

# Campaign could benefit local program

From staff reports

Annette Davis has been nominated for the Meals On Wheels Association's volunteer contest by the Albemarle Commission's Senior Nutrition Program.

The program that receives the most votes through the association's Facebook page will receive \$1,000 and a fully-produced video to promote the work they are doing in the community.

"It is the dedicated volunteers, like Ms. Davis, that makes this program such a success," said Laura Alvarico, the director of the Area Agency on Aging - Senior Nutrition at the Albemarle Commission.

Davis has been a volunteer for 20 years and lives in Washington County.

Supporters can vote for Davis at [www.facebook.com/mowaa](http://www.facebook.com/mowaa) through Aug. 13. Prizes will be awarded to the top three vote-getters, as well as to the entry chosen for the association's staff pick.

"The American Volunteer Contest was designed to recognize volunteers as



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Annette Davis unloads some meals from the trunk of a car. She's a volunteer for the regional Meals on Wheels program operated by the Albemarle Commission. Supporters can vote for Davis at [www.facebook.com/mowaa](http://www.facebook.com/mowaa) through Aug. 13. Prizes will be awarded to the top three vote-getters, as well as to the entry chosen for the association's staff pick.

the backbone of Meals on Wheels," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of the Meals On Wheels Association of America. "It's our dedicated army of two million volunteers that delivers not only one million meals a day nationwide, but also the friendly smile and safety

check that enable seniors to remain independent in their own homes."

The 2014 American Volunteer winners will be honored at the Meals On Wheels annual conference and expo Aug. 26-28 in Scottsdale, AZ.

The Albemarle area program serves approximately

350 meals each day, Monday through Friday, throughout the 10 counties it serves in northeastern North Carolina. There are 866 volunteers delivering the meals to our homebound clients. For more information please go to our website: [www.albemarlecommission.org](http://www.albemarlecommission.org).

## HERTFORD UM VBS



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Adults work with children on building bird houses during a Vacation Bible School program at Hertford United Methodist Church last month.



Students crowd the floor for a video program during Vacation Bible School at Hertford United Methodist Church.

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Food Bank of the Albemarle. Another group was working for two days at Perquimans County High School.

"We've done mission

trips in the past and I've always had the desire to do a mission trip here at home," said Pastor James Spaugh.

Teenagers made up a bulk of the workforce on last year's project, but this year Spaugh said more adults participated. Some took vacation time.

"Four or five people took time off work," Spaugh said. "I told them 'you understand what you're doing? You could be going to the beach or something.'"

Between 31 and 36 volunteers a day went out and as of Thursday a total of 67 individuals were involved. Another five members prepared lunch every day at the church.

Some volunteers worked eight hours a day every day and some worked less. With one exception people who got a helping hand were not members of the Bagley Swamp church.

"Some were widows who used to keep up the yard real nice, and now they can't."

Spaugh said people were approached diplomatically about the offer to help.

Only three declined.

Spaugh would like to see the effort grow. He cited the "Clean The Bay Day" in Virginia as an example. It's been going on for 26 years and in June some 6,000 volunteers removed about 110,000 pounds of debris from 250 sites along 450 miles of streams and shoreline.

"Somebody started that (event) and maybe the first time they had four people doing it and now look," Spaugh said. "I'd like to see us get to that point and one day nobody will remember who started it all. We don't care about that. What we'd really like to do is for this to grow even larger, so it's a community event."

Hertford resident Beth Ferguson appreciates the effort.

"I work a whole lot and I don't have the time or the tools sometimes to do certain things," she said. "It was a big help for me. They did it all and cut the grass on a place where I couldn't get my lawnmower. I told somebody I felt like I'd won the Publisher's Clearinghouse Giveaway."

A member of the church group reached out to Hertford Town Manager Brandon Shoaf to find out where they could help. Spaugh said last year the group didn't have a lot of locations to choose from.

Among other areas, Shoaf suggested cleaning up the overgrowth on Railroad Avenue.

"I'm pleased that the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church took an interest and organized," Shoaf said Friday. "Staff helped with locating contacts that may be in need and the group also wanted to do something good for the town, which we greatly appreciate.

The railroad track right of way was in need and was something that made a big impact on the appearance of town. We're very thankful that the church decided to do this type of project as part of their outreach."

Verity Therapeutic Riding Center north of Hertford will also be a benefactor. The center uses horses to promote healing, especially with those people with disabilities.

The promoters of the Chapanoke 300 truck and tractor pulling event will be giving \$5 out of every \$15 admission to the riding center and Bagley Swamp is providing the volunteers to sell concessions. The event was to be held last Saturday but was postponed because of rain. Spaugh said when it does happen, his group will be there.

"If we sell a hot dog for \$1, that's a \$1 donation to Verity," Spaugh said.

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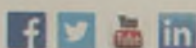
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