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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

## Featured Business:

### Coffee on Main

Rose Nuttall, owner of Coffee on Main, is entering her third year at coffee shop on Main Street. The shop occupies half of the old O'Donnell's building along with Cooney's Island Ice Cream.

"I'm still doing breakfast twice a month," said Rose, "every second and fourth Saturdays of the month."



The menu includes eggs made to order, sausage, bacon, breakfast bowls, along with toast, French toast and pancakes, with very reasonable prices.

"When it gets really busy on full breakfast days my family steps up to help."

Weekdays include breakfast sandwiches made to order and coffee, tea, and juices.

One corner of the shop features merchandise for sale, such as hand towels, Ripley and Buffalo Bills sweatshirts, coffee mugs and much more!

As with any small business, it sometimes is a struggle to stay afloat, but Rose is counting on her new customers and her regulars to help see her through.



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Ripley, New York

### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Justice Vera L. Hustead  
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 lo-  
cated 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 Of-  
fices 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 VFW Post #2769

#### Veterans & Active Duty Military Honor Banner Project

Our post will be starting a program where we will try to get banners for Ripley veterans to put on the poles in town. A lot of towns are doing this to honor their veterans and we should do the same. It will take time and a lot of work, but we can get it done! Look for the application on page 3.

### Ripley Literary Club



A reader wrote in and asked about the Ripley Literary Club that met at the old Oddfellows building next to Rice's Hardware. She wondered if the club still exists, so we did a little research.

The Literary Club no longer exists, but records and minutes of those meetings are here at the Ripley Public Library! The Literary Club was founded in 1893 by Mary E. Wethy, who served as president from 1893-1898. Copious minutes and reports by the women of the club can be found at the library.

Following is the Forward to the 70-year tribute to the club in 1963.

"If, when an organization attains the age of half a century, nay—seventy years, of continuous existence, it seems only fitting and proper that some effort should be made to record some of the reasons for its continued success. This volume, therefore, will be such an attempt.

"The Ripley Literary Club was formed as a study group, with the idea in mind that many could cover a wider area of topics than could individuals, while at the same time having the companionship of their neighbors, and incidentally had fun together.

"The Ripley Literary Club may have been the brain child of Mrs. Mary E. Wethy but from the roster of names of those who have belonged for these many years, it is plain that many have benefited

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Mary E. Wethy

Founder of the Ripley  
Literary Club-1893  
President of the Club  
1893-1898 inclusive

from the programs, both in cultural advancement and social contact.

“Rules were more strict sixty years ago than today. Each member needed a very good excuse for absence. A critic was appointed by the president and actually did criticize, constructively as well as adversely, the papers and talks given by the members. This kept everyone on her toes to make her presentation without flaw and as nearly perfect as possible.

“... program topics were varied and interspersed with music, religion, pertinent subjects of national interest, and book reviews.”

There are three large 3-ring binders containing the reports these women made to their group, as well as to the public. In fact, it was a highlight of the year to present these essays to the community.

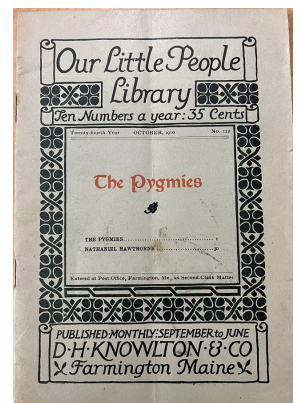
FEBRUARY 16		MARCH 2	
Roll Call		Roll Call	
The Square Peg	Mrs. Norris Hawkins	Mama's Way	Mrs. Ralph Chapman
Desperate Women	Mrs. Ernest Burdick	Life of Dr. Tom Dooley	Mrs. Lyman Wood
Hostesses	Mrs. Ralph Chapman	Hostesses	Mrs. Norton Worster
	Mrs. Norris Hawkins		Mrs. William Saunders
FEBRUARY 23 EVENING MEETING		MARCH 9	
"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" Proverbs 25-11		"Righteousness exalteth a nation"—Proverbs	
Roll Call		Roll Call	
That Certain Something	Miss Barbara Story	The Day I was Proud to Be an American	Mrs. Alton Teemley
The Dress Doctor	Mrs. William Eggert	Hostesses	Mrs. Ernest Burdick
Tes—Mrs. Frank Zohns, Sr., Chairman			Miss Julia Conley
Hostesses	Mrs. Lawrence Wilcox		Page Eleven
	Miss Agnes O'Donnell		
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Photos of Literary Club program and rose plate compliments of Pat Locke.

While looking through the Literary Club files we also found a cache of little books published by D. H. Knowlton & Co. called Our Little People Library. The booklets we have here start in 1901, and that edition is listed as the “Fourteenth Year.”

These little gems are a combination of stories and lessons available for a mere 35 cents. One edition in 1911 recounts the story of Tom, Dick, and Harry looking at a bunch of cigarettes, called “What’s the Harm.”

The library is a treasure trove of history! Come take a look.



## The Veterans & Active-Duty Military Honor Banner Project Application for 2024



Brought to you by:

### The VFW- Ripley Memorial Post # 2769

Deadline for the Application is January 31st, 2024

Mail Applications, photos and payment to PO Box 168, Ripley, NY 14775

Call (716)736-5805 or (716)269-9304 for more information

Veteran's Full name being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Era of Service (i.e.: WWI WWII Korea Vietnam Desert Storm or Active Duty): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By (this name will appear on the banner): \_\_\_\_\_

Banner and Bracket cost is \$150.00 and is Payable to : VFW Post 2769

**\*\*\*\*Application must be submitted with picture and payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the picture returned\*\*\*\***

**Signing below grants permission to use the attached photo for the veterans honor banner project and certifies the provided information is correct and accurate to the best of your knowledge**

Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Admin only: Paid in full    Check number \_\_\_\_\_    Cash \_\_\_\_\_    Date \_\_\_\_\_    Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is it and where did it come from?



Last month's mystery object—Stand in front of the Post Office and look across the street. There stands the former Odd Fellows Hall. The twin to our mystery object can be seen by looking toward the top left corner of the building. It is a metal decoration that perhaps indicated a lodge or meeting place. The one that was in the newsletter used to be in the top right hand corner of the building and you can see the difference in the brick color where it resided for many years!

Now, here's a photo of a spot in Ripley that has an interesting past. Do you know where it is and what it was used for? Read all about it next month !





## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

\_Months January 25 through February 26, 2023

### Total calls answered:

34 calls answered between January 25 and February 26, 2023

(2 of the 17 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 27

Fires: 3

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 2

Service Calls: 2 (Co2 detectors)

Total calls to date for 2023— 51

### Training

Minutes count! Someone who is severely bleeding can bleed to death in as little as 5 minutes. On February 22, 2023, Ripley Hose Company members completed the STOP THE BLEED® training. This is 90 minutes training that teaches you how to get bleeding under control. This is not just for first responders but for everyone! Knowing what to do at home, church, school, or anywhere could potentially save lives. Thank you Char, and Chautauqua County Emergency Services, for training our members in this valuable skill!



Scott Johnston and  
Brooke Smith

1st Assistant Chief, Jason Fisher,  
Terry Henry, Mark Dickey, Rusty  
Fisher.



## Ripley Hose Company No. 1, cont.





This painting hung over the fireplace at the Ripley Inn.

This gem was brought to the Town Historian's office by the daughter-in-law of the former owners of the Ripley Inn.

If you have any interesting stories about the Inn or other Ripley landmarks, please let us know.



### NOAH'S ARK Clothing Store



**Open the 2nd and 4th Saturday  
of each month from 10 am to Noon**

**CLOTHING FOR INFANTS TO ADULTS!  
(most items are just 25 cents)**

**First Presbyterian Church  
20 West Main Street  
Ripley, NY 14775**

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**Visit with  
the Easter Bunny and  
Easter Egg hunt coming  
April 8th!**



To foster a dog is a great gift of kindness and an incredibly rewarding experience. You make a world of difference in the life of each dog.

**Fostering  
saves lives.**



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Ripley, New York

### Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

March 29th, 12:30p.m.

Call (716)223-0345 or text

ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com to pre-register each month.

You must pre-register EVERY month, otherwise we don't know how many people to box food for. Food available from the Mobile Food Pantry varies from month to month.

Pre-register by calling Leigh Lyon at (716) 223.0345 or by texting ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com



### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

#### TOWN OF RIPLEY

#### TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular Monthly Town Board Meetings

are held at 7:30 p.m.

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

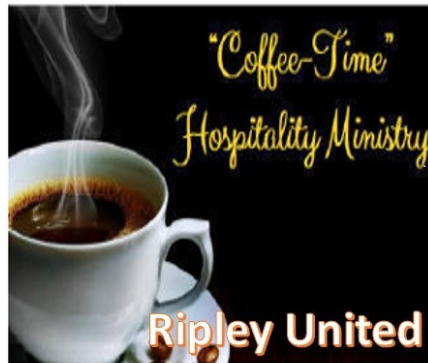
The Town Board meetings are also held through a Zoom link.

Zoom link can be found on the Town of Ripley Website

[ripleyny.org](http://ripleyny.org)



Ripley United Methodist Church now has a Prayer Box set up in front of the church at 84 West Main St, Ripley, NY. Inside there are slips to fill out with your prayer request. We will bring up all your requests in deep prayer. There is a place to mark if you want to hear from a Pastor.



**Every Sunday**  
**10:30-11am**  
**Invite a**  
**Friend!**

**Ripley United Methodist Church**

**The Ripley Community Food Pantry is in need of volunteers 2 hours a week once a month either on a Tuesday or a Saturday. For more information please contact Phil Chimera via email at [shaver58@roadrunner.com](mailto:shaver58@roadrunner.com)**

*Please be advised there are two different programs. Mobile Food Pantry (at the fire hall) has no income requirement. Feed More WNY (in the school building) income guidelines are listed below.*

The Food Bank & Meals on Wheels are now  
**FeedMore**  
wny

**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

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

- 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.



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## 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](http://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-Administrator 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](mailto:thebookworm14775@gmail.com)**

**Christmas in Ripley-Facebook**

## From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

Mar 12 Daylight Savings time begins—turn clocks ahead.



Mar 15 American Legion Birthday  
15-17, 1919

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19 Vietnam Veterans Day, Welcome home  
all Vietnam vets

Mar 29 First day of Spring, Start of Operation Ira-  
qi Freedom 2003

March 25 Congressional Medal of Honor Day

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS WHO ARE STILL SERVING.

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)

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

## 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.

## Local Worship

- ♦ **First Baptist Church**  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School
- ♦ **First Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday Worship
- ♦ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**  
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

The Bookworm and About Town newsletters are here to inform, enlighten, and entertain you. However, your help is needed to make these newsletters the best they can be. You are encouraged to send information or news to:

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