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Smith Chapel Mission volunteers honored during annual appreciation dinner

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LOGAN — Though it's the season for giving, some give all year round — such as the Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission. For the past 17 years, many donors and volunteers have worked tirelessly to help Smith Chapel fulfill its mission of feeding those in need in Hocking County. Monday night, Dannie Devol honored the many volunteers and organizations throughout the area that step up and help those in need every day.

In order to thank and show appreciation for those who make this mission possible, the annual Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission Holiday Appreciation Dinner was held at the Olde Dutch Restaurant Monday evening with approximately 100 in attendance including

Devol's family members from out of the state.

Devol credited his wife, Jane, for starting the program that originated from humble beginnings in the corner of the basement at Smith Chapel United Methodist Church. Over the years, they have continued to grow and combat the need in the area for fresh and healthy food.

Having outgrown their small space in the church long ago, Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission relocated to its present location on East Front Street.

"We are here tonight to thank all of you for the part you have played in our mission and to celebrate the service we have been able to provide to those less fortunate than ourselves," stated Devol.

Those recognized for their dedication and hard work with the Food and Clothing Mission included the ladies who work in the clothing



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Dannie Devol credits his wife, Jane, for the continued success of the Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission. Jane started the program 17 years ago in the basement of Smith Chapel United Methodist Church.

store; the men and women who work the food line to help pass out the food boxes

each week; Bob Lingo and his group of men who store the food and put the boxes

together; the people working the computers registering those who are in need; and various agencies and individuals in the community who go above and beyond the call of duty.

"Over the last few years, we have lost 23 volunteers who are no longer with us," Devol added. "I am sure they have a special place in Heaven.

"It takes a lot of food to feed the hungry people in Hocking County, and it takes a lot of people to pay for all of that food. It takes a lot of labor to box up and hand out the food, and it takes a lot of people to provide that labor.

"It takes a lot of time to register people to receive the food and to do the bookkeeping, and it takes a lot of people to give their time. Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission is so fortunate to have those people," he continued.

"We have many faithful

givers who provide so much money, labor and time. Every donation — donations of money, donations of labor, and donations of time are equally important and equally appreciated," Devol said.

Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission purchased 1,800 turkeys to help feed families in the community and spent \$18,000 on turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for those who need help during this time of year.

"None of this would be possible without the continued financial support and the spirit of sharing with those less fortunate," Devol remarked.

To date, Smith Chapel has served over 7,000 Hocking County families who qualify for food assistance, which equates to 18,142 individuals for a total of 163,278 meals this year; 136,000 pounds of food totaling

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Delivering smiles — about 65 second grade students from Central Elementary sang to local leaders including Logan City Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Logan Police Chief Jerry Mellinger and Logan City Service Director Nick Maniskas. The caroling was a community service project.

Second graders belt out Christmas carols to bring joy to the community

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LOGAN — The streets of Downtown Logan were filled with the sounds of children singing Christmas carols on Tuesday.

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas," the students sang as they walked by downtown businesses.

Approximately 65 second graders from Central Elementary journeyed from the school located on North Market Street to Main Street to spread holiday joy.

"We stopped at the mayor's office, Dr. Scott Anzalone's office, the library and then we came back. We sang about four or five Christmas carols at each stop," said second grade teacher Tara Gates.

The kids were all bundled up and belted out their messages of love, hope and joy by singing Christmas favorites. Applause echoed through the streets after they finished — it was well received by leaders in the community including Logan City Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Logan Police Chief Jerry Mellinger and Logan City Service Director Nick Maniskas and others.

Gates said they wanted to take a classroom lesson to the streets as a community service project.

"In Social Studies, we learn about producers and consumers as well as providing services to the community," Gates continued. "And that's one of the services we provided."

The kids were excited to get outside and bring smiles to those in

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Suspects accused of manufacturing meth arraigned

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LOGAN — Two suspects arrested for allegedly manufacturing methamphetamine faced a judge Tuesday morning during a video arraignment.

Hocking County Municipal Court Judge Fred Moses arraigned suspects April L. Cusic, 41, of Guysville, and Dustin L. Williams, 34, of New Marshfield, separately on Tuesday.

Both suspects were charged with illegal manufacture of drugs — committed in the vicinity of juveniles, which is a first-degree felony. If convicted, the pair could face three to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine, Moses explained.

"I didn't know anything about the children or anything," stated Williams. "Everything inside of my car was not mine."

"It was because juveniles at Kevin's Service Station when this incident took place," said Moses.

The suspects were both also charged with illegal assembly of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, which is second-degree felony. They could face two to eight years in prison and a \$15,000 fine if convicted, according to Moses.

The last charge was possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), which is also a second-degree felony. They could face two to eight years in prison and a \$15,000 fine if convicted, according to Moses.

A not guilty plea was entered on

their behalf. An appearance bond of \$100,000 was set for both Williams and Cusic; other bond conditions include must maintain current addresses with the court, no contact with each other, no drugs or alcohol, subject to testing at any time, and no weapons. If either should post bond, Moses ordered that they pay for GPS monitoring system.

"My family cannot come up with \$100,000," Cusic said emotionally.

"The nature of the charges is very severe. It's the highest level of felony we have. What you're accused of doing out on public streets — it's a danger to the community," Moses explained. "That's why I gave you such a high bond."

According to the Hocking County Sheriff's Interdiction Unit, Cusic and Williams were stopped at Mara-

thon Service Station on Mulberry Street Monday afternoon. Detectives received a tip that Cusic bought pseudoephedrine from a pharmacy in the Logan area to allegedly manufacture methamphetamine.

The report from HCSO states that while searching the vehicle, detectives found finished methamphetamine; two one-pot methamphetamine manufacturing vessels; crushed pseudoephedrine; chemicals; and other components used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

The Logan Fire Department assisted SIU personnel with neutralizing and packaging the manufacturing components for proper disposal.

Both suspects are expected back in court for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 28 at 10:45 a.m.