



Naomi Schmidt • 1st Grade • Pinewood Elementary • Mrs. Haley



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 have 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 2024. 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.

RPU encourages our customers to plant trees through our Partners in Planting program. We've partnered with 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.

The overall winner of the Arbor Day poster contest gets an honorary tree planted at their school and children learn how to properly plant it.

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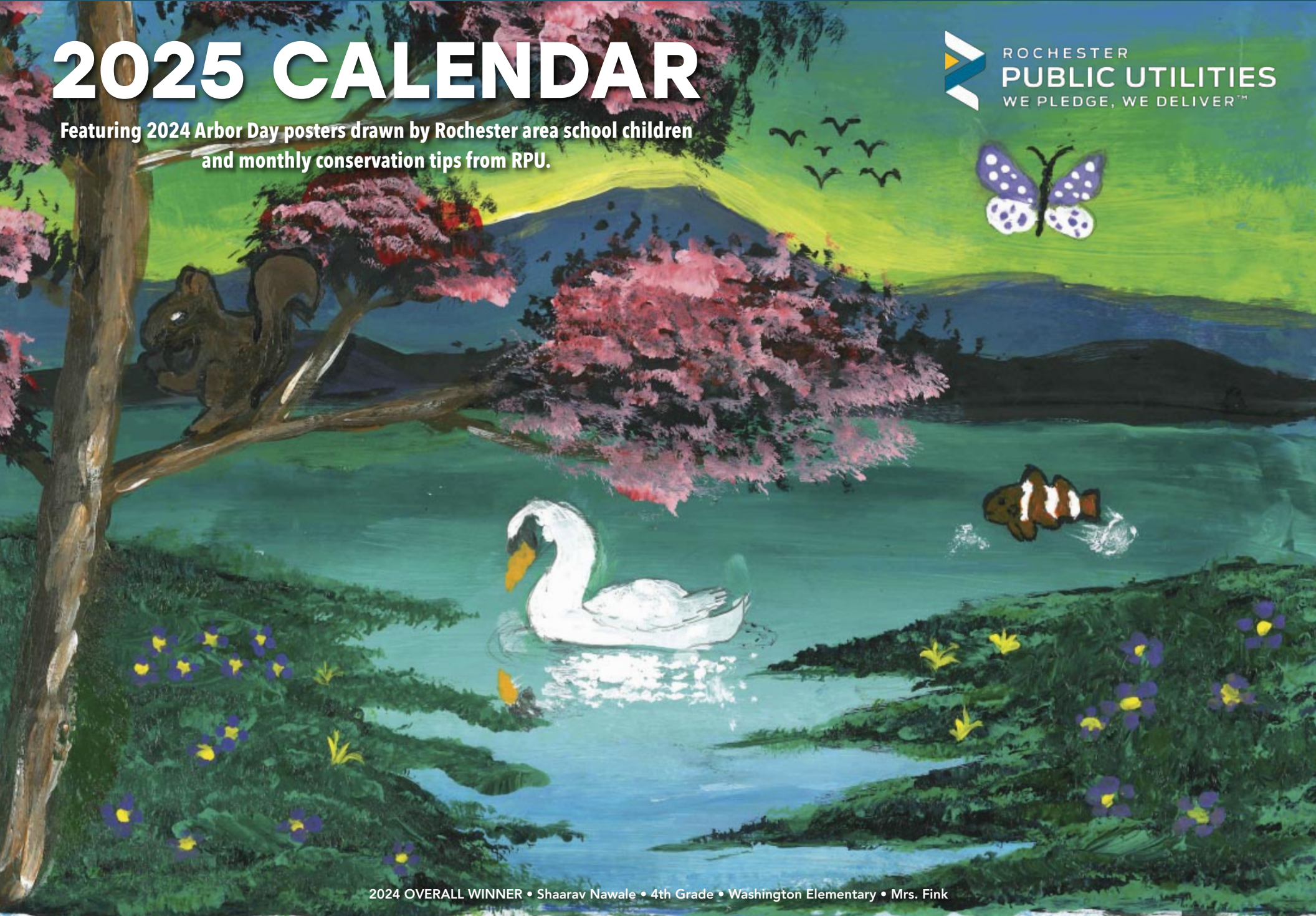
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2025 CALENDAR

Featuring 2024 Arbor Day posters drawn by Rochester area school children and monthly conservation tips from RPU.



2024 OVERALL WINNER • Shaarav Nawale • 4th Grade • Washington Elementary • Mrs. Fink

Trees Are Terrific...For Animals Too!

RPU's 22nd Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The 2024 RPU Arbor Day Celebration was held on Friday, April 26, 2024, by partnering sponsors – RPU, Maier Tree & Lawn, Rochester Parks & Recreation, and Sargent's Gardens. Due to weather conditions, the event was moved indoors to Rochester Community and Technical College's Field House. More than 2,500 local elementary students, educators, and chaperones gathered to have lunch and celebrate everything trees. In addition, local community members came out to enjoy the festivities and to get a free tree seedling to plant themselves.

As part of the annual Arbor Day festivities, a poster contest is held for local elementary school students. This year hundreds of students submitted posters highlighting the theme, "Trees Are Terrific... For Animals Too!" Each year, the winners for each grade and an overall winner are selected and featured in the RPU calendar. The overall winner for 2024 was 4th grader Shaarav Nawale (pictured to the right) from Mrs. Fink's class at Washington Elementary. Shaarav's winning poster design is featured on the cover of this calendar.



2024 Poster Contest Winners

(top to bottom, left to right)

FIRST GRADE

Naomi
Ms. Beck
Longfellow Elementary

SECOND GRADE

Hannah Erickson
Mrs. Parker
Gibbs Elementary

THIRD GRADE

Beckett Frantzen
Mrs. Butler
Gibbs Elementary

FOURTH GRADE

Sienna Bunnam
Mr. Lynch
Gibbs Elementary

FIFTH GRADE

Addison Waugh
Mr. Wiest
Harriet Bishop Elementary

OVERALL WINNER

Shaarav Nawale, 4th Grade
Mrs. Fink
Washington Elementary

ARBOR DAY 2024 SPONSORING PARTNERS





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Marina Gelil • 1st Grade • Jefferson Elementary • Mrs. Schad

DECEMBER 2024



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</small>
15 <small>○ Full Moon</small>	16	17 <small>RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center</small>	18	19	20	21 <small>First Day of Winter</small>
22	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED</small>	25 <small>Hanukkah Begins Christmas Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED</small>	26 <small>Kwanzaa Begins</small>	27	28
29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	<small>NOVEMBER 2024</small> <small>S M T W T F S</small> <small> 1 2</small> <small>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</small> <small>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</small> <small>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</small> <small>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</small>	<small>JANUARY 2025</small> <small>S M T W T F S</small> <small> 1 2 3 4</small> <small>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</small> <small>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</small> <small>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</small> <small>26 27 28 29 30 31</small>	<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>CONSERVE & \$AVE™ ENERGY TIP</p> <p>Use LED holiday lights and decorations - they are 75% more efficient and last up to 25 times longer. You can apply for a rebate from RPU on your purchase of new LED lights and decorations - up to \$12 per string!</p> </div>	



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1ST GRADE WINNER • Naomi • Longfellow Elementary • Ms. Beck

JANUARY 2025



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CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP Make a New Year's Resolution to save! Attend one of our FREE Neighborhood Energy Challenge workshops and qualify for a home energy audit for only \$75! Visit www.rpu.org for workshop dates and more information.	DECEMBER 2024 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	4
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12	13 <small>○ Full Moon</small>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				
26	27	28	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2025 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



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2ND GRADE WINNER • Hannah Erickson • Gibbs Elementary • Mrs. Parker

FEBRUARY 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
CONSERVE & SAVE ENERGY TIP Do you use electric heat or a heat pump? Install an Energy Star® smart thermostat and apply for a rebate up to \$100 from RPU!			JANUARY 2025 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	MARCH 2025 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	1		
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Groundhog Day							
9	10	11	12 ○ Full Moon	13	14	15	
Super Bowl LIX				Rochester Area Builders Home Show February 13-15 Mayo Civic Center	Valentine's Day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	Presidents' Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center					
23	24	25	26	27	28		



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3RD GRADE WINNER • Beckett Frantzen • Gibbs Elementary • Mrs. Butler

MARCH 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP Do you own or are thinking of purchasing an Electric Vehicle (EV)? RPU offers bill credits up to \$200 when you enroll in RPU's Residential Time-of-Use Rate. Visit www.rpu.org to learn more!	FEBRUARY 2025 S M T W T F S 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		APRIL 2025 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	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14 ☉ Full Moon	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



4TH GRADE WINNER • Sienna Bunnam • Gibbs Elementary • Mr. Lynch

APRIL 2025



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6 Palm Sunday	7	8 Tax Day	9	10	11 Good Friday	12 Passover Begins
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 RPU Arbor Day Celebration 11am-1pm Three Links - Silver Lake Park	26
27	28	29 RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	30	CONSERVE & \$AVE™ 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.		

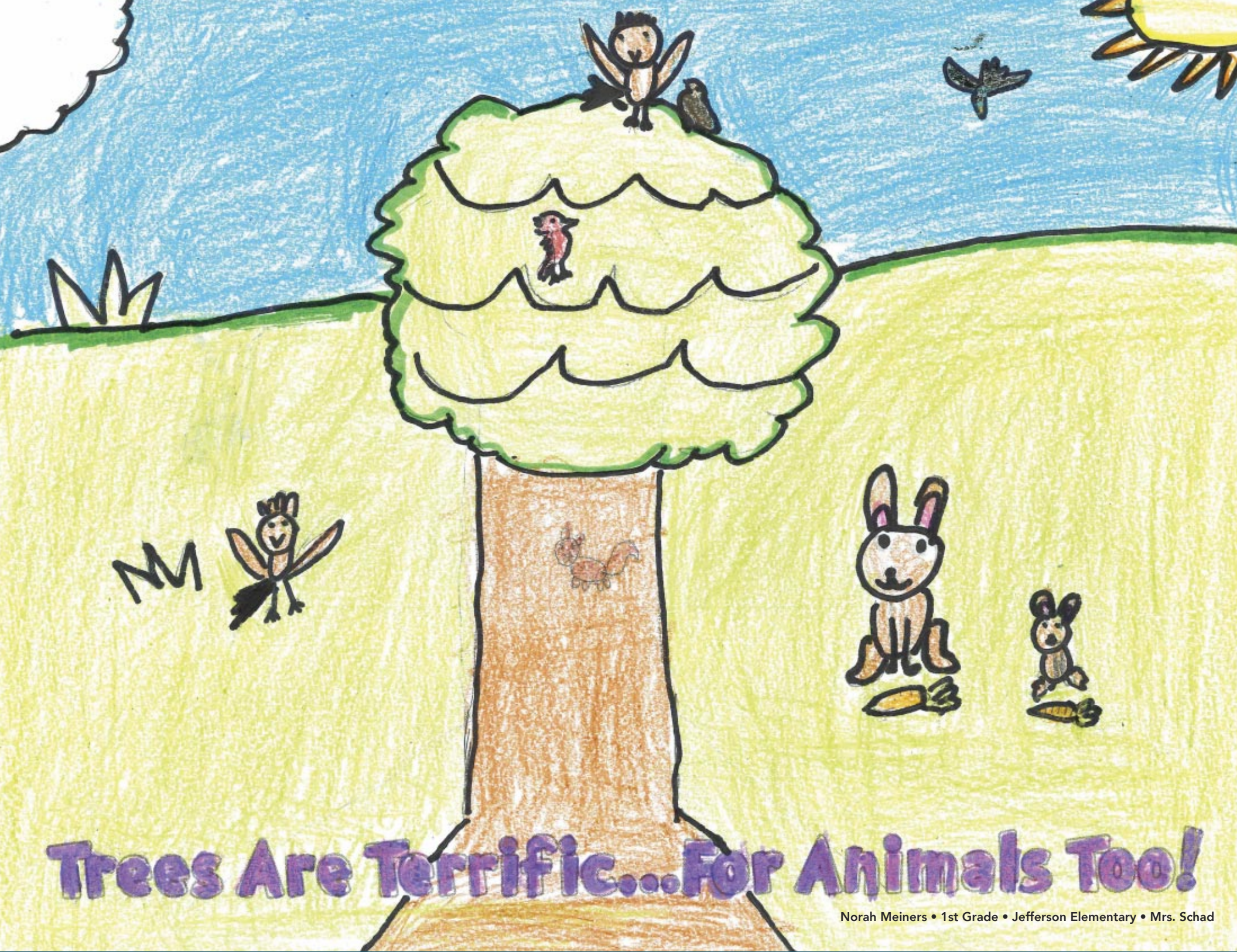


MAY 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CONSERVE & \$AVE WATER TIP Use spring showers to water your lawn! WaterSense® labeled weather-based irrigation controllers use local weather data to determine when and how much to water your lawn. Plus, you can apply for a rebate of 50% of your purchase price (up to \$75) from RPU.		APRIL 2025 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 2025 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	3
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National Drinking Water Week May 4-10	Cinco de Mayo					
11	12 ○ Full Moon	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED					



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Norah Meiners • 1st Grade • Jefferson Elementary • Mrs. Schad

JUNE 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <small>○ Full Moon</small>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<small>Father's Day</small>				<small>Juneteenth RPU OFFICES CLOSED</small>	<small>First Day of Summer</small>	<small>Rochesterfest June 21-29</small>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<small>RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center</small>				
			<small>MAY 2025</small> <small>S M T W T F S</small> 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	<small>JULY 2025</small> <small>S M T W T F S</small> 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	<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">CONSERVE & \$AVE™</h3> <h4 style="margin: 0;">ENERGY TIP</h4> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Do you need a new lawn mower this summer? RPU offers Battery-Powered Lawn Mower bill credits: \$50 for a push mower and \$100 for a riding mower. Visit www.rpu.org to learn more!</p> </div>	



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Logan Marroquin • 2nd Grade • Lincoln Elementary • Ms. Robertson

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6	7	8	9	10	Independence Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP + WATER TIP Get a double dose of savings! Energy Star® certified clothes washers use 25% less energy and 33% less water than regular washers, plus you can apply for a rebates up to \$65 from RPU.	
		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



Andie Bryhn • 3rd Grade • Elton Hills Elementary • Mr. Niebuhr

AUGUST 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CONSERVE & \$SAVE™ ENERGY TIP Did you know heat pumps are not only for home heating and cooling? There are also heat pump clothes dryers and heat pump water heaters. RPU offers valuable rebates on all three! Visit www.rpu.org to learn more.		JULY 2025 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	SEPTEMBER 2025 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
3	4	5 RPU Board Meeting Budget Study Session 4pm • RPU Service Center	6	7	8	9 ○ Full Moon
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				



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Scarlett Duckett • 4th Grade • Lincoln Elementary • Ms. Mundy

SEPTEMBER 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6
7 ○ Full Moon	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
Grandparents Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 First Day of Autumn Rosh Hashanah Begins	30			

AUGUST 2025

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24 ³¹	25	26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2025

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

RPU Board Meeting
4pm • RPU Service Center

CONSERVE & \$SAVE WATER TIP

Replace old, inefficient toilets with WaterSense® labeled models, and you can reduce water usage by 20 to 60% – that's nearly 13,000 gallons per year! You can also apply for a \$25 rebate from RPU.



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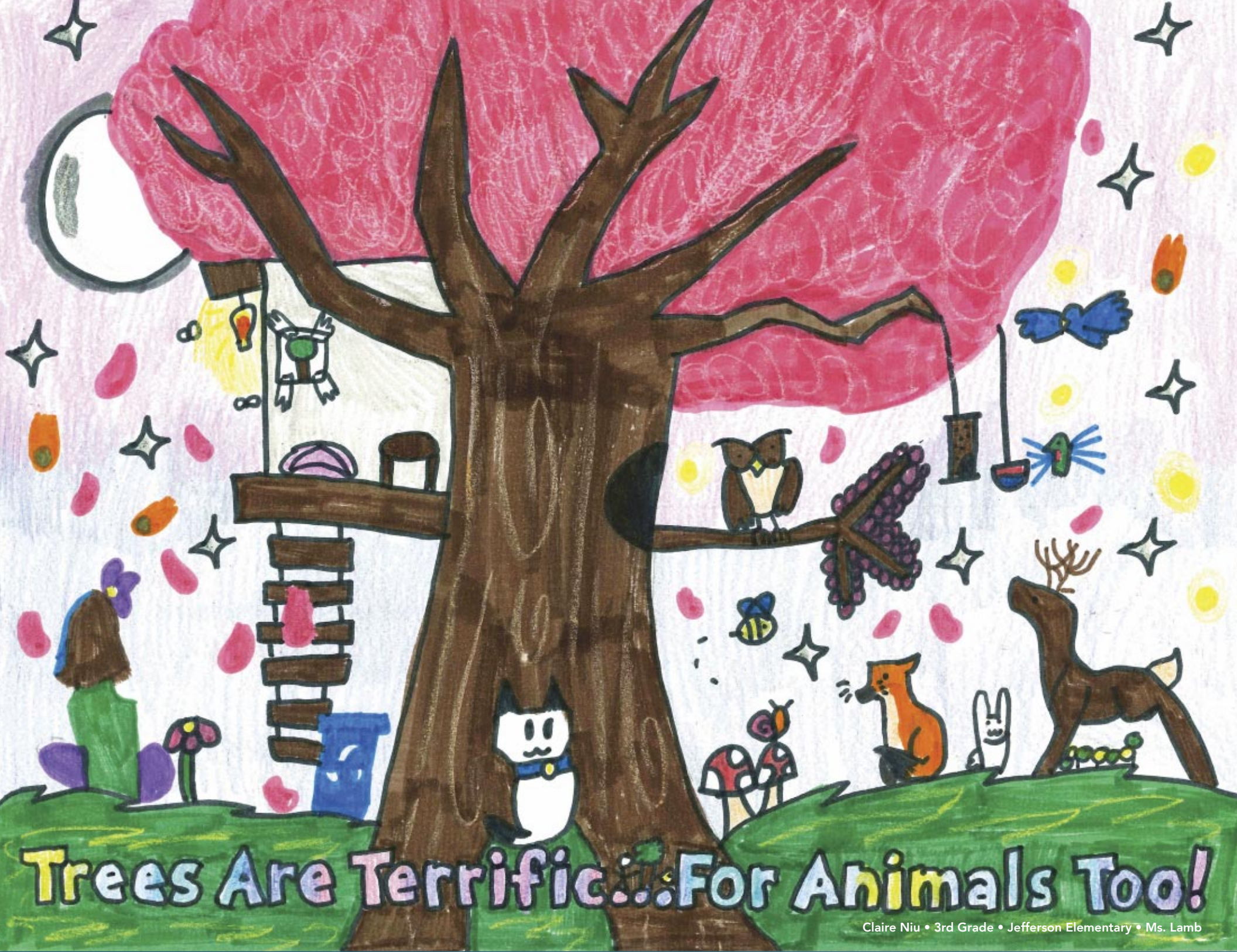
Danica Maschka • 5th Grade • Sunset Terrace Elementary • Ms. Steffen

OCTOBER 2025



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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 2025 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 Yom Kippur Begins	2	3	4
5 Public Power Week October 5-11	6 ○ Full Moon	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	NOVEMBER 2025 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 25 26 27 28 29



Claire Niu • 3rd Grade • Jefferson Elementary • Ms. Lamb

NOVEMBER 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CONSERVE & \$AVE ENERGY TIP + WATER TIP Need a new dishwasher for holiday clean-up? Energy Star® certified dishwashers are 12% more energy efficient and 30% more water efficient than regular models, plus you can apply for an electric rebate up to \$40 from RPU.	OCTOBER 2025 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		DECEMBER 2025 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	4	5 ○ Full Moon	6	7
Daylight Saving Time Ends		Election Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veterans' Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center		Thanksgiving Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	Day After Thanksgiving RPU OFFICES CLOSED	



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Brooklyn McGhee • 4th Grade • Hoover Elementary • Mrs. Olson

DECEMBER 2025



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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve RPU OFFICES CLOSED	Hanukkah Begins Christmas Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	Kwanzaa Begins	
28	29	30	31	<p>JANUARY 2026</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>		
			New Year's Eve			

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ENERGY TIP

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Wendy Yang • 5th Grade • Gibbs Elementary • Mrs. Huebert

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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	Martin Luther King Jr. Day RPU OFFICES CLOSED	RPU Board Meeting 4pm • RPU Service Center				