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The Town Clerk's Office is also closed
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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 Rip-
ley Central School 14 North State Street.

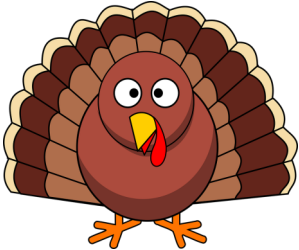
RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at
6:30 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 Food Pantry

Around the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas people often give to the food pantries, but in truth, the need is year 'round. And now during this pandemic of Covid-19, the need is even greater. Many people have lost their jobs and rely heavily on the food donations from the Ripley Mobile Food Pantry, located monthly at the Ripley Fire Hall as well as The Ripley Food Pantry. Located at 14 N. State Street in the first entrance of the school building, the Food Pantry serves twenty families every month in our area. Sponsored by the Food Bank of Western New York, the pantry provides additional food supplies for those in need. The hours of operation are Tuesdays 2 -4 pm and Saturdays 10 – noon.

As in years past, the Food Pantry will once again be providing Thanksgiving dinners to those who have signed up in advance. Donations of sugar, apples evaporated milk, and potatoes are being accepted if you would like to contribute. Thanksgiving baskets will be handed out the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Substitute volunteers are needed to fill in as necessary. If in-
terested, please stop in during open hours of operation.



A Thanksgiving Commentary

By Robyn Albright

“A house divided against itself cannot stand.” A. Lin-
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Abraham Lincoln went on to say, in part, “I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other.” These were Lincoln’s words at the Republican Convention in 1858 after being nominat-
ed for the Illinois Republican U.S. State Senate seat, which he then lost to Stephen Douglas. He was, of course, referring to the practice of slavery in the United States.

Divisiveness in America during the 1850s and 1860s was visceral and violent. It set state against state, friend against friend, brother against brother, father against son. Division nearly broke our country apart.

Water/Sewer Department

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Dog Control Officer

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John "Doc" Hamels

Fire Department

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
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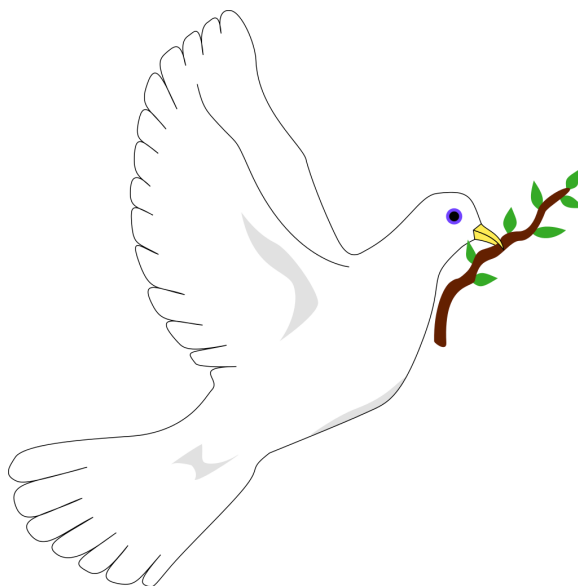
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Thanksgiving Commentary, continued

There are parallels today. As a country we are so divided as to the direction we should go that friends no longer speak to each other; families are torn apart; harsh words are spoken and deeds done that cannot be undone. Each political party has strayed far from the center where compromise can prevail. The politics of divisiveness have splintered our nation and some despair of it ever healing.

During this upcoming holiday season, where love and togetherness are the hallmarks, we are not only separated by our political beliefs, but by a pandemic virus. Getting together as family and friends to celebrate our thanks for all we have, and to recognize the birth of a Savior who preached love and forgiveness, is difficult, if not impossible this year. But perhaps sometime, during our name calling and squabbles, we can stop for a moment and remember what is important – people, loved ones, and relationships. After all, during this time of quarantine and isolation, what is it we miss the most? It is other people, the human connection, and the hugs and kisses of loved ones.

Whatever the upcoming election brings, we still have each other, if we can just get past our differences. The candidate or party who wins does not care about you, the individual, personally. Your mother, father, sister, brother, child or friend cares about you. Don't lose sight of what is *really* important. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us – EVERY – ONE."



Give Notice

If you have an event or meeting you would like publicized, you can submit the details to About Town by emailing your information to: thebookworm14775@gmail.com

Submissions must be made by the 25th of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter. We look forward to spreading the news!

Town of Ripley

Town Building is now open with some restrictions

*Please wear a face mask and respect the 6ft. distancing signs.

*We encourage the use of the drop off box and Postal Service whenever possible.

*Town Meetings will still be offered through "Zoom" for those interested but do not want to attend in person.

Meetings will be held with no more than 50% capacity and face masks required.

Please call the Town Clerk's office 716-736-6881 with questions.

Town Clerk Office

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:30a.m.-Noon & 1:15-4p.m.

Saturday 9a.m.-Noon

Code Officer

Tuesday & Thursday 9a.m.-3p.m.



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Ripley Trash & Recycle 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. Recyclables may be dropped off on those days. Please enter via North State Street.

Advertising

The Bookworm and About Town are once again requesting a donation from our local businesses, and in return we will give you advertising space in the newsletters. Due to the pandemic, advertising was suspended because many of the businesses who helped contribute to our local library were unable to open.

With things slowly returning to normal, whatever normal will be, we are once again asking for your support. The amount of donation requested, \$10, is much lower than any advertising you can buy, and our newsletters reach approximately 300 subscribers.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to working with you again.

P.S. If you, the reader, would like to donate and place a message of support, or encouragement, we would welcome your input!

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From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends—Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour

Nov 3 Election Day—Get Out and Vote

Nov 10 U.S. Marine's Birthday

Nov 11 Veterans Day, WWII Armistice 1918.

The VFW Post and the American Legion Post

will do a Veterans Day service at the Monument at 11a.m. The Public is welcome but make sure to wear a mask and stay safe distance (6 feet) apart. This is a small area, but I know we can make it work.

Nov 19 Post Meeting at 10:30a.m. at Town Building

Nov 26 Thanksgiving



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**
Adult Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
- ♦ **Victory Family Church**
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Check with your local church to determine whether services are currently being held.