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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**

Ryleigh Enterline, Deputy Town Clk

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

## **TOWN ASSESSOR**

P.O. Box 352

Ripley, NY 14775

**716-736-4050**

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

Tuesday 9:00am-1:00pm

## **RIPLEY SUMMER REC. PROGRAM**

### **"THE HUT"**

### **FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 4th**

### **WALDAMEER WATER WORLD ONLY**

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT**

### **"THE HUT"**

**1 PARK AVE., RIPLEY, NY**

**"THE HUT" IS CLOSED ON FIELD TRIP DAYS**

## **SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM**

**JULY 5—AUGUST 18, 2023**

**Monday-Friday 9a.m.-4:00p.m.**

**Free Lunch Program served at Noon**

### **"THE HUT"**

**Town of Ripley**

**One Park Ave.**

**Ripley, NY**

**Please consider our program for a summer  
filled with positive activities and fellowship  
with friends. Your child is welcome to attend  
anytime between 9a.m. and 4p.m.**

**You may contact the Hut director with any  
questions at 716-490-4132**

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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

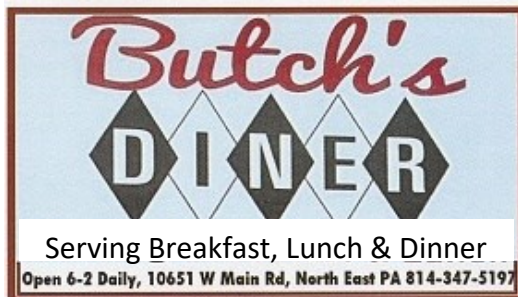
### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Gloria McCormick  
716-269-9882

### **TOWN HISTORIAN**

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

**We are highlighting some of our great library sup-  
porters, as shown by their business cards in The  
Bookworm.**



With their new location  
now open in the old John-  
ny Bs in North East, PA,  
Butch's Diner, open 6am  
until 8pm, is now serving  
breakfast, lunch, and din-  
ners.

Butch's has been a staple in North East, PA for a number  
of years and rapidly outgrew their space in "the valley."

Tim Penfield, owner, has been working hard to make  
their larger space a great place for individuals and fami-  
lies to gather for a delicious home cooked meal.

"We're really glad to finally have this space. Still have  
some work to do, but people seem to like it," Tim said.  
The 1950s vibe is definitely seen throughout the diner.

Thank you Butch's Diner for your support for the Ripley  
Public Library!

### **Notary Services**

Ryleigh Enterline  
is now a Notary  
Public and is avail-  
able during Town  
Clerk hours to no-  
tarize documents,  
free of charge.

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

### **Chautauqua County Crisis Help- line**

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

## FROM the DESK of the RIPLEY TOWN HISTORIAN

by Doc Hamels

**The following is a letter from Betsey Youngs Fales, who sent me her memoirs of attending the one-room school house at State Line.**

It was the day before Thanksgiving vacation, November 1939, when I began my formal education. I remember the date because my mother's friend stopped for a visit and in conversation with Mom, she turned to me and said, "Weren't you the smart one to begin school the day before a vacation?" How did it happen that I should have been enrolled in first grade at the age of five?

The one room school house where I was enrolled stood next door to our family home. Because of the close proximity to home it was easy for me, a five-year-old with a curious mind, to visit the school on a daily basis. Usually I would wander into the school around 10:00 am and stay until the school day ended. The teacher did not object. In fact, it was his idea that my mother might legally enroll me in school, provided the school district superintendent would approve. Prior to enrollment I was to take a test written on the slate board at school, to determine whether I was ready to begin school at five. I do

not remember what the test involved but I remember writing answers on the chalk board. All parties—mother, teacher and superintendent, agreed that I was ready to become a registered student, raising the school student population from eleven to twelve.

The school house was a white clapboard building with large windows on three sides. Students entered into a long narrow entry room where we hung our coats on wooden pegs, placed our lunch buckets and winter boots/galoshes under the benches on either side of the entry room. At one end of the entry there was a trap door leading into an earthen hand dug cellar. Coal was delivered to the basement to be used for heating the school house during winter months. A pot bellied stove was strategically located in the center of the classroom area of the building. On cold winter days we would heat soup on that stove.

The school did have electricity but it has no running water.

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**One-Room School House**, continued,  
The restroom facility, called the outhouse, was a small white building located near the back of the school. Students would indicate outhouse usage by turning the sign located on the front chalkboard ledge from “free” to “in use.” I cannot remember using the outhouse in the winter months. Did I have to wear a coat and boots to make the outdoor trip? Without water there was no washing of hands after outhouse use. Sanitation in a country school was not a high priority back in 1939.

Students each had their own desk. Desks were wooden and had sloped lift tops and an inkwell in the upper right side of the desk top. Decorative trim and desk legs were made of wrought iron. Attached to the desk was a wooden bench with back. Desks came in different sizes to accommodate the variation in student sizes from grade one to grade eight. Although I had my own desk, I spent most of my first grade seated beside me friend, Marjorie, another first grader. As we sat side by side, it was Marjorie who taught me to read. The book characters were Mother, Father, Dick, Jane, Sally and Spot the dog. Over the years I have met many adults who learned to read using that same series.

After a few weeks in school, I took my reading home to show my mother what I had learned. After reading the entire book, my mother said, “That is very good, Betsey, but the book is upside down.”

My first classroom teacher was Mr. VerHague. At the back of the classroom area, Mr. VerHague built a mock bank and grocery store. Each student had their own bank book to use for depositing or withdrawing monies. We used this play money to buy things from the grocery store. Since we did not use ink for writing (the glass ink jars had been removed from the desks) we were allowed to use the inkwell hole as a mailbox. Writing notes to friends was encouraged. Once each week a student was assigned to be banker, storekeeper or postman.

A rope swing hung from the enormous maple tree in the grassy plot at the front of the school house. Apart from the swing, students used their imaginations for play during recess. When springtime arrived, out came the jump ropes, marbles and jacks. We played kick the can, hide and seek, rover-red rover, farmer in the dell—to name a few.

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## One Room School House, continued

Once each week the physical education teacher came out from town to instruct us in exercise and structured games. Most gym classes were held outside. We were instructed in art and music each week, also by the in-town teachers. I had Coach Johnson as the physical education teacher from grades 1-12. I can still hear him reminding me to stand tall, with shoulders back. He kept after me for twelve years about my posture.

A new teacher, Mrs. Dean, came to our school at the beginning of third grade. Mr. VerHague, I learned later, was drafted into the armed services. I especially remember Mrs. Dean because she encouraged me to stop biting my fingernails. She promised me a manicure if I would allow my nails to grow. Her attentions worked and one afternoon I sat at her desk while she filed my nails and painted them with clear polish. I was so proud!

Academic instruction escapes me. I have little or no recollection of the teacher instructing me in any one subject. My friend, Margorie, age six, was my reading teacher. I must have heard lessons being taught to the older students, but I have no recollection of de-

tails.

Late in the fall of my third year, the new central school was completed in Ripley. All of the one room schoolhouses were closed and the building sold. Since my school was located on the family property, my father bought the building and for the next few years I had my own school house. After school and weekends I would invite the neighborhood kids over to play school. Since it was my school house, I always got to be the teacher!

To this day the building still stands next to the family home. The property has gone out of the family and the school house is now a rental home. But each year on the annual visit back to Ripley, when I drive past that little one room schoolhouse, my heart fills with nostalgia for those happy carefree few years of my childhood.

## **Ripley Hose Company No. 1**

**15 South State Street**

**Po. O. Box 342**

**Ripley, NY 14775**

Month: June 21, 2023 – July 20

### **Total calls answered:**

17 calls answered between June 21, 2023 – July 20, 2023.

(6 of the 17 calls were mutual aid)

Emergency Medical Service Calls: 14

Fires: 0

MVA's: 3

### **Total calls to date for 2023 - 202**

Ripley Hose continues to offer installation of smoke detectors.

Ripley Hose Company No. 1, Inc  
Free Smoke Detector Give A Way Program



In collaboration with the American Red Cross, the Ripley Hose Company No. 1 is pleased to announce the availability of **smoke detectors, free of charge to individuals living in the Ripley community.**

If interested, please contact the Smoke Detector Coordinator at 716-969-2561 for further details and information.

**SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**

## Ripley Hose Company No. 1

15 South State Street

Po. O. Box 342

Ripley, NY 14775

### Training completed by our members:

- Members completed the NYS Department of Health 800 inventory report for ambulance 272 (required monthly inventory of the ambulance) and truck checks on Engines and Miscellaneous Trucks. Truck checks consist of pulling all equipment from the engines and miscellaneous truck (M-271), checking to make sure all equipment is operable and clean. All items are inventoried and documented to ensure all equipment is ready for an emergency situation.

On July 18, 2023, members of the Ripley Hose Company trained in Auto Extrication and use of the Hurst Tool.

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



This month's feature volunteer firefighter of the month is Brooke Smith. Brooke has been a member of Ripley Hose for 15 years. She serves in many capacities at Ripley Hose such as past secretary. Currently, she is serving as Vice President and training lieutenant. Brooke also serves as the chairperson for the annual Hose Company fundraiser, The Harvest Dance and Chili cook off. Thank you, Brooke, for all you do for your community! You are appreciated!





IZZY



PRINCE

**NCCR WISH LIST**  
**Thank you very much!**

**Canned Dog Food-Always Needed**

**Bleach-Always Needed**

**Paper Towels-Always Needed**

**Postage Stamps**

**13 & 30/33 Gallon Trash Bags**

**Hot Dogs**

**Dryer Sheets**

**Training Treats-small & chewy (not made in China)**

**Kongs & Heavy Duty Dog Toys(No rawhides)**

**#127 & 252 Original Epson Ink Cartridges**

**Money is always appreciated as it pays  
the vet bills and keeps the lights on.**

**Volunteers Are Always Needed**

**Fenced Yard Foster Homes Are Always Needed**

**♥Good homes for the dogs♥**

**NORTHERN CHAUTAUQUA CANINE RESCUE**

**7540 N. Gale Street Westfield, NY**

**716-326-PAWS (7297)**

**[www.caninerescue.org](http://www.caninerescue.org)**

**NCCR is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization NYS RR028**



## Local Worship

- ♦ **First Baptist Church**  
716-736-3800
- ♦ **First Presbyterian Church**  
716-736-3042
- ♦ **St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**  
716-326-2816
- ♦ **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



## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

### **TOWN OF RIPLEY** **TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEET-** **INGS**

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**

## **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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## Ripley Mobile Food Pantry

Call (716)223-0345 or text [ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ripleymobilefoodpantry@gmail.com)




## 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](mailto: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:



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.

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

*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.*

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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**

Aug 2 Invasion of Kuwait Operation Desert  
Shield 1990

Aug 4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday

Aug 5 Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam 1964

Aug 7 Purple Heart Day

Aug 14 V-J Day 1945

Aug 24 Post Meeting @ 10:30am @ Town Hall

We now have applications out for the Home Town  
Hero Banners. Check with the Town Clerk or any  
of the VFW Members for an application.



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 and Park Avenue.

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)**