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From area farms to Albion tables

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Even this late in the season, the Albion Farmer's Market still had a bounty of fresh produce to offer its shoppers last week. It was the last Wednesday the market would be open for this season, but vendors will continue to stock their stalls on Saturdays until the end of October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As a special treat, Albion Food Hub and Farmer's Market manager Laura Overholt had arranged for Joseph Marciano, the talented chef manning the kitchen at the Albion Malleable Brewing Company to visit the market that afternoon, bringing with him a portable cooker which he set up in the marketplace. All he had brought with him from his restaurant besides his knife and cutting board were a large container of pre-cooked penne pasta, some olive oil, and a few seasonings. And true to the heritage of his Italian grandmother from whom he first learned to cook, he didn't use a recipe. Marciano, a Culinary Institute of America-trained chef has been with the Malleable since its opening a little over a year ago; he and his wife relocated from the Bronx in New York to the Homer area where Katherine

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Sue Ott of Jolly Green Junction hands Shirley Whitehead a mum plant she's purchased.

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AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer Austin Thielmann looks on as Albion Malleable Brewing Company chef Joseph Marciano preps a variety of vegetables to be added to pre-cooked pasta

Local resident becomes a trail host

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Albion- A few months ago, Sylvia Dulaney walked through Victory Park and crossed paths with a trail hiker who had a backpack. "I thought to myself someone should offer him a welcome and maybe he would like to pitch his tent in the yard because he can't in Victory Park."

So began Dulaney's venture to become a host for trail users whether by the river, bike or hiking trails. She is now part of two groups that offer shelter or support to trail users: the facebook group North Country Trail Angels and <http://www.warmshower.org>, a site for touring bicyclists.

In February, Albion was named an official trail town by the North Country Trail Association. Michael Wilkey a volunteer with the North Country Trail Association explained at the Festival of Forks booth that of the 11 national scenic trails the North Country Trail is the longest of the National Park Service. By Albion being a trail town, hikers will know they are welcome and will find safe places to stay and can find restaurants He adds that hikers will also see amazing architecture in Albion and the fork divide of the Kalamazoo river which they might not otherwise see. He added the trail brings visitors to Albion and offers opportunities to learn about the city's

history.

"When you see someone walking with a pack, you know they are just passing through," said Dulaney Referring to the hiking networks, "We are available to help them find a place to pitch their tent We can offer them a bed and a hot shower." Albion also connects to several other trails such as the Michigan Iron Belle Trail and the Calhoun County Trailway. Dulaney said she knows of at least five and that hikers aren't the only ones. She hosted a bicyclist who was on a year and a half tour of the country.

In her short time of hosting, she has met fascinating people with great stories. Paula, a recent guest of hers, had hiked over 8000 miles across the country and back again doing interviews. According to Dulaney, "She is part of a group called grossnationalhappiness.org." The idea of her hike is to promote the idea that citizens and governments should measure our success by asking the question, are people happy not by financial gain.

Dulaney's home is on River St. and along the river. She says hikers have also found her by using google maps. As for the future, she hopes to continue to welcome trail users to her home and possibly expand the ability for short term hikers to stake tents on her land since Albion is short of campgrounds at present. But for now, she is happy to show hikers the best of Albion: hospitality and friendship.



Photo by Sylvia Benavidez

Sylvia Dulaney sitting on her patio at her home, which is now a part of the Warm Showers network for traveling bicyclists

Albion College students march locally in response to Global Climate Strike

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Albion- Right before a special UN conference in New York toward the end of September, media reported millions around the globe left workplaces and schools to demand urgent action on the climate crisis. Albion College students gathered at the clock tower by the science center with their signs making bold statements that there is no plan B.

Dr. Sheila Lyons-Sobaski, an Albion College biology professor, organized this first march beginning at the campus heading down Michigan Avenue to Superior Street to Cass St stopping at City Hall and then returning to campus via Cass Street. Students from her biology classes and the college's Ecology Club made up most of the marchers with some people from downtown listening in at City Hall.

"I worked with my ecology class to see if they wanted to participate in this event. We are studying conservation biology, and they were all for it," said Lyons-Sobaski, an associate professor of biology. She added that 350.org an organization led by Bill McKibben, an environmental and journalist, also aided in promoting the message of the march. McKibben visited Albion College several years ago and warned that the earth could not go over 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide. Currently, Lyons-Sobaski reported we are over that benchmark.

If you lived during the sixties and seventies, you might remember that the environmental movement focused on nuclear waste, litter, air pollution, endangered species, and toxic waste. People had sit-ins and marched



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Cars honk at marchers as they walk down Michigan Avenue.

to save trees, to save the ocean, to save the air, and congress was successfully pressured to pass measures to protect air quality and specific species. Eco heroes were many such as Jacques Cousteau making people aware of threats to the ocean and Green Peace fighting for clean food and climate awareness among a long list of environmental concerns.

This generation has filmmakers such as Craig Leeson who made the documentary "Plastic Ocean." The future generation is represented by children like Greta Thunberg who in 2018 protested outside of the Swedish

parliament on behalf of climate change. Her continued conversation inspired the student strike movement around the world, and she has found an organization called School Strike for Climate, which encourages students to strike in front of their local town hall on Fridays.

According to the website, globalclimates-trike.net, 185 countries participated, with businesses and organizations from Europe to Australia to Asia joining in on the student strike.

Albion College students each had their reasons for joining the march.

Nicole Long, a biochemistry major, said,

"I want to be able to live into my old age and still have a world to live on. I think it is fair we should protect all animals and all life on earth."

Another student, Joe Sakel, said, "I for one am a vegetarian for the environment because meat is a big greenhouse gas producer."

All kinds of signs popped up at the march. Noah Flint's signs read, "Life is greater than profit" and "Selling the house and moving will not work." Flint said, "I am tired

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