

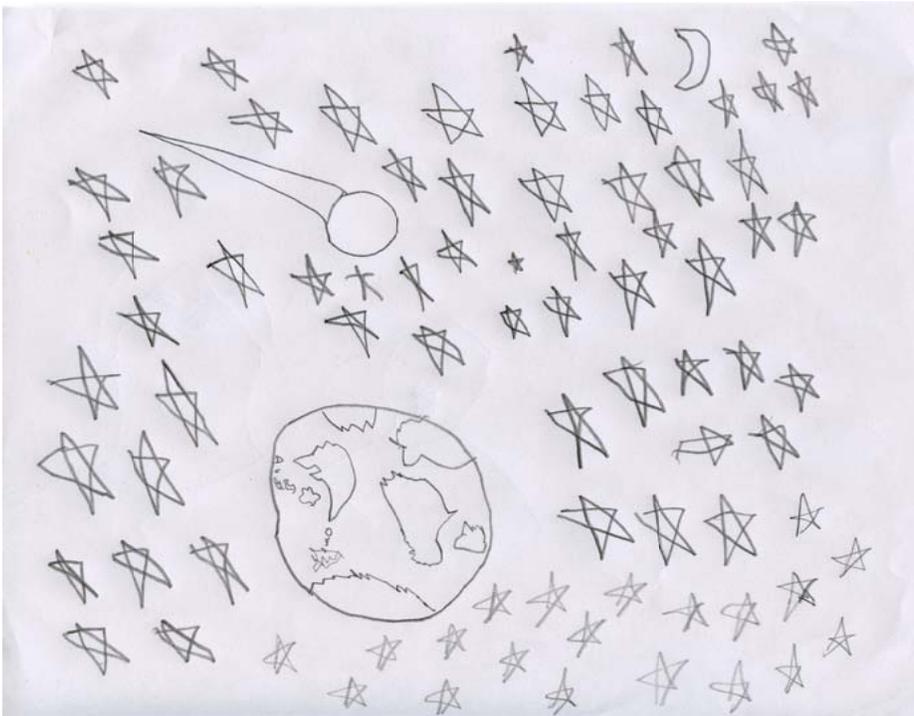
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Special Art Issue!

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## Eberwhite Kids' Courier

### *Untitled* by Cole Shepherd



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### **Submissions from Daniel & Lena Hathaway, Cole Shepherd, and Matty Hack**

Daniel Hathaway has submitted another awesome "art page" (Page 4).

Lena has submitted her funny article about the "butt plant" with a picture of the "butt plant" she drew herself (extra fifth page)! She has also submitted her great picture of cotton candy (Page 3).

Matty Hack has submitted yet another super-de-duper "Bird of the Week." To learn about the Rose-breasted Grosbeak, turn to page 2.

Cole Shepherd has submitted three cool pictures for the newspaper. One of them is above. The others will be published in future issues.

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## Bird of the Week—*By Matty Hack*

Bird of July 12, 2009

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Matty Hack

The beautiful Rose-breasted Grosbeak is undoubtedly one of the most striking birds in southeastern Michigan. The adult breeding male is easily recognized by its rose-red breast, black head and back, white belly and rump, and black-and-white wings and tail. It is truly unmistakable.

The female is more of a problem. Its brown-and-white streaked plumage make it hard to distinguish from many sparrows and the female Red-winged Blackbird — note the buff tinge on the breast. Non-breeding males and juvenile males look like a cross between a male and female. Juvenile females resemble adult females. All birds share extremely large conical beaks.

Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are found in the northeastern part of the United States, from Maine to North Dakota, and are also found in southern Canada. They winter in Mexico, Central America, and sometimes Cuba. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are found dominantly in open deciduous woodland and orchards. Two good southeastern Michigan sites for these birds are Waterloo State Recreation Area and the Eberwhite Woods. Rose-breasted Grosbeak spring migration is fairly early among small birds, beginning in mid-April, and peaking in late-April. They arrive in the northern portions of their range in the first half of May. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are about 8 inches (20.3 centimeters) on average, but can be from 7.25 inches to 9 inches (18.4 to 22.9 centimeters). The call of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak is superficially similar to the call of the extremely familiar robin. It is often described as a merry warble, *cheri-LEE, cheri-LEE, cheri-LEE, che-REEE, che-REEE!* They lay three to five eggs, pale blue-green, and blotchy. They incubate the eggs about thirteen days, and the young leave the nest after about ten or eleven days. They feed on fruit, insects, and seeds. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are fairly common to common, and are presumably stable in population, so they are of little concern.

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak—*by Matty Hack*

## Halloween (Part 6)

Kitty watched in horror as the man peered under the bed. He had a kind, old face, Kitty soon saw, and he also looked perplexed.

“Who are you?” he asked.

“I’m Ki— Lizzie Bell.”

“Tell me your real name—I’m not stupid, you know.”

“Kitty Gladstone.”

“Why did you come here?”

“To escape the Night Police, Sir.”

Kitty endured an excruciating ten minutes—or was it ten years—of interrogation. Finally, she asked, “Excuse me, sir, but can I ask you some questions now?” (to be continued)

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## Revolution! (Part 4)

Sam’s mother started, gasped, and said, “Sam, what are you talking about?”

Sam said, “Well, I’m joining the Sons of Liberty.”

“But Sam, honey, please, don’t, I can’t let you . . . .”

But Sam’s mother knew it was a lost cause. The next day Sam set out for Paul Revere’s house again, this time to ask him where the next meeting place of the group would be.

“The Twin Moon Tavern, at 9:00.”

So Sam set off for the Twin Moon at 8:50.

When he entered the tavern, his first impression was noise. A young, red-haired woman rushed up to him.

“What would you like to drink?” (To be continued)

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## Cotton Candy by Lena Hathaway



ART PAGE - Computer Drawings by Daniel Hathaway

