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## 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

716-753-4231

## RIPLEY TOWN HALL

14 North State Street

P.O. Box 352

Ripley, NY 14775

**Town Supervisor: Doug Bowen**

[ripleyts@fairpoint.net](mailto:ripleyts@fairpoint.net)

Office: 716-736-2209

Home: 716-736-4418

## RIPLEY TOWN CLERK OFFICE

Rebecca Rowe Carvallo 716-736-6881

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:30 a.m. – Noon 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 9 a.m. – Noon

Closed Wednesdays

The Town Clerk's Office is also closed during various Holidays

**The Town Clerk may also be reached during her off hours at: 736-6856(H) or 736-9341(cell) Rebecca Rowe Carvallo**

If you or someone you know is in need of help, contact the following numbers:

### Chautauqua County Crisis Helpline

1-800-724-0461 (24-hours)

### Victims of Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Hotline

1-800-252-748 (24-hours)

### Mobile Crisis Team (supports & services)

716-363-3684

## Retired Marines Walking the "Long Road"

Five hundred eighteen miles down, 2,847 miles to go. That's how far sergeant majors Justin "JD" LeHew and Coleman "Rocky" Kinzer had come when they reached Ripley after leaving Charleston, Mass., on June 6, in their trek across America.

LeHew and Kinzer are walking across the "longest road" in America, U.S. Route 20, which spans the nation from Boston to Newport, Ore., to bring awareness to the nation's 81,000 still missing in action since World War II and to raise money for History Flight, a nonprofit dedicated to find, identify and return the remains for proper burial of U.S. servicemen and woman. More than 160 service members killed in Europe and the Pacific have been returned so far. The remains of 350 others are waiting to be identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

LeHew explained how he and his team have discovered the remains from cold cases extending back to the Vietnam War.

"It's like putting a puzzle together," he said. "Fitting the pieces together can be a daunting job. We find them through DNA. When you roll out a 92-year-old sister whose brother's remains are returned from World War II, it's priceless."

The pair arrived in Ripley at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, to be greeted by a small crowd of 20 residents. Six of Ripley's retired servicemen were anxious to meet LeHew and Kinzer to show them the Ripley Veteran's Roll of Honor monument, which lists more than 900 men and women from Ripley who served in all the branches of the United States military.

"It's great to see things like this (monument). Small towns are the best," LeHew said after a long look at the list of names, both living and dead, who served.

LeHew, a 32-year veteran, and Kinzer, who served 24 years, saw the "hike" as an opportunity to continue to serve after their retirements from the Marines. They have spent tens of thousands of dollars of their own money to finance this trip. However, all donations made along the way go directly to History Flight to continue their work to bring soldiers home.



## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Husted  
P. O. Box 573  
Ripley, NY 14775  
Office: 716-736-7575  
Clerk: 716-736-7575  
courtclerk@ripley-ny.com  
Monday Evenings 4-6pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 9a-3pm  
Traffic Court eld Monday 6:00pm  
Calendar Call Held:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 2pm

## BUILDING/ZONING CODE

### OFFICER –Melanie Eddy

P.O. Box 2  
Ripley, NY 14775  
716-736-3737  
ripleybz@fairpoint.net  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am-  
3:00 pm

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

**RIPLEY PLANNING BOARD** Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Town Offices located in the Ripley Central School on N State St  
The Public is welcome to attend these meetings.

## **WATER/SEWER DEPT**

10168 W. Lake Road  
Ripley, NY 14775  
ripleywp@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-6000  
Cell: 716-581-3281

## **HIGHWAY DEPT**

Jim Spacht, Highway Supt.  
50 Ross Street  
P.O. Box 506  
Ripley, NY 14775  
ripleyhs@fairpoint.net  
Office: 716-736-3434  
Cell: 716-753-6553

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Gloria McCormick  
716-269-9882

## **TOWN HISTORIAN**

John "Doc" Hamels  
H. 716-736-4255  
C. 716-223-0112

## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

Months June 26, 2022- July 25, 2022

### Total calls answered:

36 calls answered between May 26,2022 – June 26, 2022

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 25

Fires: 2

Mutual Aid - 9

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 0

Service Calls: 0 (service calls examples: flooded basements, filling pools, illegal burn checks)

**Total call to date for 2022- 245**

**Training completed by our members:** Members participated in training on use of the Power Stretcher, Auto Pulse CPR machine, Pediatric equipment. Members completed the NYS Department of Health 800 inventory report for ambulance 272 (required monthly inventory of the ambulance).



Bruce Utegg, Lauree Pless, Casey Dickenson, and Mark Dickey with the power stretcher.



Mark Dickey instructs members on the use of pediatric equipment.



New member Scott Johnston and Bruce Utegg practice walking the stretcher up steps.

**SAVE THE DATE** for Ripley Hose Company No 1's Annual Harvest Dance and Chili Cookoff! We will be looking for donations for our Chinese Auction and other prizes.

## FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 6:30pm-8:30pm, Ripley Hose Company #1 will be offering FREE Naloxone (Narcan) Resuce Training to it's members and to the general public!

Those who attend training will learn the following:

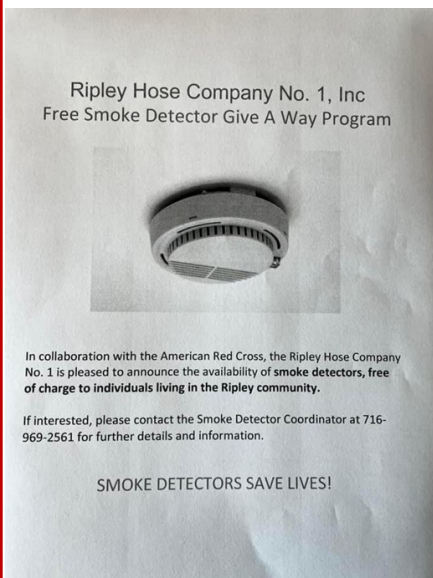
- How opioids work in the body
- How to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose
- How to use by naloxone
- How to obtain naloxone

Please let us know if you'd like to attend this FREE training by responding to this event on the RIPLEY HOSE CO #1 FACEBOOK event page NALOXONE RESCUE TRAINING.

\*\*This event is open to other EMS departments and to the general public!

## Ripley Hose Company No 1 FREE Smoke Detector program

Hose Company Members have visited two community residences to install smoke detectors. Smoke detectors SAVE LIVES! Give us a call !



## Featured Ripley Hose Company No 1 Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer Megan Orton is our featured volunteer of the month! Megan joined Ripley Hose on 05/01/2019. She has a little over 3 years of volunteer service with Ripley Hose. Megan was one of the top five responders at Ripley Hose company for the 2020-2021 year! Megan has served on numerous committees and is always willing to help out where she can. Thank you, Megan, for your dedicated service to the Town of Ripley. We hope there are many more years to come!





Ripley Hose Company No. 1 is located at 11 South State Street, Ripley, New York 14775

# Help Us, Help You!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Ripley Hose Company No. 1 has a need to increase its roster to ensure the safety of our community. Been thinking about joining? We need your help so why not meet with us? See what volunteering for EMS and Fire/Rescue is all about!

Join us for an informal one-on-one meeting, at your convenience and get to know, and understand, what it would be like to be a volunteer with Ripley Hose. Volunteers provide direct service to the community through Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Fire/Rescue.

To learn more and make your appointment email Chief Mark Smith at: [ripleychief@hotmail.com](mailto:ripleychief@hotmail.com) or call or text (716) 736-9297 or email Lieutenant Lisa Babcock at: [babcocklisa61@gmail.com](mailto:babcocklisa61@gmail.com) or call or text (716) 753-0901.

Check out our Facebook Page: [Ripley hose company #1](#) and the webpage at: [www.ripleyfire.org](http://www.ripleyfire.org)

**All members receive FREE training and FREE gear.**

## What happens to all that debris?

Have you ever wondered how long it takes something to decompose? It's so easy while out on your boat to just toss garbage over the side. Here's a little something to think about before you do.

It takes 6 weeks for a newspaper to disappear.



A cigarette butt? 10 to 12 years!



Those plastic bags take 10 to 20 years to decompose.



A cardboard box takes 2 months

How about those Styrofoam cups? 50 years



Aluminum cans stick around for 200 years before they're gone.



And that baby diaper? A whopping 800 years.



But the winner is – a glass bottle can take up to 1,000,000 years to completely decompose. Unless you collect it as beach glass first.

The Food Bank &  
Meals on Wheels are now  
**FeedMore**  
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### TEFAP INCOME GUIDELINES (Updated February 1, 2021)

A person is eligible for food assistance if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following categories

- a.) if the person's income falls within the following guidelines, they are eligible for food assistance.
- b.) if the person or someone in their household participates in one of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI or Free/Reduced lunch program.

Household Size	Annually
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person	\$9,080

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- 1) If the person's income falls within the guidelines, and/or
- 2) If the person or someone in their household participates in one of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program.

## Patriot Pen

This year's VFW Post 2769 winner for the Patriot Pen contest was Victoria Carris, a 6th grader at Ripley Central School. This year's theme was "How Can I Be A Good American." Victoria won \$25 from the local post, then went on to place 1st in the county, with a \$100 cash prize, and 3rd in the District, winning \$25.

## CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA!

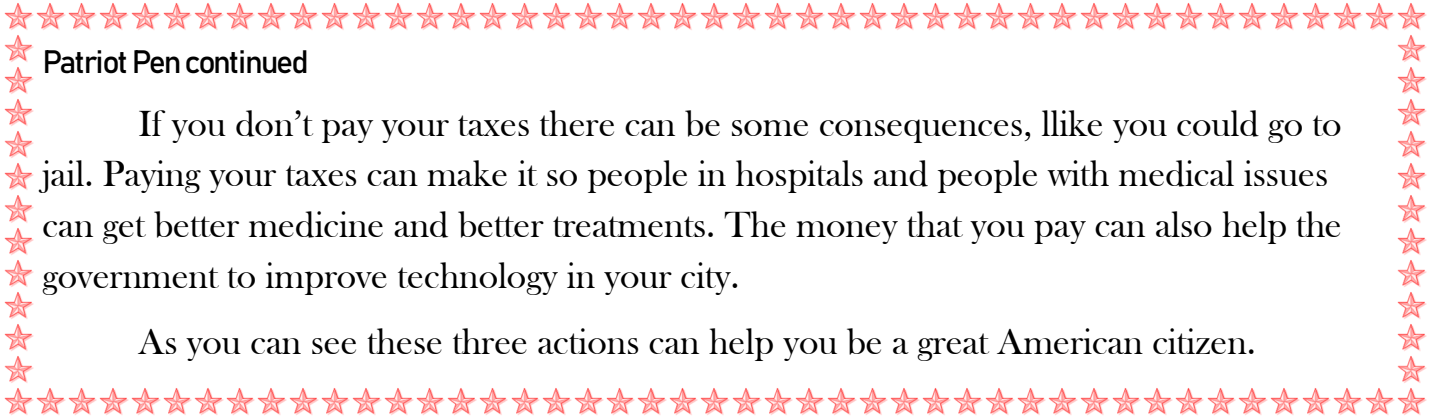
Here is her winning entry.

Being a good American is very important. In this essay I will tell you how you can be a good American citizen. Some of the ways you can be a good citizen are obeying the law, voting or supporting your country, and paying your taxes. If you do these three things you can be a very good American citizen.

Obeying the law is a very important part of being a good American. If people did not follow the law the world would be a huge mess of crimes and wrong doings. You need to follow the laws of your country or you could be pressed with charges or you could get into serious trouble with the government. Laws are put in place to keep you and your loved ones safe from danger but you still need to follow them. Many countries have different laws depending on the president and the state you live in. Laws are a type of big rule everyone has to follow.

Voting and supporting your country is another very important way to be a good American. My parents vote every time they can. When you vote you are giving your opinion on who you think should lead your country. There are other kinds of votes to decide what president will lead, and the school budget vote; these are two of the many important votes you should attend. They help leaders know what the citizens think about decisions and your opinion. When you or your parents vote they are giving their opinion. Everyone has their own opinion whether you agree with it or not. It is up to each individual but I personally don't like to share my political opinion but everyone is different so if you don't want to you don't have to share but you should still vote.

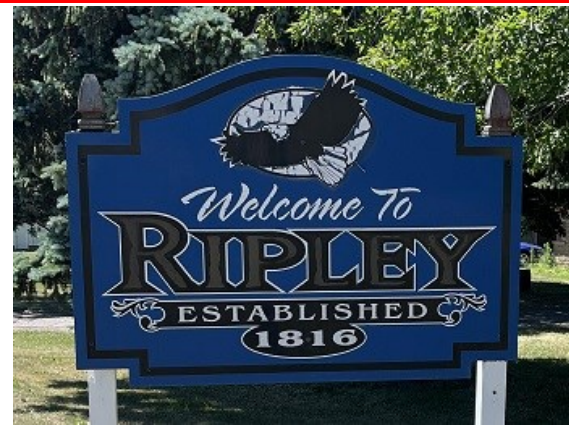
Paying your taxes is very important because it helps your country or city going forward. Paying your taxes is also helping out others who need the help financially. (cont.)



★ Patriot Pen continued

★ If you don't pay your taxes there can be some consequences, like you could go to jail. Paying your taxes can make it so people in hospitals and people with medical issues can get better medicine and better treatments. The money that you pay can also help the government to improve technology in your city.

★ As you can see these three actions can help you be a great American citizen.



## FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN, Doc Hamels

I will share some historical pieces of information about our wonderful town's past! I'll try and submit a couple of questions with some possible answers and then maybe toward the bottom of the newsletter you'll find the answers!

1. How many individuals, while living in Ripley, have served in the US House of Representatives?  
A. 7  
B. 3  
C. 2  
D. 4
2. What were "black salts" that were produced in Ripley?

### Answers:

1. C. 2 Dudley Marvin, served 2 prior terms before coming to Ripley then from 1847-49 while living here. Charles Mann Hamilton served 4 terms from March 4, 1913, to March 3, 1919.
2. When clearing a field for a home or farm, trees were burned. Hardwood ashes were then processed into lye. This composition was processed again and made into black salts and sold in order to make ends meet. The salts were used to make soap, leather, glass, gun powder and paper. In the early 1800s it was sold for \$2/lb.



## Movie Night

Wednesday September 14

6:30pm

Ripley United Methodist Church

84 West Main Street

The inspiring true story behind Christian band Mercy Me's beloved, chart toping song that brings ultimate hope to so many with the power of true love and forgiveness.

Come, enjoy the movie with us and popcorn..... INVITE A FRIEND!

Free movie at the Methodist Church, Wednesday September 14 @ 6:30p.m.

Community Day on July 30th was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who came by the library, either to see it for the first time, buy some fruit, take chances on the jewelry auction, or get their faces painted! Hope to see you again soon!





Businesses, or individual supporters of the Ripley Library who donate \$5 per month will receive business card space in The Bookworm.

## Resources for Ripley News

Please check these Facebook pages for up-to-date information concerning Ripley and its residents.

**Ripley Hose Company—www.ripleyfire.org**

**Ripley NY-Alive and Well-Administrator Ruth Blackman**

**Ripley Central Alumni (Ripley NY)-Administrators Mark Dickey & Connie Wright Middleton**

**It's Ripley's (Believe it or not) Community Page-Administrator Cindy Eddy**

**You may be from Ripley, NY if...no administrator listed**

**Ripley Community Mobile Food Pantry-Administrators Leigh Lyon**

**Ripley NY Perennial Exchange-Administrator Ruth Blackman**

**Ripley NY Buds- Administers Coralee Shearer and Stephanie Eimers**

**The Bookworm/About Time-thebookworm14775@gmail.com**

## From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

Aug 01 Air Force Day

Aug 02 Invasion of Kuwait Operation Desert Shield 1990

Aug 04 U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)

Aug 05 Gulf of Tonkin Vietnam (1964)

Aug 07 Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)  
Vietnam War began (1964)

Aug 14 Japan Surrendered ending WWII (1945)  
National Navajo Code Talkers Day

Aug 15 V-J Day (1945)

Aug 16 16th National Airborne Day

Aug 19 19th National Aviation Day

Aug 25 Post Meeting @10:30a.m.

Aug 26 Women's Equality Day

**Looking for New Members!**



To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to:  
[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

August 24th @ 12:30p.m.

Call (716)223-0345 or text  
[ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com) to  
pre-register each month.

## Local Worship

- ♦ **First Baptist Church**  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
- ♦ **First Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday Worship
- ♦ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**  
Saturday Worship, Sunday Worship
- ♦ **South Ripley Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
- ♦ **Stateline United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
- ♦ **Still Waters Mennonite Church**  
Sunday Service
- ♦ **United Methodist Church**  
Adult Sunday School & Sunday  
Worship
- ♦ **Victory Family Church**  
Sunday Worship

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[thebookworm14775@gmail.com](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)