

Smucker’s Celebrates 21 Years Of Operations in Scottsville

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It’s probably no big surprise that our small city of Scottsville isn’t known nationally. Yet in a way it’s a little bit surprising that it isn’t.

Most everyone around here knows that Scottsville is the birthplace of Dollar General. A warehouse, distribution center and an increasing number of stores in and around Scottsville and Allen County makes it a continued presence.

Yet there’s a product that you might just find on the shelf at Dollar General that’s made here as well – the “Uncrustables” peanut butter and jelly sandwich made by The J.M. Smucker Company. Unlike the history of Dollar General however, neither The J.M. Smucker Company nor Uncrustables starts in Scottsville. However, it might not have become the product it has without Scottsville.

On Thursday, June 19, the Operations Manager of the Scottsville plant, Lucas Grace, addressed a special luncheon for the Chamber of Commerce at the Washington Center. He gave a rather rare inside peek at what goes on behind the fence.

“Does anybody know about the history of Uncrustables?” he asked.

After some wildly varying answers were given, Lucas said, “There’s a couple of men up in Minnesota that were just making sandwiches for their

kids and cut the crusts off and sealed them. And one of their wives said, ‘Hey, you guys should try to market this.’ They were entrepreneurs. So there was a lot of trial and error to try to kind of figure out how do you make this product and be able to ship it and sell it to schools and things like that.” That was in 1995.

He continued, “They finally started making these Uncrustables in Fargo, N. D. Fargo was the first manufacturing plant and they did that for a couple years. They were distributing

to about eight states up there. So it was a pretty small operation, mostly to schools. They were selling actually only to the schools. They weren’t selling any retail at that time. And their business was named “Menu Saver.”

Executives with J.M. Smucker then found out about this product, “Menu Saver,” and were convinced to buy it. “Smucker’s is already making the jelly, it kind of fits,” said Grace. “You need jelly to make Uncrustables so they ended up buying it.” That was in 1998.

From that point on it became a matter of developing a way to mass produce Uncrustables.

Grace continued, “We

were still making them in Fargo and it was still very manual. So then they started working with some European companies to try to figure out how do this.

Nobody had ever done it before. We had to invent equipment to be able to do this.”

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Scott Grace, Operations Director for Smucker’s in Scottsville, gave a peek behind the fence at Thursday, June 19’s Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. He revealed that the Scottsville Smucker’s Plant makes over 700 million “Uncrustable” sandwiches and that, over the years, the operations in Scottsville have expanded. He also said that the history of the J.M. Smucker Company, written in the book he’s holding, titled “Preserving A Way Of Life,” only gave a one-paragraph mention to the Uncrustable product line. However, that was in 2011 and since it has become the biggest product for the company.

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Upon a stop, the passenger was identified as Janet L. Perry, 45, of Scottsville. During the stop, detectives with the Allen County-Scottsville Crime Task Force deployed K9 Morgan to conduct an open air sniff around the exterior of the vehicle. A positive alert was indicated for the presence of the odor of illegal narcotics.

Deputies searched the vehicle and located a piece of paper containing an unknown white substance inside Perry’s purse. She was asked if she possessed anything illegal on her person, at which time she stated no.

Perry was taken into custody and transported to the Allen County Detention Center and the illegal narcotics were seized.

Upon arrival to the ACDC, Perry was removed from the vehicle. Deputies observed a green substance scattered in the seat where she’d been seated. The green substance was also stuck to Perry’s leg.

A clear baggy containing a large quantity of suspected “spice” (synthetic marijuana) was located, stuffed in the seat where she was seated.

Perry was lodged and charged with possession of synthetic drugs, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree promoting contraband and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).

•On Thursday, June 17 at 6:06 p.m., deputies were stopped, facing north on Veterans Memorial Highway, when they observed a black 2012 Chevrolet Malibu traveling south. The vehicle was observed traveling 71 mph in a 65 mph speed zone by stationary radar.

Upon a stop, the operator was identified as Wesley Stinson, 38, of Scottsville. During the stop, detectives with the Allen County-Scottsville Crime Task Force deployed K9 Morgan to conduct an open air sniff around the exterior of the vehicle. A positive alert was indicated for the presence of the odor of

illegal narcotics.

During the search of the vehicle, deputies located a plastic baggy containing a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine inside a cup filled with ice cream.

Stinson was taken into custody and transported to the Allen County Detention Center. He was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and speeding 6 mph over the speed limit. The illegal narcotics were seized.

•The following were picked up on active warrants: John H. Fisher, contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; David Youngblood Jackson, parole violation; Christina Potrafke, probation violation; Jacob A. Pecor, reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign, failure to or improper signal and no operators-moped license; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find
The Allen County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The *Allen County School District* obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The *Allen County School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request in *Allen County three* years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The *Allen County School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student’s name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student’s ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The *Allen County School District* has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district’s “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The *Allen County School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the *Allen County School District* find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the *Allen County School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the *Allen County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call (270) 618-3181 or send the information to:

Heather Harwood, Director of Preschool and Special Education/Section 504 Coordinator
Allen County School District, 570 Oliver Street, Scottsville, KY 42164 or (270) 618-3181

If you know of a child who attends a private or homeschool within the boundaries of the *Allen County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call (270) 618-3181 or send the information to:

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“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the *Allen County School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written *Policies and Procedures* have been developed which describe the District’s requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal’s office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these *Policies and Procedures* may be obtained by contacting:

Trey Harper, Director of Pupil Personnel, Allen County School District, 570 Oliver Street, Scottsville, KY 42164 or (270) 618-3181

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The *Allen County School District*, provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel*, the *Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator* at the address or phone number listed above for the *Allen County Schools*.