

## Volunteers Needed For Annual Ralph Rines Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:  
Each Thanksgiving, for more than 40 years, the elderly and needy of the greater Keene area have enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving dinner through the generosity of many businesses, clubs, and individuals. This local tradition was started by the late Ralph Rines, chief of police of Swanzeey, when he found that some of the town's elderly and less fortunate did not have the means to prepare or enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner like the rest of us. This year, dinner is again being served in Chief Rines' memory to the area elderly, needy, and lonely. What started out as a few meals shared from Ralph's own family table has grown.

With food and help donated by many people, the Community Church of West Swanzeey will be a flurry of activity on Thanksgiving Day. The doors will open at 10 a.m. with a delicious, "made-from-scratch," family-style turkey dinner served at noon, along with bingo, entertainment, and old-fashioned country fun to be enjoyed by all.

Dinners will also be delivered by

volunteers to the homebound who cannot join us. Due to the limited number of volunteers, we will only be able to deliver meals and provide transportation to the dinner to people that reside in Swanzeey and Westport. However, the dinner is open to everyone.

Volunteers are always needed to help. It is thankfulness in its truest sense, sharing whatever we can of our abundance. Other donations are also needed: turkeys, potatoes, squash, peas, onions, stuffing fixings, rolls, bread, butter, cranberry sauce, milk, fruit, desserts, paper goods, and small items suitable for bingo prizes and gifts. Anything you can give will be put to good use for the needy for the entire holiday season. The leftovers, if any, are distributed to the needy at Christmas. Would you help us out again this year? For more details or questions, please give us a call at 603-357-2831. Please send donations to: Ralph Rines Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner, c/o JoAnn Rines Barnes, 58 Spring Street, Swanzeey, NH 03446.

**Thanks and God Bless!  
JoAnn Rines Barnes  
Swanzeey**

## Hundred Nights Holiday Auction December 8th

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The bid that reaches face value or higher, by December 6th at 3 p.m. will win that item, and it will not go to the live auction. Winners of those items can come in to the Hundred Nights office before or after the live auction to pick up their item(s), or the items can be brought to the live auction for pick up.

The live auction will be in the Dining Hall at the United Church of Christ on Central Square in Keene. Parking and the entrance door are on the Vernon Street side of the building. Preview of available items and registration will begin at 8 a.m. Live bidding will begin at 9 a.m.

Any item that has not been won before the preview opens at 8 a.m. will

be available for silent bidding between 8 and 8:45 a.m. Again, if the bid reaches face value or higher, the item will be won and will not be part of the Live Auction, which begins at 9 a.m.

Auctioneer Brandt Onorato, from Moggie's Auction House in Marlborough, is donating his time to preside over the live portion of the event. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more details, to donate an item, or to help in another way, call Mindy at 603-352-5197. Help is needed with putting up posters, making phone calls, picking up items, helping with the food booth, and more.

## Dryer Vent Cleaning Now Offered By Durling Window Cleaning

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He continues, "When you work with us, we provide you with superior quality only a professional dryer vent cleaning service can offer. Amateurs could damage the ducting or the dryer itself. Improper cleaning can create blockages that will damage the dryer or create a fire hazard."

Durling, who opened Durling Window Cleaning back in 2003, saw a need for a dryer vent cleaning service in the area when he was out on window cleaning jobs.

"I'm up on ladders and noticing a lot of dryer vents embedded with nesting materials from birds and hornets and lint build-up, keeping the vents open," says Durling. "I researched on how to clear vents, purchased all the equipment needed, and studied the codes."

Besides extending the life of your dryer, client Russ Starkey says that using Durling's cleaning service curbs costly repairs and high utility bills, and most importantly, prevents a house fire. "It's actually one of those things you just forget about doing."

Durling recommends scheduling a yearly dryer vent cleaning (more often for commercial buildings) to reduce the build-up of mold and mildew, to eliminate potential carbon monoxide poisoning, to extend the life of the dryer, and to reduce your electric bill. If clothes take longer than usual to dry or a dryer is hot to the touch on the outside, it's time.

The wet/dry vacuum system that Durling uses allows him to thoroughly clean the dryer vent ducts and remove any blockages or build up. "This is a powerful vacuum which ensures contaminants – like mold or vermin feces – are not blown into the house," he says.

Many people don't realize that the duct attached to their dryer leading out to the vent could actually be flammable! Durling can reassure his customers that they are actually using the proper duct for dryers, and if not, he can replace it for them.



**Matt Durling is pictured using an air flow meter to verify air is properly flowing without obstruction.**

Whether the inside-out or the outside-in, whatever the requirements, this local professional will take care of his customers' dryer vents. He also uses an air flow meter to verify air is properly flowing without obstruction when he finishes this service.

"Give yourself peace of mind when using an appliance you and your family rely on," Durling says.

For more details or to set up an appointment, call 603-762-3433 or visit [www.durlingwindowcleaning.com](http://www.durlingwindowcleaning.com).

## A Man Who Knows That Giving Is Receiving

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**Ron Farina playing holiday and Christmas songs for the residents of Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland, NH accompanied by his son, Dan Farina, on trumpet and his granddaughter Dina Pitsas.**

Over the years Ron Farina has owned and managed a variety of businesses, worked in family businesses, is active in real estate, and has volunteered his time and dedicated himself to helping make Keene a better place. He's motivated because he sees opportunities. "It's like Linda's Closet was an opportunity for me to give back. Sometimes there's an opportunity to give back," Ron explained. "It's like Lions Club. Why do I go every Tuesday? Because I'm giving back some way or other."

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give," said Winston Churchill. Ron Farina has lived by this maxim well.



**Nancy Watkins, front, Ron Farina, back, on one of the six new pickleball courts in Keene.**

She needed to expand and was very interested in the now empty space at 43 Cypress St. Ron was impressed with the mission. "I felt as though if I could be part of women getting back into the work place – you know, women who wouldn't have a chance, but now they do – I forgot about profit, and I said, 'Okay, I'll build it out for you.' So I just did it." Linda's Closet opened its new and more spacious boutique on February 24, 2018.

## Ninth Annual Plaid Friday Event

*Individuals Across The Region Pledge To Wear Plaid On November 23rd To Show Support For Local Economy*

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A number of Monadnock Buy Local members will offer specials to honor the day and thank community members for their support. View special at [monadnocklocal.org/specials](http://monadnocklocal.org/specials).

Plaid Friday is part of the "Shift Your Shopping"

movement in the Monadnock region. Through December 31st, Monadnock Buy Local encourages residents to choose local and independent businesses for more of their holiday purchases.

Event updates can be found at [monadnocklocal.org/plaidfriday](http://monadnocklocal.org/plaidfriday).

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