

On The Rise News

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." - Margaret Mead



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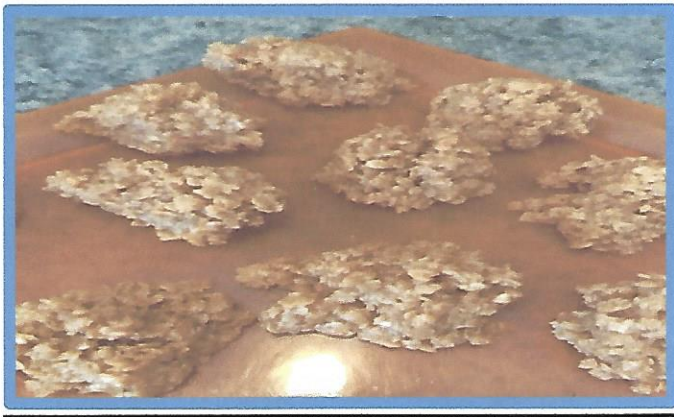
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January-May 2018

Recipe of the Month: Peanut Butter No-Bakes

- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup Karo syrup
- 1 cup peanut butter

Bring above ingredients to a boil in a pan. Add 3 ½ cups oatmeal. If desired, stir in ½ cup raisins or craisins or chocolate chips. Stir to combine and remove from heat. Put large spoonfuls on wax paper or foil to cool.



Upcoming Events:

Mother's Day Flower Sale, taking orders. Call 964-1402.

Springfield Farmer's Market opens June 2, 9:00-12:30, downtown Springfield near the Heritage Center.

July Surprise—watch for details about a BIG On The Rise event happening this summer!

Mother's Day Flower Sale

It is not too late! If you want to order your beautiful arrangements, call 937-964-1402 and leave Deb a message. Cost is \$16 each and arrangements may be picked up at the Upper Valley Mall from 4-7:00 p.m. on May 9th, 10th, and 11th. The beautiful arrangements come from Crown Market in North Hampton.

Volunteer Shout Out to Special Mentor

Volunteer shout out to Dr. Srikumaran Melethil. His one-on-one tutoring in math and science is helping the On The Rise youth comprehend and retain their lessons. The youth who have taken advantage of his tutoring have improved their grades. Thank you for mentoring our youth!

Kid's Carrot Company Growing Entrepreneurs

Kid's Carrot Company is gearing up for the Springfield Farmer's Market. The Kids have expanded production of their color carrot bouquets this year. The farm has six big new raised beds. The seeds have been sown and the carrots will be popping up soon. This project teaches the youth how to be entrepreneurs and the entire profits are shared among the youth. Be sure you visit the Kid's Carrot Company at the Springfield Market starting June 2nd.



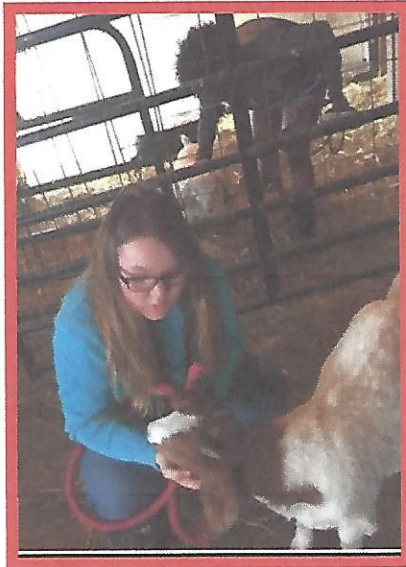
On The Rise member Michael Hawes with Matt McNier, father of On The Rise member Kaleb, shown preparing the raised beds for the carrot crop.

Spring Break Field Trips Highlight Local History

Spring break was a busy week. The youth of On the Rise took field trips that included lots of local history. The girls of On The Rise took a field trip to Carillon Historical Park in Dayton. The girls enjoyed the merry-go-round and seeing all of the exhibits of Dayton history. The boys of On The Rise field trip that week was to the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton. The boys learned a lot of local aviation history and enjoyed all of the hands-on activities. Each group outing also included a stop at a local restaurant.

New Handmade Items from On The Rise Youth

A new item will be on sale at the Springfield Farmer's Market this summer. Everyone has excess grocery bags around the kitchen, so the girls and boys have been making long, cloth grocery bag holders to sell. The profits from these items will go to the youth so that they can learn basic money-managing skills.



On The Rise thanks the Blue Ribbon 4H Club for taking in our 4H youth. The club will use goats as part of their program and Ms. Deb will be supervising their 4H experience. Pictured is Raine Matheny with one of the On The Rise goats.



United Service Day, April 27th

Each spring, the United Way sponsors an event which brings hundreds of local organizations together to serve the community. Students and volunteers gather together on United Service Day to work on improving the area. Catholic Central Day of Service students picked On The Rise as one of the twelve sites they would help in 2018. The students worked at the farm and built new raised beds for the vegetables. They delivered mulch, painted the gazebo area and picnic tables, and spruced up the farm after the long winter had taken its toll. The students were all great to work with and they accomplished some difficult, time-consuming chores. The On The Rise staff would like to give a shout out to the United Way and to the Catholic Central students (shown above). Great work!



Teens On The Rise group enjoying the end of session pizza night at Bada Bing Pizza in Springfield, March 21st

New Outdoor Education Program 4Woods Begins in Summer

On The Rise is excited about a unique new program that will begin in the summer. Archaeologist Chris Hazel developed the 4Woods program which will take place one month each season, two days per week. This will be for older middle school and high school age youth. They will be learning about science and history while exploring Ohio's natural wilderness, and will visit archaeology digs conducted by local historical societies. The seasons will incorporate food production into the lessons and each season will culminate in a special event such as maple sugaring, camping, climbing and fishing. The goals are to help On The Rise youth understand STEM on a wilderness survival level, encourage collaboration and leadership skills, increase self-esteem, improve fitness and increase knowledge of history and the outdoors. On The Rise is grateful for Mr. Hazel's efforts to create this new and exciting program.

Volunteer Shout out: Sergeant Dimmit. The Teens On The Rise program has been overwhelmed by the many excellent local volunteers who have donated their time and taught the teens classes in valuable life skills. The staff would like to acknowledge North Hampton Police Sergeant Marty Dimmett for his efforts in teaching the teen and also the youth classes. Lessons about the law and personal safety, domestic violence, child safety, and family abuse were all very valuable. The classes gave the students a chance to build a relationship with a police officer and improve the image of law enforcement officers in general. We are very grateful for Sergeant Dimmit sharing his time and knowledge.

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