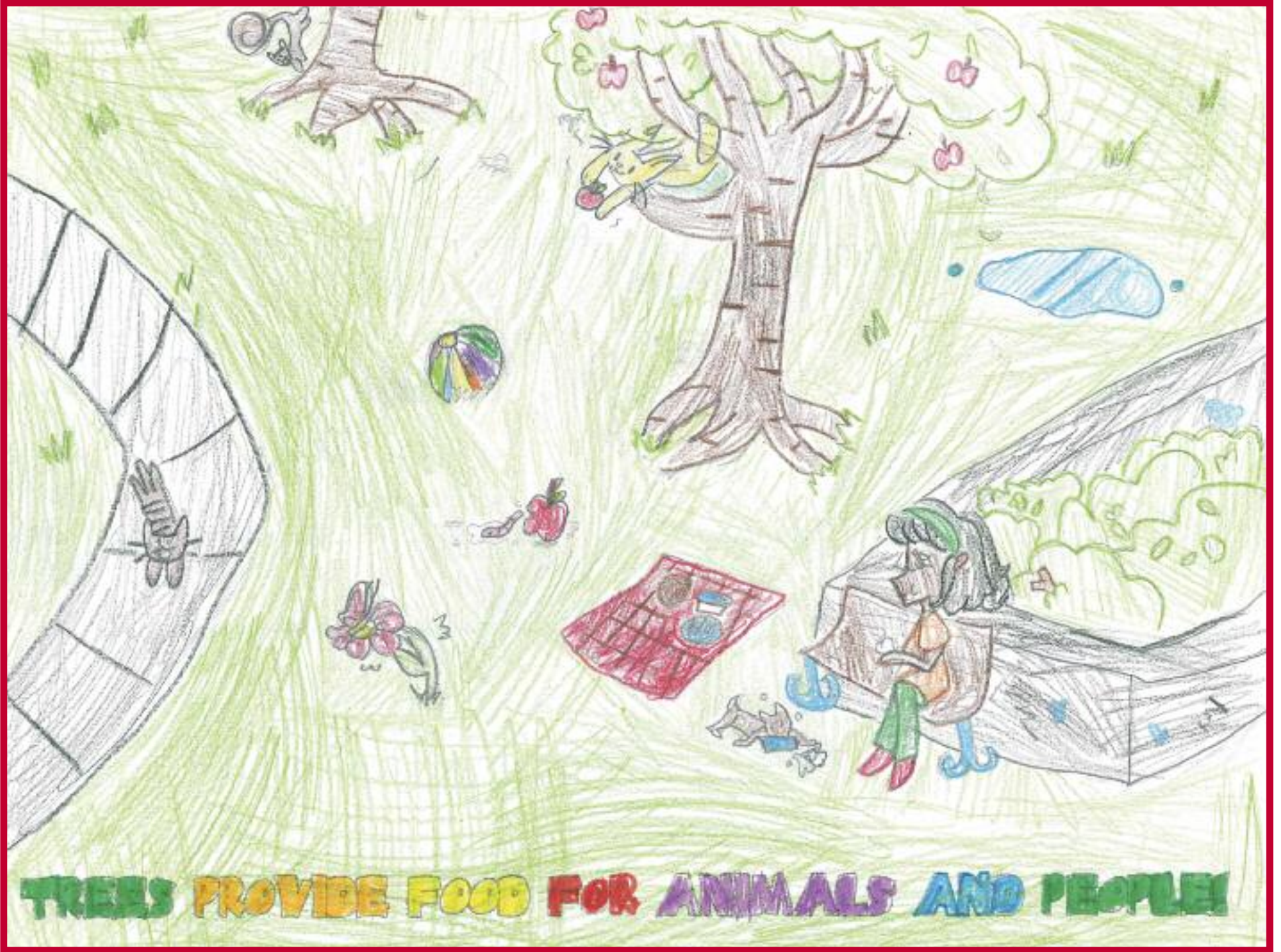
Lauren Klein • 2nd Grade • Lincoln Elementary • Ms. Robertson

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	Flag Day					Rochesterfest June 19-26
20	21	22	23	24 ☉ Full Moon	25	26
Father's Day First Day of Summer						Rochesterfest Parade
27	28	29	30		CONSERVE & \$AVE[®] WATER TIP Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.	
		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



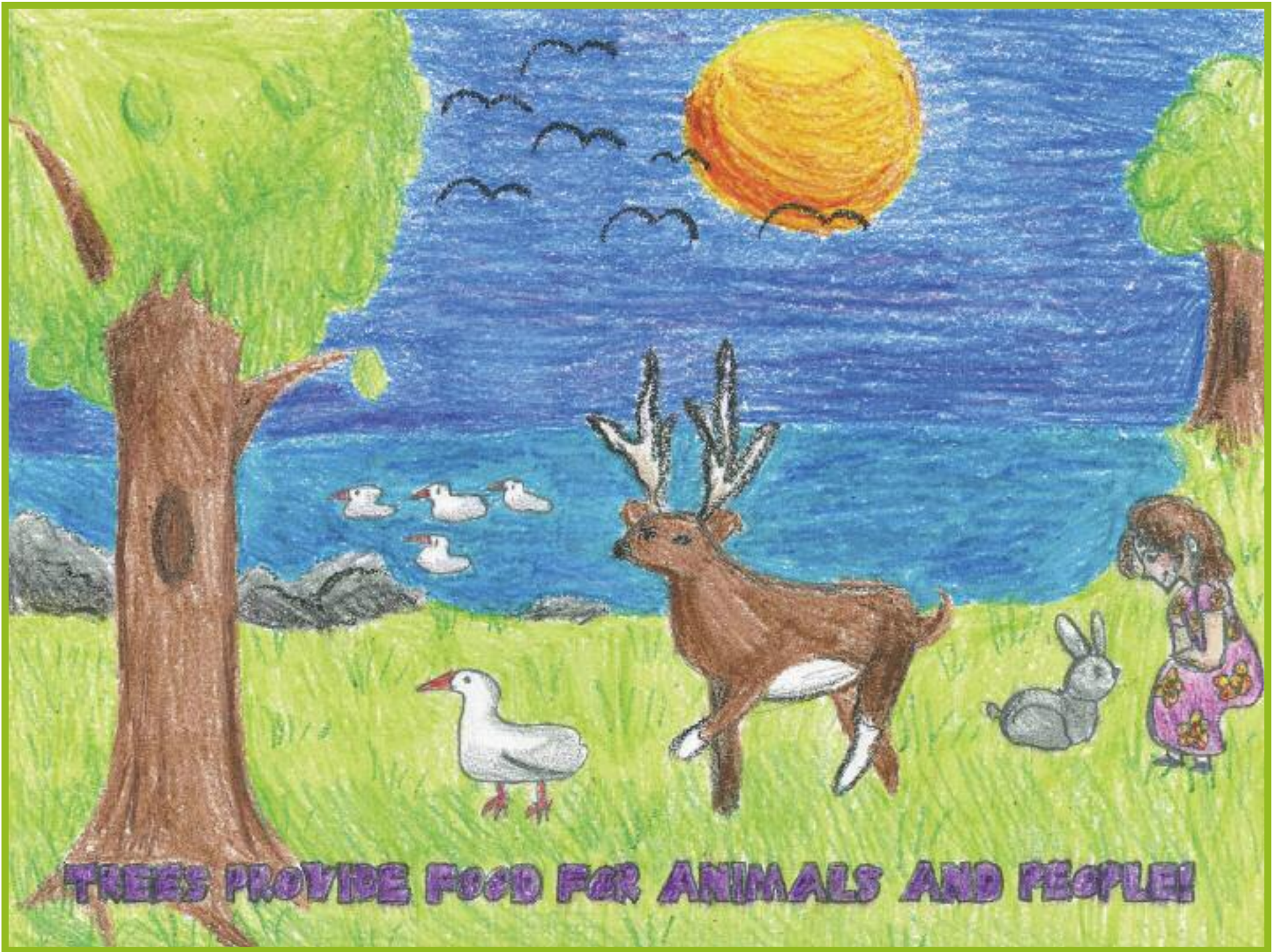
Khara Gatcheco • 3rd Grade • Bamber Valley Elementary • Mrs. Czaplewski

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CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP Install window coverings to prevent heat gain through your windows during the day. In cooling seasons, about 76% of sunlight that falls on standard double-pane windows enters to become heat.	JUNE 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		AUGUST 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2	3
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		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center					



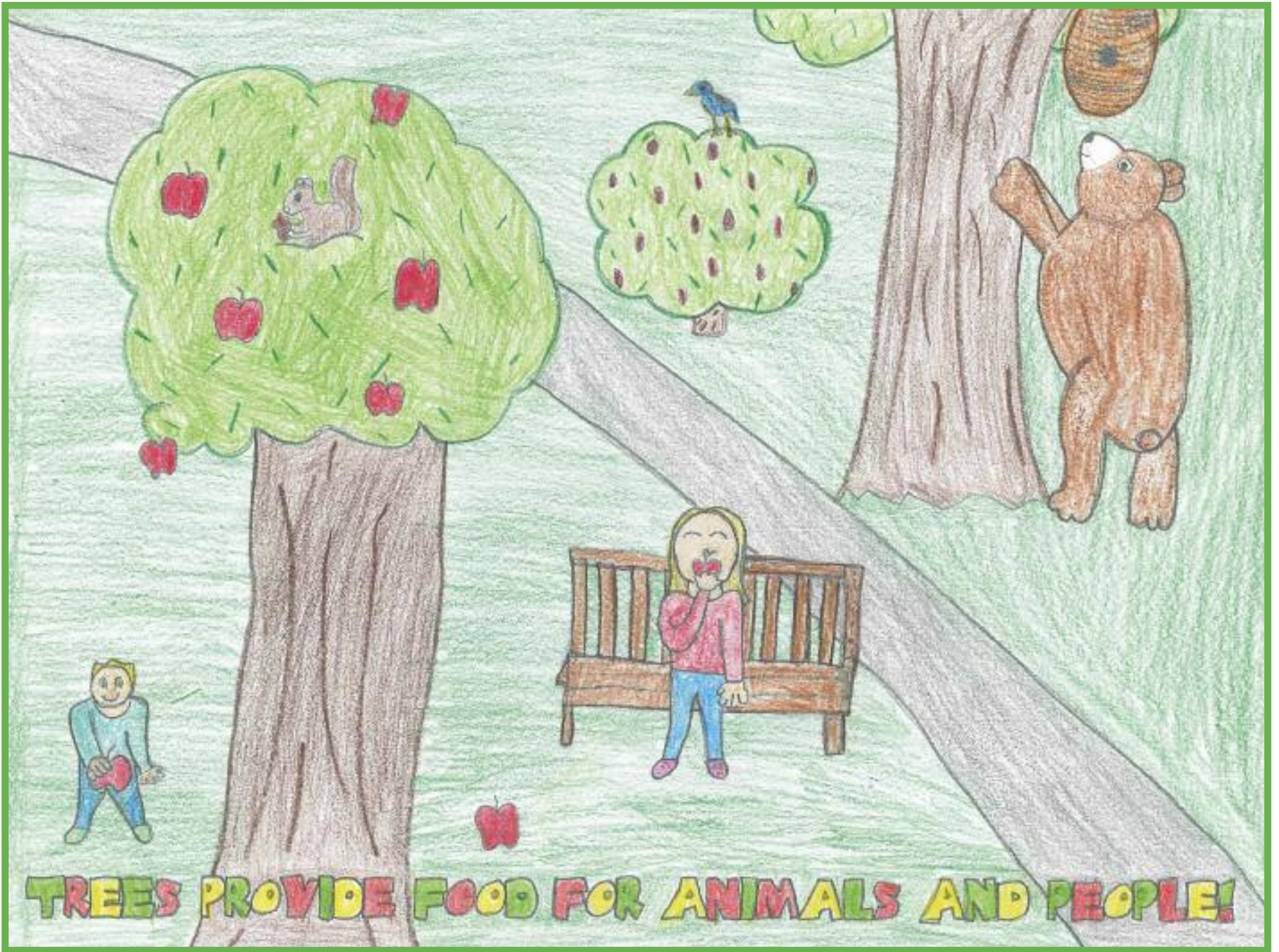
Ruby Anderson • 4th Grade • Bamber Valley Elementary • Mrs. Walske

AUGUST 2021



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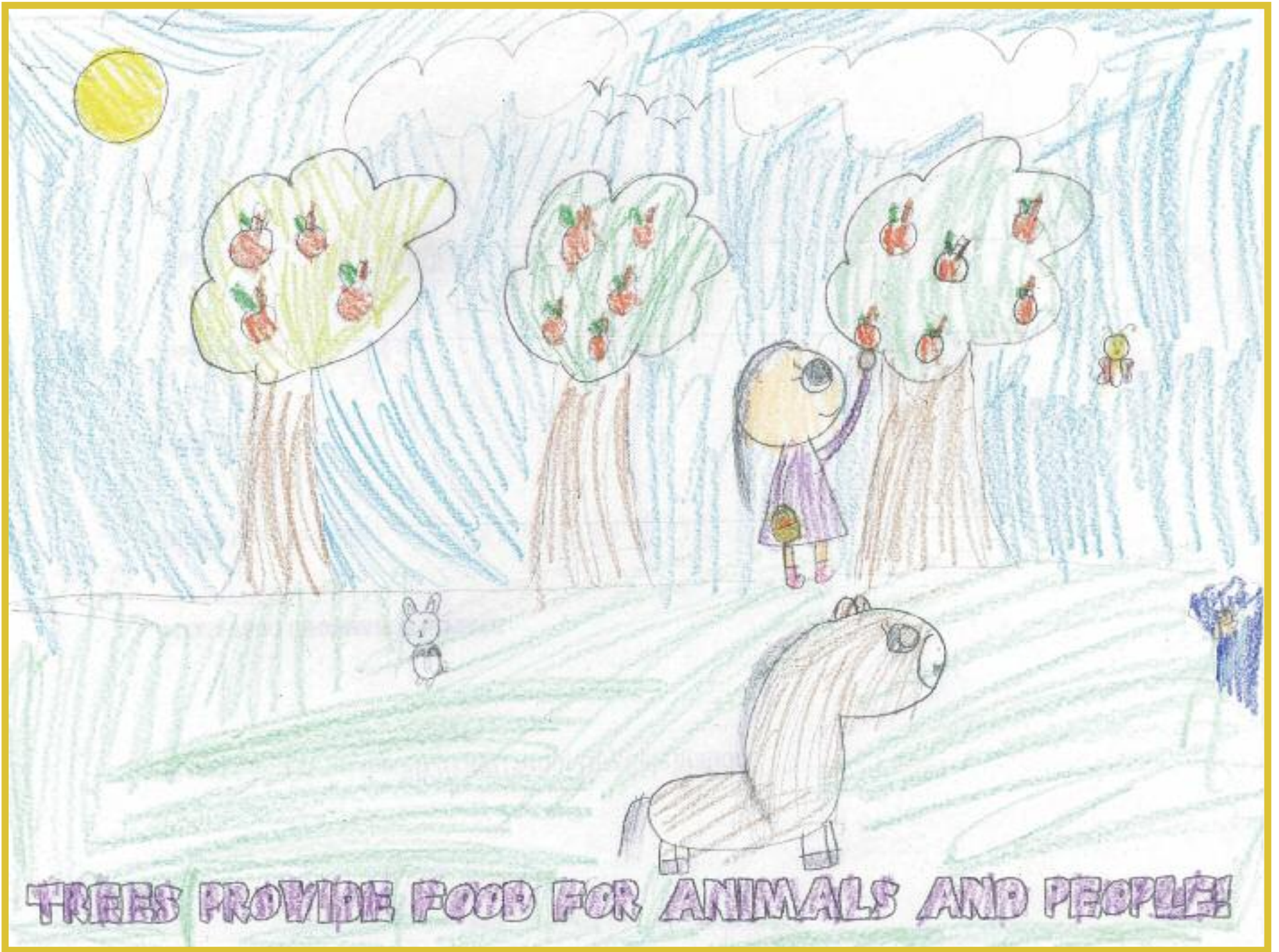
Brooklyn Sherwood • 5th Grade • Pinewood Elementary • Ms. Hennes

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5	6 Rosh Hashanah Begins Labor Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
12 Grandparents Day	13	14	15 Yom Kippur Begins	16	17	18
19	20	21 ○ Full Moon	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25
26	27	28 RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	29	30	CONSERVE & \$AVE[®] ENERGY TIP On cooler days and evenings, open your windows and give your air conditioner a much-needed rest!	



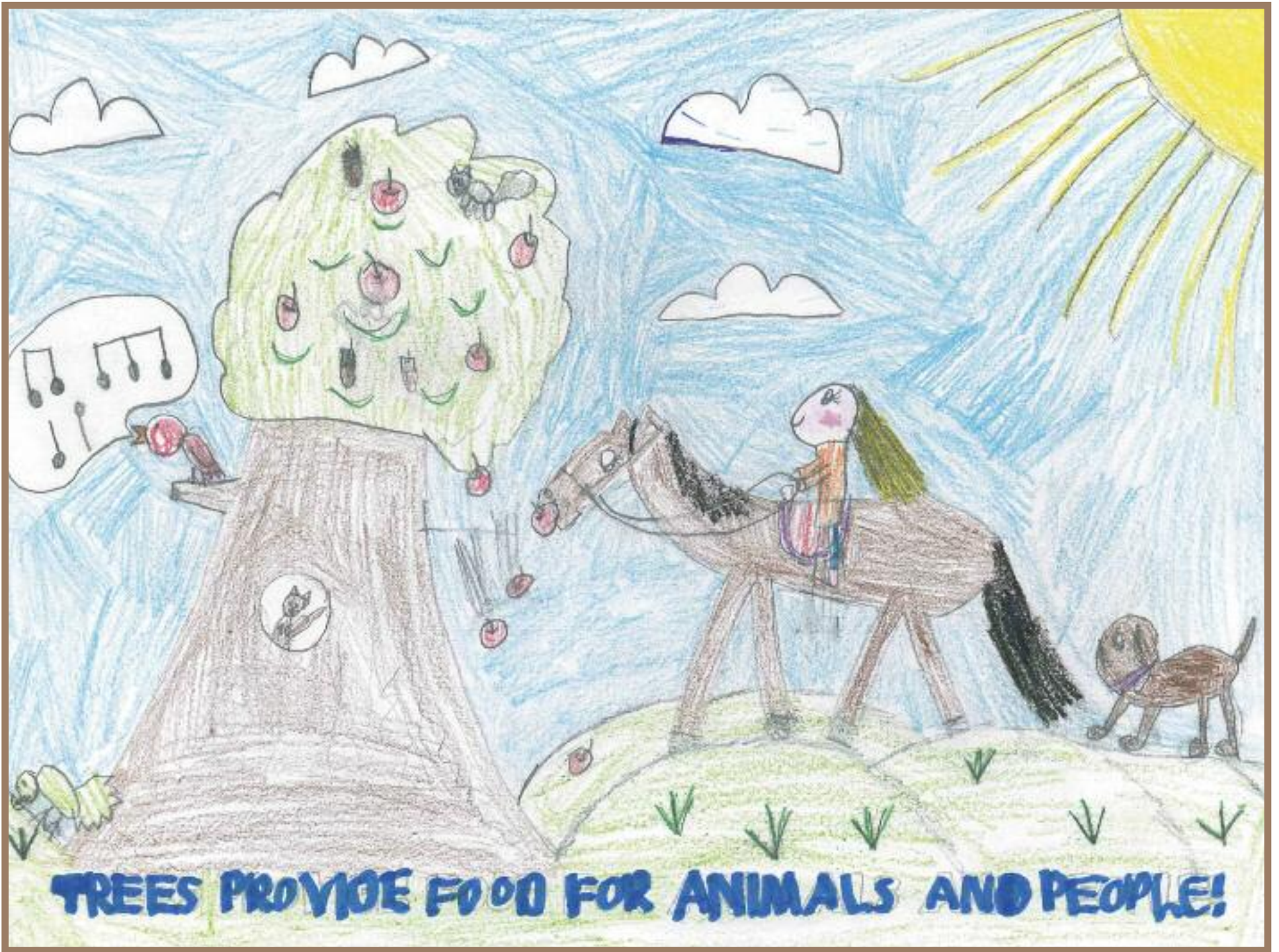
Aerowyn See • 1st Grade • Pinewood Elementary • Mrs. Dube

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CONSERVE & \$SAVE[®] ENERGY TIP Hunt Vampire Power with a Kill A Watt [®] meter! Learn how much energy and money can be saved by replacing, unplugging, or using a smart power strip. RPU has Kill A Watt [®] meters that you can use in your home for free! Call 507.280.1500 to reserve one today!			SEPTEMBER 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2
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 Public Power Week October 3-9						
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	Columbus Day					
17	18	19	20 ○ Full Moon	21	22	23
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Halloween		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



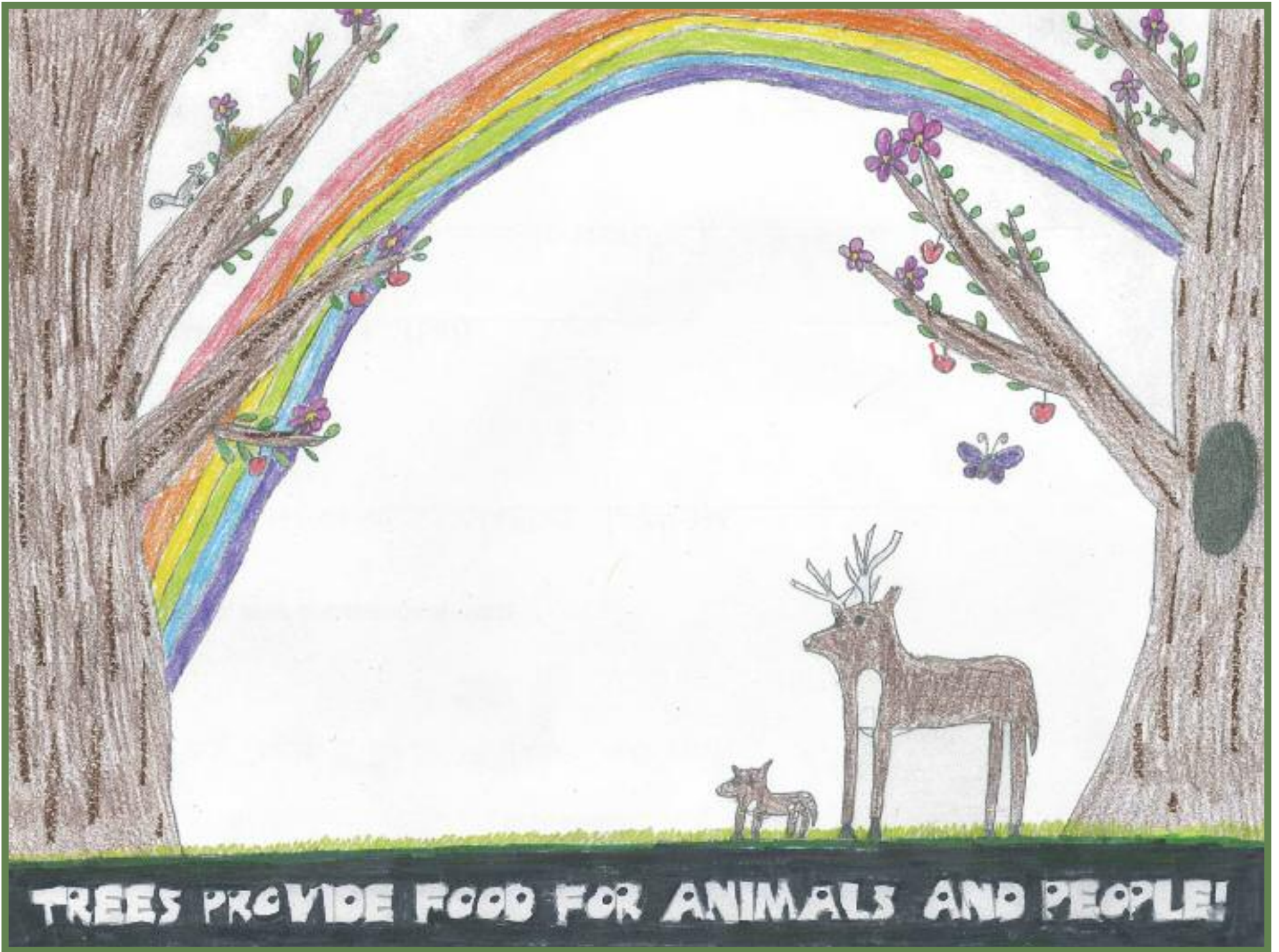
Zoey Grahn • 2nd Grade • Gage Elementary • Mr. Henry

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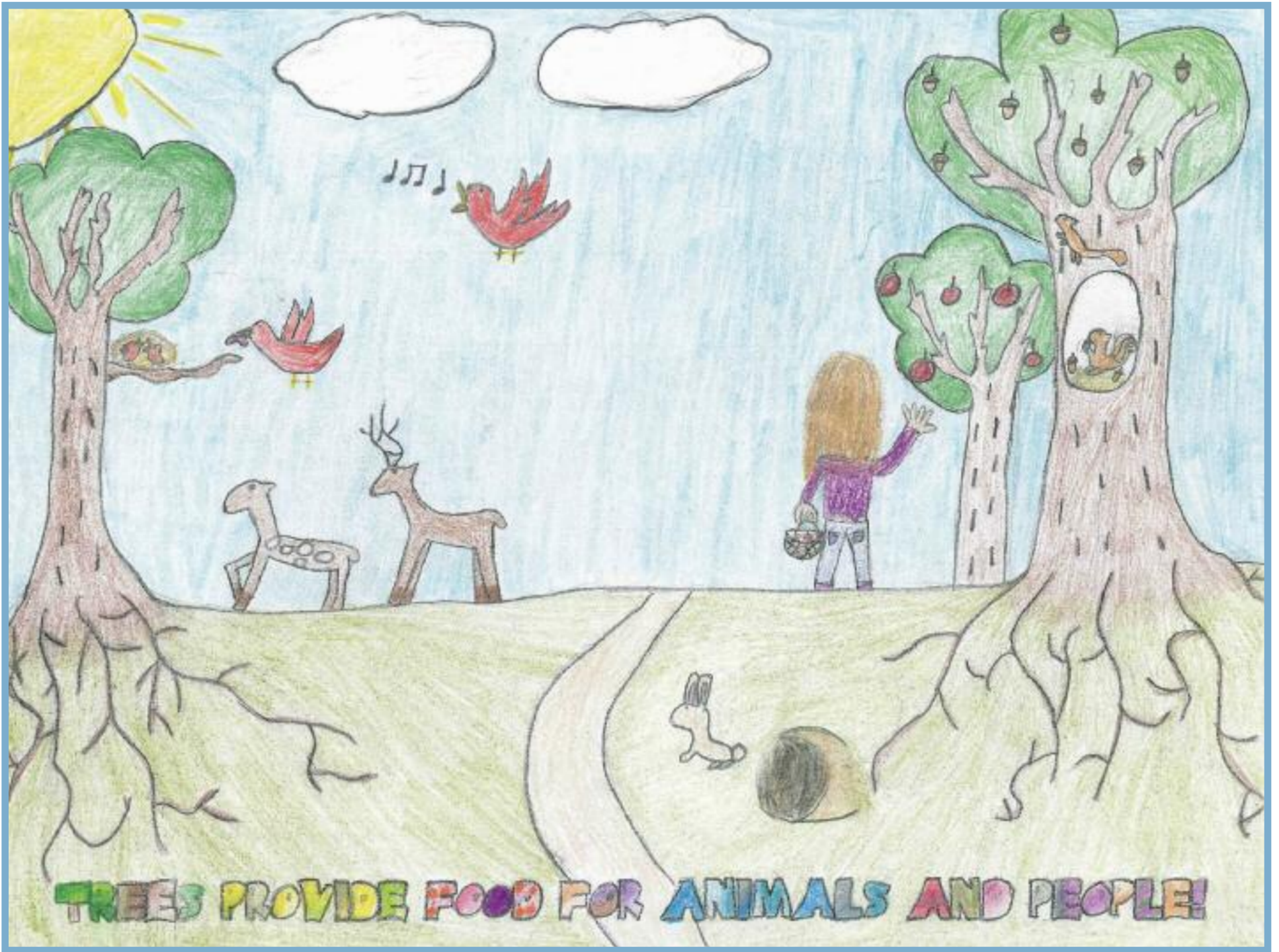
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