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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

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 Car-
vallo

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 & ser-

vices) 716-363-3684



CHINESE AUCTION TO BENEFIT VISIT WITH SANTA

June 5th through 10th

At the Ripley Library

64 W Main St

Ripley NY

Donations can still be dropped off at the library

or call Joanne Barnhart at 716-736-2240

or Sheila Dickey at 716-736-6078

Sponsored by Ripley Hose Company No. 1

Firemen's Auxiliary

Sponsored by Ripley United Methodist Church

Ripley



Saturday June 17, 2023, 1pm

All are Welcome

**Bring you and your Family and your Lawn Chair
In the backyard of Ripley United Methodist Church**

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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NCCR WISH LIST

CURRENTLY NEEDED ITEMS:

**Bleach
Paper Towels
Gently Used Old Bath Towels & Flat Sheets
Lemon PineSol or Lemon Fabuloso
Mr. Clean Citrus Antibacterial Liquid Cleaner
Spray Cleaner w/Bleach
Hot Dogs
Canned Food
Tractor Supply: 4 Health Dry Puppy Food
Chewy: American Journey Dry Puppy Food
Small Chewy Training Treats (not Chinese)
Money is always appreciated as it pays
the vet bills and the utilities.**



MORGAN

**Most Importantly:-
Good Homes For The Dogs!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue

7540 N. Gale St. Westfield, NY 14787

716-326-7297 (PAWS)

www.caninerescue.org

Monday-Saturday 1-3pm

501(c)(3) NYS Registered Rescue #028



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:
2nd 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

In Memoriam

Memorial Day 1962

I trust you all had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend. The weather certainly cooperated. Among the picnics and family reunions, most of us took time to remember those no longer with us, visiting the cemeteries and placing flowers on the graves of loved one.

There is one family I'd like to remind you of: that of Robert Vance, his three girls, Mary, aged 4 ½, Barbara, aged 10; and Suzanne, aged 12, and Robert's brother, Harold.

Memorial Day 1962, sixty-one years ago, these five people died in a fiery plane crash here in Ripley, New York.

It was a beautiful day in western New York, and Robert Vance was making the most of it by offering short flights over Ripley and Lake Erie in his Beechcraft 4-seater. The last trip, at 5:20 pm, saw Robert, his brother Harold, and Robert's three daughters, Mary, Barbara, and Suzanne on board. After taxiing across the runway at Ripley Airport, the plane crashed into a vineyard at the south end of the field.

Robert and Harold were thrown from the plane but Robert's daughters, strapped together in the back seat, perished in the fiery crash. They died at the site. The two brothers were first taken to Westfield Memorial Hospital, then a few days later, transferred to Hamot Hospital in Erie, PA. On the Sunday after Memorial Day an Air Force hospital plane took them to Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

Robert Vance was a P-47 fighter pilot in World War II, flying multiple mission between February 1943 and November 1945. He then served in the Air Force Reserves until he was honorably

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Local Worship

- ♦ First Baptist Church
716-736-3800
- ♦ First Presbyterian Church
716-736-3042
- ♦ St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church
716-326-2816
- ♦ South Ripley Methodist Church
716-252-2005
- ♦ Stateline United Methodist Church
No information
- ♦ Still Waters Mennonite Church
716-252-6515
- ♦ United Methodist Church
716-736-3090
- ♦ Victory Family Church
716-338-3199

Memoriam, continued

discharged in April, 1957.

Harold Vance was a radioman/gunner on B-17 bombers in World War II from April 1943 until November 1945. The last mission he flew was "Operation Chow Hound," where they air-dropped food to the Dutch citizens.



Robert Vance, with burns over 60% of his body, succumbed to his burns a mere five days later. Harold held on for almost a month with 3rd degree burns before efforts to save his life failed.

Many people from Ripley remember that horrible weekend. As school children, we were brought face-to-face with death. Suzanne and Barbara both went to school at Ripley Central School and were

friends with many of the students.

Upcoming Events!

July 29th—Cruise In happens! The whole town will be involved in this great get-together, including the library. Look for details on Yard Sale, Jewelry raffle (GREAT event last year!), and refreshing fruit for sale in front of the library.

Seed Catalog in the works. A program whereby you can donate seeds from your flowers or vegetables, and get seeds from other plants is in the works. It's never too late to start saving seeds from your plants. What a great way to increase your gardens at no cost! Watch for future details.

Ripley VFW Post #2769

Veterans & Active Duty Military Honor Banner Project

Our post is starting a program where we will 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!



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

by Doc Hamels

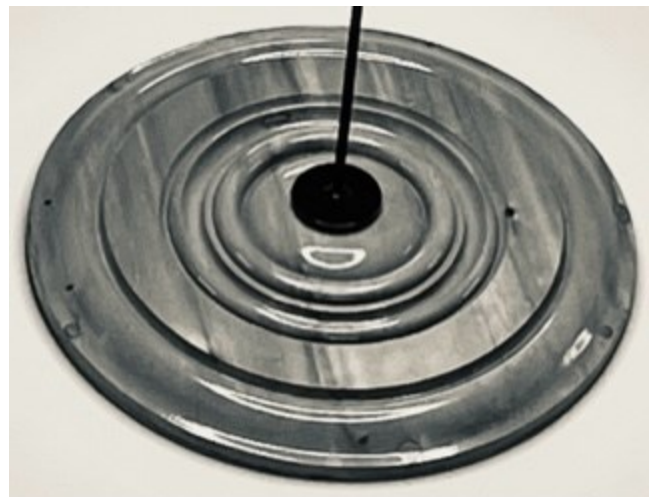


Last month's mystery photo was a tough one. If you figured it out, you are a super sleuth! I stumbled upon this stone in my research and was amazed that after living in Ripley for over 40 years I had never come across it! First, there is no one buried under it. Second, it is a replacement marker for a wooden one that had been placed close to Lake Erie shoreline but over time and had rotted away. Third, it indicates a meridian on Lake Erie and the distance from what used to be the northeastern corner of Pennsylvania in 1790.



Now, the stone is on the actual line separating NY and PA. Fourth, you will find it rather easily as you are heading east from North East [toward Ripley] on Route 5. Just before you reach the Lakeside Campgrounds you will see a row of tall trees on your left. The marker resides in front there! You can see it from the road. You've probably have passed it hundreds of times!!!

This month's photo is an easy one for some, for others, you will have to make a visit to see it. Clue: you must look up to find it and it's in a place that is about 130 years old!



Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

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 2nd 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



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

We Need Your Help!

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

You may be eligible for food assistance with the new higher income guidelines. The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 2 until 4p.m., and Saturdays, 10 until noon.

A person is eligible if they verbally attest that they fall into one of the following guidelines: Income falls within the guidelines and/or:

Someone in the household participates in on of the following assistance programs: SNAP, WIC, TANF, Unemployment, Disability, SSI, or Free/Reduced lunch program.



Office of General Services
Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Attestation of Eligibility

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$32,805	\$44,370	\$55,935	\$67,500	\$79,065	\$90,630	\$102,195	\$113,760

For each additional family member add \$11,565.

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 above.

June 2023

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-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

Christmas in Ripley-Facebook

From Desk of Post Command 2769, David Bower

June 6 D-Day (1944) 79th Anniversary

June 14 U.S. Army birthday; Flag Day-the Post will have a flag retirement ceremony at 7 p.m. at Park Ave. If you have a worn or un serviceable flag, bring it down or drop it off beforehand at the drop off box at the Town Hall.

June 18 Father's Day

June 21 First Day of Summer

June 22 G.I. Bill signed (1944); Post Meeting at 10:30am at Town Hall

June 25 Start of Korean War (1950)

I just got the new information on the Home Town Heroes Banners. Stay tuned for more information.

Dave



To have About Town and The Bookworm newsletters sent to you directly, send your name and email address to:
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 CHURCH INFORMATION IS
NOW ON PAGE 3
PLEASE CALL FOR INFORMATION
REGARDING SERVICES.**

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