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RIPLEY TOWN BOARD Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Building located in the Ripley Central School 14 North State Street.

RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD

planningboard@ripley-ny.com Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

Ripley-A Town with 2020 Vision

Kudos to the Ripley Town Board for their vision for the future of Ripley. The much talked about, and sometimes maligned, project to put water and sewer out to Shortman Road and beyond, has already brought business to the town. Love's Truck Stop will be building on Shortman Road, and promises dozens of new jobs opportunities.

The Ripley Beach Project will bring bicyclists and campers who travel the lake shores, who will then bring additional business to Ripley.

The Ripley Hardware store is set to reopen soon, which can only be good news for farmers and households alike.

The year 2020 promises to bring new growth and prosperity to the area. It is about time.

Remembering Ripley

Awhile back the Ripley Library and Robyn Albright tried to start collecting people's memories of Ripley. A few responses were sent in, but the feedback wasn't great at that time. We'd like to try again. A compilation of stories (memories) of Ripley will give our children and grandchildren a glimpse of what our little town used to be like. Please send your contributions to this project to: thebookworm14775@gmail.com or Ripley Public Library, P.O. Box 808, Ripley, NY 14775.

Ripley Remembered

As time passes and the seasons come and go, former residents of Ripley like myself recall the Ripley of our youth. Being born in 1946 and raised in the Ripley area in the 50s and 60s, it was a different town than today. As we age most of us don't like change, but we are reminded often of the saying, the more things change the more they stay the same. In many ways Ripley hasn't changed nor has it stayed the same.

My special memories are attending the high school proms in the old gymnasium, attending basketball games and dancing after the game to the sounds coming from the bubble jukebox that was rolled out from Coach Johnson's office.

I remember visiting Rice's Variety store next to Rice's Hardware operated by Don Rice. Mrs. Rice operated the variety store and there was an inside stairway that allowed customers to walk between the businesses; a florist shop operated by Sandy Schrock; the Colonial Squire owned by Russell Sinden; Wilson's Motel on Shortman Road; the Grapeland Motel and

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Fire Department Actual Emergency Call 911

Ripley Hose Company #1 P.O. Box 342 12 South State Street Ripley, NY 14775 **716-736-2001** Mark Smith, Fire Chief **716-736-2490** Ripley Hose Company #2 South Ripley Fire Hall 10268 NE-Sherman Road Ripley, NY 14775 James Spacht, Deputy Fire Chief **716-269-4754**

Police Department Actual Emergency Call 911

Chautauqua County Sheriff's Dept. Mayville, NY 14757 **716-753-4231**

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Restaurant owned and operated by Dick Hurlbut; several gas stations which included my father's Rotary gas station at Forsythe near the infamous crooked S bridge; lining up for parades with the RCS band on Goodrich Street; Ripley Gala Days when its carnival was held behind Main Street near the railroad tracks [off Goodrich street]; the newspaper called the Ripley Review with editor, James Towery; skating at the roller rink owned by Jack and Elaine Caldwell; going to Leon's Pharmacy with its soda fountain after Sunday School; Skinner's grocery store owned and operated by Gil and Doris Skinner; the Ripley Beach; marching on Memorial Day to Quincy Cemetery which was the town's original name in 1816; and the Hamilton Mansion when it was the town library.

My grandmother, Nella Schoenfeldt Pinney worked at the basket factory and to this day I still have and use her hammer that is lovingly referred to as Grandma's hammer.

Ripley was often times referred to as the place young folks came to get married. In 1873, it was named after Eleazer Wheelock Ripley, a general in the War of 1812.

To me, it is simply the town I grew up in. It will always be home in my heart no matter where I live throughout the years.

Patsy Burdick Locke RCS Class of 1964

Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue (NCCR) is happily celebrating its 20th anniversary!

To honor the more than 3000 lucky dogs who have found homes, we've created a 20th anniversary calendar highlighting some of the adoptions from over the years. All the dogs pictured in the calendar were former shelter residents. Proceeds from the calendar sale will go to help restore the depleted Sampson Fund which helps cover out of the ordinary veterinary expenses; there have been a number of such situations this year. More information about the Sampson Fund and the calendars can be found here: <u>http://www.caninerescue.org/2020-calendar/</u>

The calendar is only \$10 at the rescue or \$12.05 if ordered online/ shipped direct. The shelter is located at 7540 N. Gale St. in Westfield and is open Monday-Saturday from 1-3pm. The shelter has many items available for sale besides the calendars; like shirts, hats, magnets, jewelry and other items are on display!

It has been a wonderful month at the shelter for us and for one dog in particular. **Sammi has gone home!** Sammi, who arrived in 2016 as a pregnant, almost feral dog had been with us more than 1170 days (3+ years), and finally found what we all hope to be her perfect forever home. You can read about Sammi here: <u>http://</u>www.caninerescue.org/2017/ Many,



many tears were shed by the volunteers and shelter staff over this news. Sammi had become a shelter favorite of all those who took care of her, socialized her and helped her become the best dog she could be while at NCCR. **We all wish her the very best in her new home.**

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Westfield Stray Cat Rescue

The rescue provides care for homeless cats and kittens, nurturing them until they find their forever homes.

We survive on donations and volunteerism, and from funds from events, and goods sold in our thrift store, The Thrifty Kitty, at 59 E. Main St., Westfield, NY Email: thriftykitty@fairpoint.net www.WestfieldStrayCatRescue.com



Tuesdays – 10:30-11:30 AM (starts August 14) 62 W. Main St. (Next to the library)

A short program of learning activites followed by "Stay & Play" time.

Infants - 4 years and their parent or caregiver

A Free Ministry of First Baptist Church Questions? Call: 716-581-2059 **Ripley, New York**

Senior Refresh

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm

At 62 West Main Street (next to the Library) A place for encouraging conversation, sharing life experiences, and interacting with others. Also opportunities for spiritual encouragement available if desired. (Prayer, Bible Study) Drinks and packaged light snacks available. A Ministry of

First Baptist Church of Ripley All are Welcome!

Ripley Food Pantry Come to the Ripley Food Pantry and check out your eligibility. The Food Pantry is located at the first set of doors in the circular driveway of the Ripley Central School Building on North State Street. The Pantry is open every Tuesday from 2-4p.m. and every Saturday 10noon except for holidays and inclement weather. Any questions, call Candy Kelly at 736-4386 or Phil Chimera at 736-2479.

Ripley Trash Days

Located near the Highway Barn on Ross Street, open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8a.m. until noon. Ripley bags may be purchased at the Town Building and Meeder's Restaurant. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street.

Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue

NCCR is located at 7540 N. Gale St. in Westfield, NY and is open Monday-Saturday from 1-3pm or by appointment by calling 716-326-PAWS. Many of the dogs can be seen online at

<u>www.caninerescue.org</u>. NCCR is a New York State Registered Rescue, RR028, and is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Instagram @nccrdogs

Local Worship Services

First Baptist Church Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. South Ripley Methodist Church Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Stateline United Methodist Church Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Still Waters Mennonite Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. United Methodist Church Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Victory Family Church Sunday Worship 11 a.m.