**Volunteer!**

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**Saving the queen**

The queen bee is a vital member of the bee colony. She is the only female bee that is born with a complete set of functional ovaries, which produce eggs. These eggs are laid in the hive, and it takes approximately 30 days for them to develop into adult bees. The queen bee is responsible for laying eggs, which can number up to 2,000 per day, depending on the season and the health of the hive.

**The art of science**

In mathematics, a polynomial is an expression of finite length constructed from variables (also known as indeterminates) and constants, using only the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and non-negative integer exponents.

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**Packet Picks**

**Greeting the ducks**

Sarah Ferguson. The Duchess of York, will launch her much-anticipated memoir, "Finding Sarah," at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble at Princeton Mall, 2601 US Route 1, South, West Windsor.

**IN THE KITCHEN**

Try exploring the Tri-County Co-op Blueberries. Blueberries are a nutritious and tasty fruit that can add a burst of flavor to a variety of dishes. For more information, visit www.tcc coop.org.

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**Spotlight Volunteer!**

The man approached the board, and the teens straightened up, boys and girls alike. They wanted to see what he would write. The marker stopped. "Hey, look at my computer" went to silence. It was superior.

The man’s voice was soft, but it carried to the corners of the room. "So, you see, she’s an unusual

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**Above: 'Ocean Debris' by Justine Steinberger.**

**Above: 'Insomnia' by Arielle Qua.**

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**In the Kitchen**

By Pat Tanner

Special Writer

In the kitchen, I often find myself experimenting with new ingredients and cooking techniques. One of my recent discoveries is the use of blueberries in a variety of dishes. From muffins to pancakes, blueberries add a burst of flavor and a pop of color to any dish.

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