



Long Lake

Preservation Association

2026

Long Lake

The Next Generation

INTRODUCTION

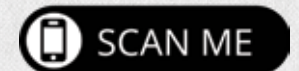
The LLPA Board of Directors is pleased to present the 2026 calendar “LLPA Next Generation.” We all enjoy discovering Long Lake history and marvel at the old photos of the rutted road that brought early settlers to the lake. But as a lake association the LLPA is most interested in the future of Long Lake; the plans we make today are for the generation that we feature in this calendar, and generations to follow. We all want our children and their children to enjoy the sparkling waters of Long Lake. As we honor our past and those who first brought us here, we must also honor those who will come after us and leave to them a bright future with clean water.

With that in mind, this calendar primarily presents art created by youngsters of the lake which features the lake, and in several cases tells the history of their family ties to Long Lake, some of which are extensive. Some art created by adults is included as well. Their art highlights the intergenerational theme of this calendar: the hope of a new lake resident and the memories of those families who have been here for generations.

When youthful eyes view this lake, what do they really see, what impresses them most, what aspects of lake living do they most enjoy? These paintings and drawings reveal that and more, much more: they show that this lake really matters to them. But the duty to preserve it falls for now upon us, which is, after all, LLPA's very reason for being. Please do keep that in mind as you enjoy the art of Long Lake's next generation.

---LLPA Board of Directors

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Long Lake, Wisconsin

By Bennett Calland, Age 14

Tall trees, shining water, and wood cabins
A place of love and family

From the first days staying on the top floor of the musty wood cabin And on the last days the tearful goodbyes, not only to family, but to you as well My first experience with tubing, my sister screaming beside me and I was petrified with fear I had to wonder after if there should be G-Force limits installed for you Catching your record perch, and shining in my moment and glory like Rocky Only interrupted by my cousin's screams of "I got one! I got one!"

You can only imagine my dismay when I walked over to see the NEW record perch he was holding The spring riders, rusty swings, the rock path that burns and scratches your feet no matter what you had on them These were the times of pure content, even when I was alone I still could speak to you, and you would talk back But that was years ago, and a lot has changed

My great grandmother, a staple of our visit, has been lost
It makes the iconic patio of my uncle's cabin feel a little bit emptier physically, but it is a gaping sinkhole emotionally
The cousins have changed too
One in college, one deep into high school, one on his way to high school soon.
But there have been good changes too
The young boys, not even able to remember the last trip at their age, have grown into elementary school and matured greatly (finally)
I've reached the age where I can finally go out with the older boys in the morning to catch the pike for our fish dinner.

And one thing stays the same, something that could never change
Who we are when we're with you
When we go again, I have no doubt it will be the same feeling as when you saw us years ago.
Only different physically, still the same little kids inside our hearts.

And the one thing I am most grateful for, despite all the changes we've had as a family You've stayed the same
The same refreshing, caring, loving feel and spirit you've shown for our entire family So thank you, Long Lake I'll be back soon

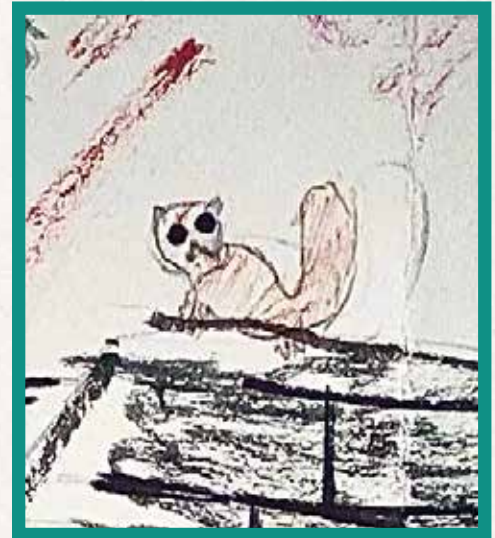
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Ice Fishing Campbell Comer

This month's featured artist, Campbell Comer, age eight, has extensive family ties to Long Lake. He is the Great, Great, Great Grandson of Nels Hovey, one of the first non-indigenous settlers at the lake (and is the Grandson of current LLPA President Sandra Hovey Campbell). Nels and his father-in-law visited here in 1884, the year the dam was built, and in 1886 purchased land at the south end of the lake from one of the lumber barons, and the following year built a hotel and the Nobleton Schoolhouse, the latter of which stands to this day.

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Narrow's Retreat *Mia Donlan*

Mia Donlan is the granddaughter of Peter and Gale Donlan, who have been property owners on Rockford Road for 20 years. She enjoys visiting the cabin where she can swim, boat and go for walks. She loves to draw, and may someday be an artist! This picture by her of the Donlan cabin, which she calls Narrow's Retreat, does raise the question, just what is "The Narrows," anyway? LLPA member and local history buff Geoff Pederson supplies this answer:

"For about 100 years the term 'Narrows' referred to the narrowest portion of the lake, the narrow no-wake channel at Blackhawk Road Landing. The Narrows was named by the loggers who used Long Lake

FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
○ 1 Full Snow Moon	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	
8 ☾	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	
15	16 President's Day	17 ● Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21	
22	23	24 ☾	25	26	27	28	
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to float their logs to the Brill River, then to the Red Cedar River, and finally on to Rice Lake where they were sawed into lumber at the sawmill south of the Rice Lake Dam.

"At the very north end of Long Lake there was a large dam that flooded miles of the creek now called Slim Creek. The loggers used Slim Creek to float their logs to the head of Long Lake. Loggers would "sluice" the logs over the dam into Long Lake where they would corral them with a large "boom chain," a huge loop that could hold 1,000 or more logs, which would be hauled by tug boat South on Long Lake.

"At the Narrows, loggers would open the boom so the drivers could guide the logs in small groups through the Narrows. These drivers were mostly native Indians who would run across the tops of the floating logs carrying "pike poles" which they used to push and prod the logs in the right direction. When all of the logs were sluiced through the Narrows they would be re-formed into a boom chain. This process was an all day job so the tug would pull the boom to the Hotel Rockford where it would be secured to shore for the night. The drivers would sleep at the hotel, then continue the next morning to drive the boom to the dam at the end of Long Lake.

"That is how the Narrows was named and the history behind it. While historically it was a very short stretch of lake, today, as the title of the accompanying painting suggests, many consider everything from Blackhawk Road landing to Crows' Nest to be 'The Narrows.'"

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Cabin on Schnacky Road
Millie, Age 9

This month's painting is by then nine year old Millie. She is the great granddaughter of Bob and Betty Doughten, who bought a lot on then yet unnamed Schnacky Road in 1941, where this cabin now owned by their daughter and son-in-law Jeanne and Steve Voigt stands. This is the story of the painting as related by "Gma" Jeanne.

MARCH

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ○	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <small>Full Worm Moon First Robins</small>	11 ●	12	13	14
15 <small>Daylight Saving Time Begins</small>	16	17	18 ●	19	20	21
22 <small>First Blackbirds</small>	23	24 <small>St. Patrick's Day Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)</small>	25 ●	26	27	28
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<small>Palm Sunday</small>			<small>Sandhill Cranes Arrive</small>	<small>Chipmunks Emerge</small>		

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Our granddaughter loves Long Lake. M first came to Long Lake as a toddler who reveled in roaming the yard and splashing in water that was right out the front door. She echoed the reasons her great-grands bought a Long Lake lot 80 plus years ago.

Floating in the Lake was pure bliss for M. Even when lips turned blue, the thought was, I am not cold. What parent and grandparent have not heard those words from a child?

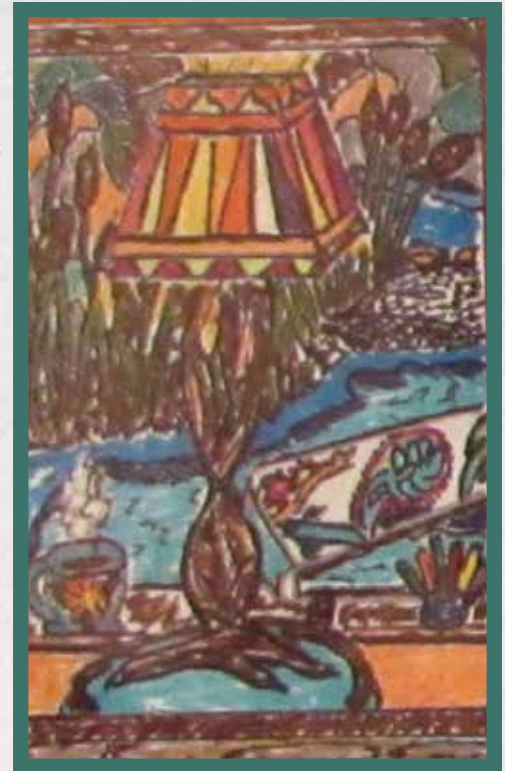
When M was 9, the Lake experience was especially memorable as a bear loped through our yard. Excitement plus!

When home, M attended art camp. The theme was 3-D art. From the time M could hold a paint brush, she loved painting. 3-D art became a Long Lake painting. From memory, M created Gma and Sweet Grandpa's Lake house. The painting shows things she loved: the bear, the Lake, butterflies that flit about the yard, trees across the Lake, sun, blue skies, and stars, because stars are more brilliant at the lake than in the city where M lives. Along the shoreline are the docks and boats. The blue flowers are M's version of blue gentians. M has not seen them but Gma and mom share family lore of who in late summer would be the first to spot the gentians in full flower along the shoreline.

The painting is now a family heirloom.

Gma and Sweet Grandpa Voigt

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Visualizing Our Goals *Janet Willson-Binstock*

Janet Willson-Binstock is one of our adult artists. Here she discusses this very complex painting:

My husband and I purchased our Long Lake Cabin on Blackhawk Road in 2008 with the excited intention of making it our permanent home. Due to the timing of the housing downturn, our house in Almena would not sell, and our planned move was delayed.



APRIL

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5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9 Loons and Mergansers in Open Water	10 ☾	11
12	13 Ice Out Gulls Arrive Frogs Sing First Thunderstorm	14 Tax Day	15	16 ●	17	18
19	20	21	22 Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill) Earth Day	23 ☾	24	25
26 Swallows Arrive	27 Marsh Marigolds (Cowslips) Bloom	28	29 Oroles Sing	30		

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My artwork at the time was intended to reflect how I see energies and vibrations connected to everything and everyone. My intention of this piece was to focus on how I saw the energies of Long Lake around the cabin. It is said that if we want to achieve a goal, one must visualize that goal in detail. That happened with this creation. It gave me a great deal of hope and encouragement.

Some of the details of the image are obvious. My husband, Byron, is cruising the lake while I watch from the dock. Our Boston Terrier mix, Cleo, is gleefully digging for a chipmunk while the creature is comically observing her from the crook of the birch tree. The different colors of the lake represent the always changing energies of the water.

There is also symbolism throughout the print. The pink toned mushroom actually represents the human diaphragm... the one that supports lung function and the breath. In order to encourage myself to not 'hold my breath' in waiting for our dream to come to fruition, that symbol encouraged me to 'breathe' and visualize. See if you can find any symbols for yourself in this image.

By the way... we finally made the move to the cabin in 2014. It is a gift to be living in this community!




Grandpa's Sailboat
Sage Leand

This month's young artist is Sage Leand, granddaughter of LLPA members Mark and Kim Leach. She made this painting of a sailboat at age five. As the following story by Grandpa Mark shows, her enthusiasm for sailboats runs in the family:

"Sage's painting captures her excitement to return to Long Lake for rides in Grandpa's sailboat and playtime in the sandbox with her cousins. The lake and Holy Island are special places for Sage's family. Long ago in 1906, Sage's great great great uncle, T.H. Eggen and his wife, Regina, built their summer cottage on the shores of Holy Island. It became known by this name because these first non-indigenous inhabitants

MAY

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10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 <i>First Loon Nesting at North End</i>	12	13 <i>Hummingbirds Appear</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day					○  LLPA Annual Meeting Blue Full Moon

were Norwegian Lutheran pastors and Pastor Eggen was one of them. A true island in those days, they had to row a rowboat across the bay to the island. A bridge was built later and that was eventually replaced by a dirt causeway and two culverts. The cottage has remained in the family of the descendants of Pastor Eggen to this day, as well as two cottages later built on nearby lots. Today there are several cabins on the island that still belong to the descendants of those original Lutheran pastors.

"The family's boating tradition began with a wooden rowboat, then graduated to an aluminum Lone Star fishing boat in the 1950's. By the 1970s, Sage's great-grandfather Bert Leach and grandfather Mark Leach began the sailing tradition with a 14 foot Hobie catamaran. Sailing on Long Lake has its challenges, as Bert almost always said "We had fluky winds today". A proper sailing outing usually involves a circumnavigation around Kunz Island and then a record of it placed in Great Grandpa Bert's Sailing Log. Each sail seems to capture the forced presence and focus of the sport, where the joy comes from being in the moment in nature. No motor, no noise, no carbon footprint. There aren't as many sailboats on Long Lake as there used to be. In the 1980's there was the annual Bungay Makwa sailboat regatta, a handicapped and multi-class race open to any and all sailboats on the lake. That race has faded into the past, but lots of boy scouts can still be seen out on the water learning this silent sport. In a few years, Sage can carry on this tradition as the fourth generation to sail around Kunz Island and embrace the fluky winds."



*Long Lake Bucket List
Huntley Bateman*

This month's featured artist, nine year old Huntley Bateman of Dallas, Texas, has deep, deep roots in Long Lake. She is a seventh generation descendent of Orrin H. Ingram, one of the leading lumbermen of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the Long Lake watershed.

Ingram, born in Massachusetts, started in the lumbering business as a teenager, and working for others

JUNE

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built several mills in New York and Canada. In 1857 he migrated to Wisconsin and the rich forests of the Chippewa Valley, settling in Eau Claire. There he was a founder of what ultimately became the Empire Lumber Company, with mills and lumber yards in multiple states. He visited Rice Lake in 1882 and fell in love with Long Lake and its timber. In 1883 he founded the Rice Lake Lumber Company, built a mill in Rice Lake and procured an act of the Wisconsin Legislature authorizing construction of the Long Lake Dam, built the following year. The purpose of the dam was to create a high enough head of water to float logs to the mill at Rice Lake. (The early years of the dam are a story in itself. The fact that it was permitted to raise and lower the lake level by 12 feet caused problems as Holy Island was developed, and the controversy ended up in the Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1917.)

In the 1890s he built a house near the entrance to the dam, and that's where Huntley enters the picture. That house, recently completely restored, still stands, and is owned by Tim and Sherrie Gottsacker, Huntley's grandparents. (The log outbuilding with a grass covered roof was Ingram's ice house.) Huntley's family makes an annual trip to Long Lake, and on the journey from Dallas she creates her "bucket list" of fun things to do while here. Her drawing is of one of those lists. It's quite ambitious, and looks like fun indeed! Now that June is here and the lake has come alive, perhaps we all should prepare our own bucket list for the coming Long Lake Summer.



Full Strawberry Moon

Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)

Flag Day

Camp Tomahawk Opens

Father's Day
Summer Solstice
(Summer Begins)

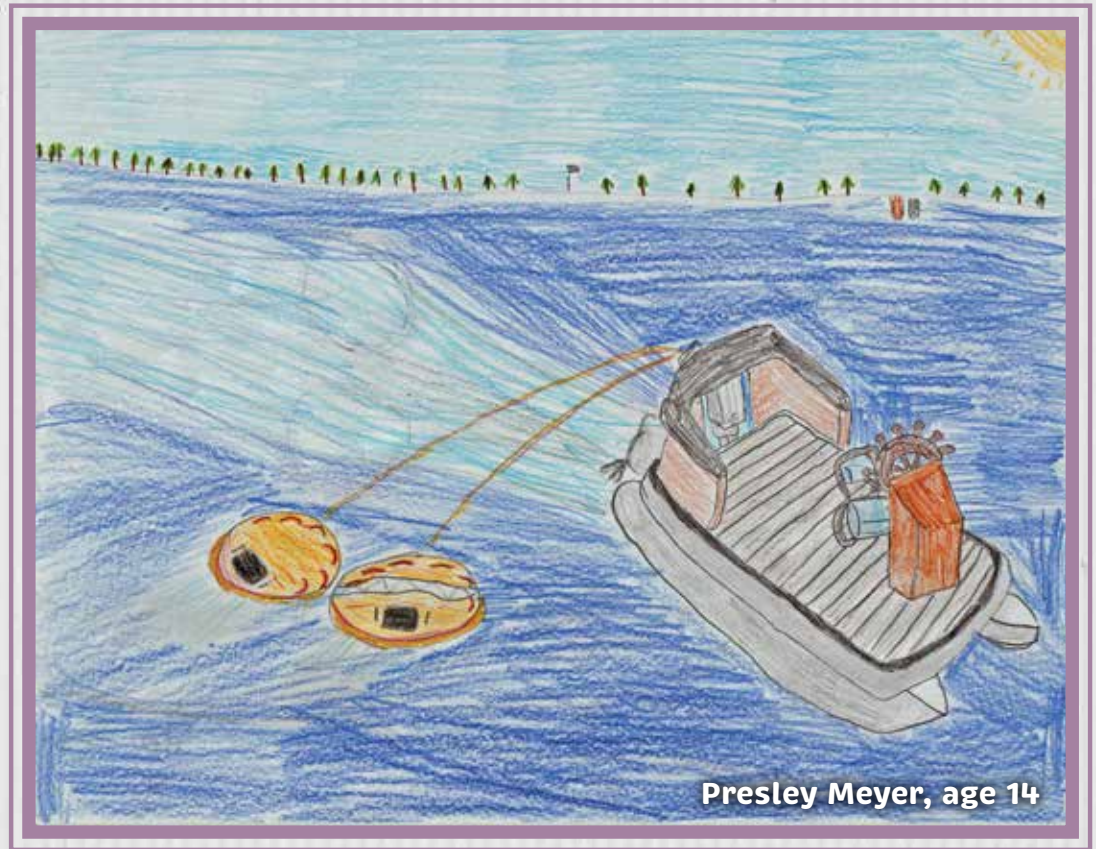
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Paige Schultz, age 7



Valerie Peissig, age 7



Presley Meyer, age 14

AUGUST

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Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)

Perseids Meteor Shower

Camp Tomahawk Closes

Full Sturgeon Moon

short ice fishing poles and wearing goggles & snorkel. Eric our youngest son is shown with his cousin, Adam, by the dock attempting to snag some minnows and crayfish in the trap. My younger brother, Craig Olund, is the guy wearing a blue baseball cap while fishing by the stumps. Craig's wife, Jaci Olund, is the lovely blonde riding on the pontoon with my Mom. Craig & Jaci's oldest child, Katie Olund Paulson, is shown riding the jet ski with her brown hair blowing in the breeze. Ryan Olund, Craig's son, is depicted riding in the speedboat with his cousin skiing behind. Emily Olund Schommer, their youngest child, is the brown haired beauty riding on the pontoon with her.

Next, I'll discuss my sister's family. Sue Olund West and her husband Dennis currently live on Long Lake. In the painting, Sue is sunning on the dock while supervising Adam and Eric "the crayfish hunters!" Dennis is driving the speed boat. Sue & Dennis have three boys. Derek, their eldest, is the blonde kid shown with his cousin Evan, fishing the rock pile. Taylor is depicted riding in the tube behind the speed boat. Adam, Sue's youngest, is shown with cousin Eric trapping minnows and crayfish. Finally, my youngest sister, Karen Olund Gonyea, is shown riding the pontoon with her blonde, curly haired, darling daughter and other family members.

I painted this scene as a gift to my parents. It hangs in their home as a reminder of these wonderful times, and I hope our traditions and love of Long Lake continue for generations to come.

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Doralie Poganski

My Lakeshore - The Narrows

This month's painting is by one of our adult artists, Doralie Poganski, and she entitles her painting My Lakeshore -The Narrows. The yellow flowers in the painting are yellow flag iris, a beautiful but unfortunately problematic invasive species. Sage Dunham, Group Coordinator for Hunt Hill and LLPA corporate Secretary, tells us more about these plants:

"Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) has a complicated history on Long Lake. This showy, yellow-flowered perennial has been seen on our shorelines for generations and is so recognizable that it even appears in Doralie Poganski's artwork shown on this page. Doralie stated: 'Our family has had our place in the Narrows since 2000. The yellow irises on the shoreline were there when we bought our cabin and were a signal of summer. They have since been removed so this is now just a memory. This is one of my first paintings.'

"However, yellow flag iris has not always been part of our natural landscape. Native to Europe, the plant was brought to North America by European settlers as an ornamental for pond edges, water gardens, and erosion control. Over time, escaped garden plants established themselves in

SEPTEMBER

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	Labor Day				Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown Patriot Day	
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			Woolly Bear Caterpillars			
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wetlands and along shorelines across Wisconsin. Yellow flag iris grows and spreads rapidly, often dominating shorelines, reducing plant diversity, and crowding out native species like our own blue flag iris.

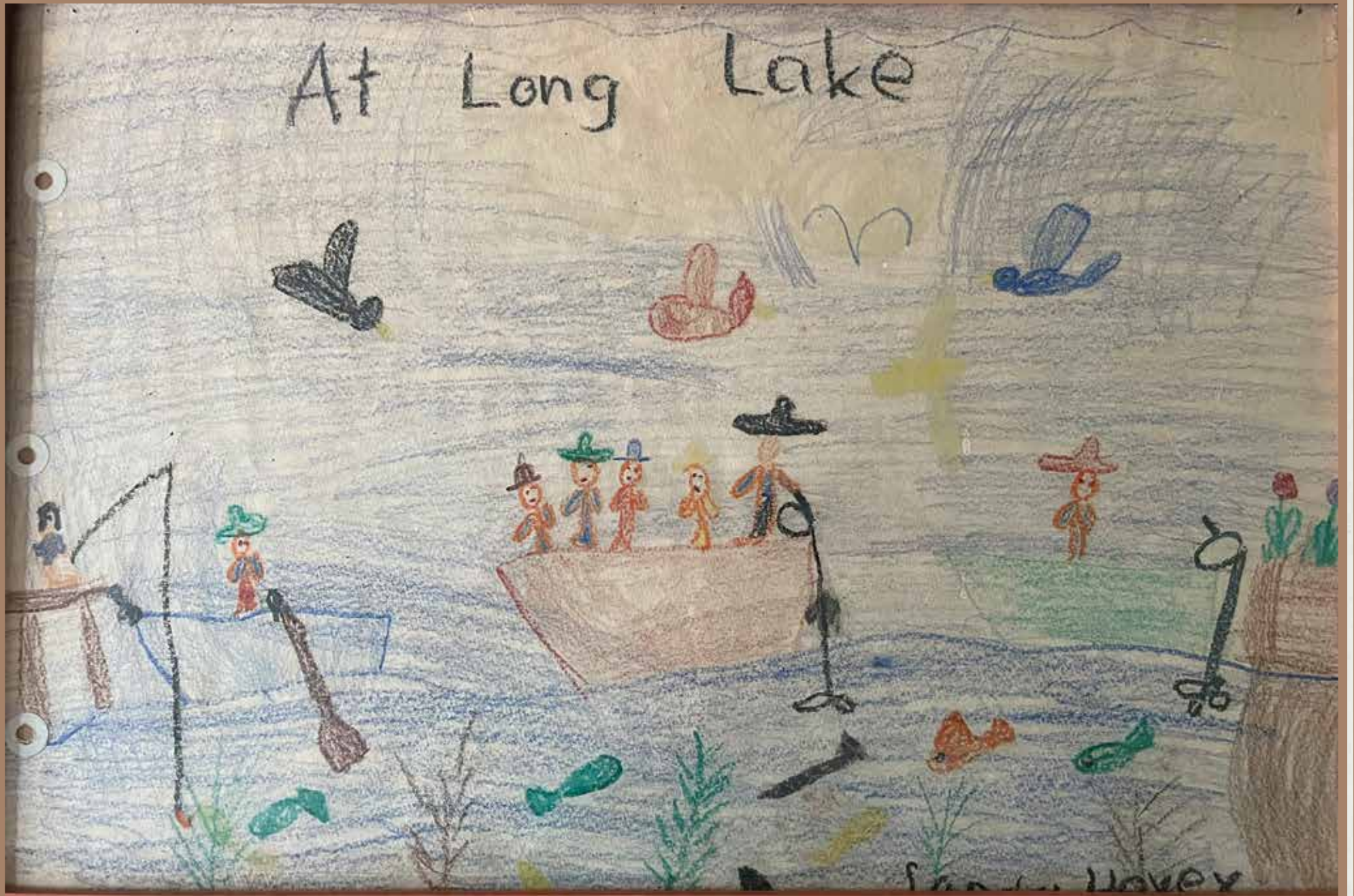
"Because of its aggressive growth, Wisconsin lists yellow flag iris as a restricted invasive species under state invasive plant rules. Transporting, selling, or intentionally introducing it is now prohibited. Preventing new introductions—by avoiding planting it and promptly removing escaped plants—remains the most effective strategy for protecting Wisconsin's wetlands and lakes.

"In 2024 and 2025, the Long Lake Preservation Association partnered with EcoNorth to identify and treat yellow flag iris populations around the lake, with property owners' permission. EcoNorth found yellow flag iris on 479 parcels around Long Lake. Some plants were treated in 2025, and more will be addressed in 2026.

"In short, never judge a plant by its flower. Even the most beautiful ones can be invasive and disrupt the ecological balance of our lake. If you see yellow flag iris on your property, please consider allowing EcoNorth to treat it to help prevent its spread. At the very least, clip off the flowers to keep the seeds from floating down the lake and taking root on your neighbor's shoreline."

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At Long Lake



Frank Hovey

OCTOBER

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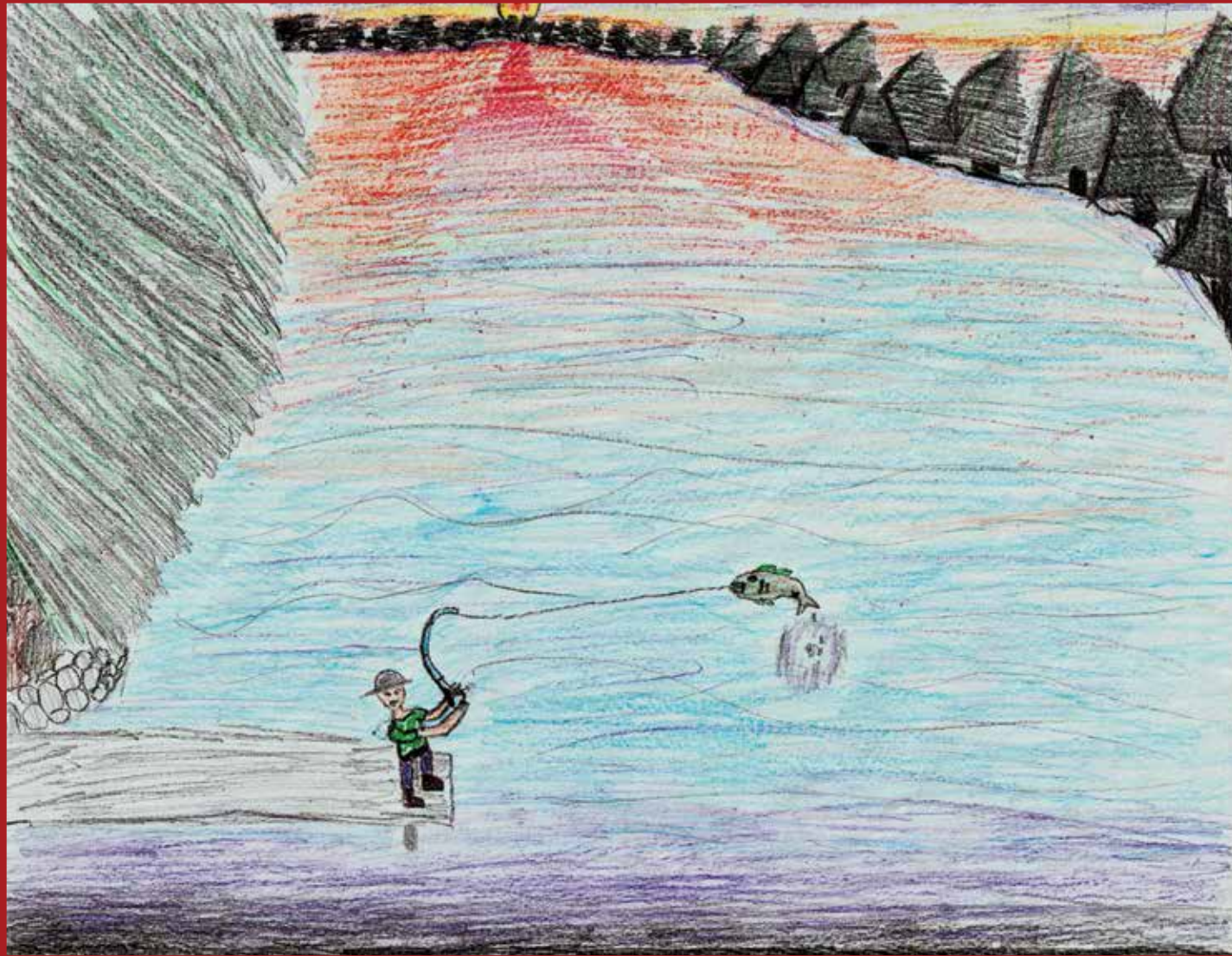
At Long Lake
Sandra Hovey Campbell

I wish I knew what my seven-year-old self was thinking about when I drew this picture of "At Long Lake". I'd like to think it was how wonderfully lucky I was to have great, great grandparents who came to Long Lake in the late 1800's and found it to their liking. Was I thinking that generations later we would all still be connected to the lake? Did I realize the fun people have when they are all together in a boat on the lake? My family and cousins all still gather on Hovey Hill and marvel at the view and the wonder that is Long Lake. We miss the old stories our uncles would tell, and we only wish we had listened closer. If there is any advice I have to offer to you it is to write or narrate your Long Lake story. The next generation is here, and they are making brand new memories, and it is our job to be sure they know their history on the lake, and that we preserve and protect their legacy.

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	Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day Observed					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Full Hunter's Moon				First Lake Wide Hard Frost	Halloween

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Fishing on Long Lake *Maverick Meyer, Age 14*

Maverick's grandparents, Jim and Lulu Gores, acquired their Long Lake property in 2006, when their children were 18, 16, and 12. Twenty years later, the family has grown, and Maverick is now the oldest of six grandchildren—just three minutes older than his twin sister! He has always enjoyed fishing near his home in Rochester, MN, but Long Lake remains his favorite place to secure his bait, practice his casts, and spend uninterrupted hours by the water. When the family can't find him, they simply glance toward the shoreline, where his silhouette is often visible against the backdrop of the lake, usually with his dad right beside him. Friendly weekend competitions over who can reel in the most fish have become a cherished family tradition.

NOVEMBER

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Long Lake has long been recognized as an outstanding fishing destination and has even earned the nickname “Walleye Capital of Wisconsin.” It offers a diverse mix of habitats—shallow vegetated bays, rocky gravel bars, and deep, cool basins—that support a wide range of fish species throughout the year. This ecological variety not only makes the lake a favorite among anglers but also contributes to its long-standing reputation as a productive and healthy fishery.

Among the species that thrive in Long Lake are walleye, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, rock bass, bluegill, and black crappie. Additional species such as perch, shiners, and suckers play critical roles in the food web, supporting larger predators, including big fish, loons, otters, and other wildlife that depend on the lake’s resources.

The Wisconsin DNR plays an important role in maintaining the lake’s fish populations, particularly walleye. Regular stocking from hatcheries and size and harvest regulations—currently a daily bag limit of three walleye with a minimum length of 18 inches—help ensure Long Lake remains a sustainable and enjoyable fishery.

By protecting and caring for Long Lake, we preserve the traditions and memories that families like Maverick’s treasure. With any luck, he’ll return as an adult to pass along the joy of casting a line off the dock to future generations.

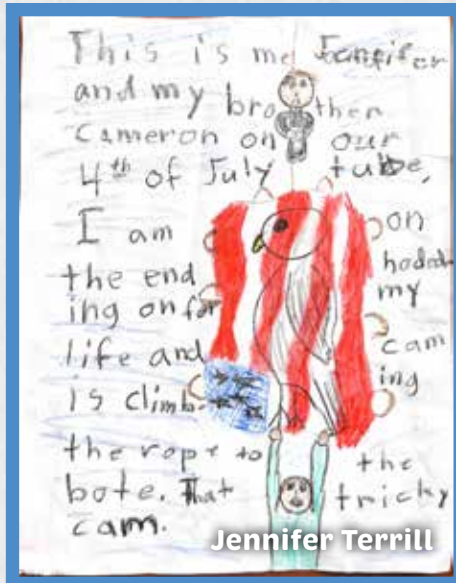
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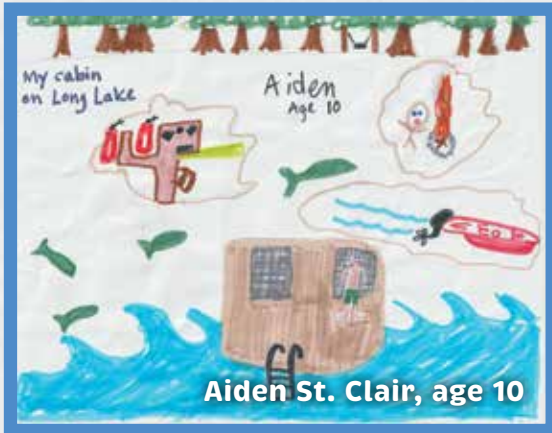
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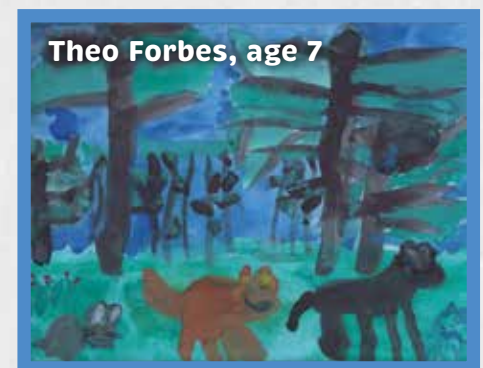
Maple Behrens, age 7



Jennifer Terrill



Aiden St. Clair, age 10



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The Privilege to Enjoy
 Sandy Campbell,
 Jennifer Terrell

Sandy: It happens without us realizing, the young people who come to Long Lake will have a feeling, a memory an experience that becomes part of them for the rest of their lives. The clean, clear water is their future and ours to preserve for them. This collage of marvelous moments is a visual reminder of the joy that the lake brings us all. The following recollection is written by Jennifer Terrell, who is now a young adult, is a beautiful reminder, as she says, "of the privilege to enjoy."

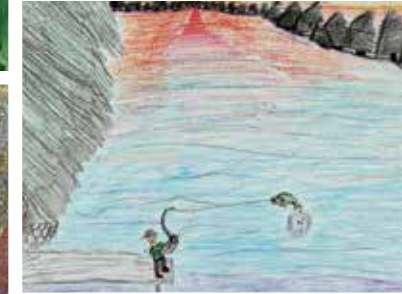
Jennifer: Over 20 years later and my cabin on long lake is still one of my favorite places. I have such vivid memories from my childhood, many of which are depicted in this drawing I made all those years ago. Time with family, Fourth of July celebrations, and, of course, chasing an adrenaline high on a tube, begging my dad for more and more circles. It's been a long time since I made this, but the joy the cabin brings me is just as palpable now. I am now a first-year medical resident in Milwaukee, about to make a move to Seattle to finish out my residency. With all the craziness of life, I have not been able to make it up to my cabin as much as I want to, but each time I'm there it is something beyond special, and something I'm so happy to have the privilege to enjoy. I hope to continue enjoying my cabin and lake life as much as I can as I get older and share it with my friends and family as much as I can.

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