

## Whitesbog volunteers prepare for festival

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Many dedicated, loyal volunteers took the time from their Saturday to spruce up Whitesbog Village.

Although the volunteers help out the first Saturday of every month, June is an especially busy time of the year. This past Saturday, the volunteers were preparing for the annual Blueberry festival, which will be held on June 26.

Evelyn Terry, one of the volunteers was working quite hard in the lush garden of Elizabeth White.

"We're working on restoring Elizabeth White's garden at Suningive," said Terry. "Today we took care of clearing up the circular bed, which was her favorite spot for pinelands. We're trying to reveal more of the house as you walk or drive up to it. We have a lot of long-range plans and not enough volunteers. We're getting ready for the Blueberry Festival, so we're putting together signs and getting more preserves ready to sell."

Terry says she has been

Bank home.

"Today we're trying to get ready for the Blueberry festival that will be on June 26," said Young. "We're coming down here to get ready, and tonight we will be leading a moonlight walk. I've been volunteering her probably for eight or nine years. It takes about an hour and an half each way to get out here, I enjoy this."

The youngest volunteer, Alyssa Razzano, age 9, was busy at work. Jars of jams and preserves were lined up on the table, waiting to be labeled, and to put on a decorative cover on the lid, and then boxed.

She wasn't daunted by all the jars waiting to be done. She explained exactly what needed to be done.

"We're labeling jars of jellies and getting them ready for the blueberry festival," she said. "So far I prepared seven boxes with 12 jars of jellies in each. I have at least 30 more boxes to go."

Beside her was her friend and fellow volunteer, Amber Kubizzky, age 13. Together the girls finished the task and had a



A lot of work was needed to get things in order. Here, Beth Gensel makes sure she has all the plants trimmed perfectly.

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Terry says she has been a Whitesbog volunteer for about six years.

Another volunteer, Steve Young has been helping out at Whitesbog for many years, and travels quite a way from his Red

to go. Beside her was her friend and fellow volunteer, Amber Kubizzky, age 13. Together the girls finished the task, and had a great time. It wasn't all work. The volunteer's were treated to a pizza lunch for their time and dedication.

Whitesbog Preservation is always looking for volunteers to help out in

any way they can. For more information on volunteering some time, just one day a month, give them a call at 609-893-4646. You can also log on to their website to see the many wonderful events and programs they have to offer at [www.whitesbog.org](http://www.whitesbog.org).



Getting ready for the Blueberry festival is Steve Young, putting up one of the many signs. Community News Photo by Dorann Weber



Volunteer Chris Johnson has the task of de-weeding the garden of Elizabeth White. Community News Photo by Dorann Weber