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Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd Evans of Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Fire Department Gets Big Grant to Replace Air Packs

Keeps \$160,000 off the 2017 Town budget

Rene Lefebvre, Andover Fire Chief

Firefighters are taught many skills that help them do a dangerous task as safely as possible. One skill we have never learned, however, is how to breathe hot, smoke-filled gasses without disastrous results.

Inventors have, over time, devel-

oped equipment that allows firefighters to breathe clean air while working in a toxic atmosphere. I saw my first air pack as a rookie fireman in the early 1970s. The thing weighed about 100 pounds and made your lungs ache.

Over the course of my career, the air pack has become a rugged, yet very sophisticated, part of the equipment we wear for protection. They are very light,

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Irene Jewett hasn't missed a chicken barbeque at the East Andover Fire Station yet! She has attended every one of the 33 barbeques that the East Andover/Andover Fire Department has held! This year was her 95th birthday, and she decided she was celebrating in style, so she couldn't miss the Andover Fire Department Chicken Barbeque. Irene was surprised when the fire department sang "Happy Birthday" and the crowd joined in! The Andover Fire Department feels very honored that they have such a wonderful supporter; it only seemed right that the birthday girl have her picture taken with the Andover Fire Department team. Happy Birthday, Irene!

Caption and photo: Meghan Barton

Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Flu Shots in Andover

Clinic on September 8 at the Town Hall

Press release

On Thursday, September 8, from 10 AM to noon, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice (LSRVNA) will hold a community Flu Clinic at the Andover Town Hall for individuals over 18 years of age. LSRVNA will bill Medicaid, Medicare, and Medicare Replacement Plans. Please bring your ID card(s). If paying with cash or check, the cost is \$30.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this poten-

tially serious disease. CDC further suggests getting vaccinated soon after the flu vaccine becomes available, if possible by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins.

However, as long as flu viruses are circulating in the community, it's not too late to get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu.

For more information, call LSRVNA at 526-4077. For a complete calendar of Flu Clinics (and other clinics and events), visit LakeSunapeeVNA.org/Calendar.



Local Gardeners and Farmers Open Through September

ACA supports local small business

Press release

Summer is almost over, but local vegetable gardens are still going strong! Those who aren't gardeners themselves are lucky to have several gardeners and farmers in Andover who sell their produce to the general public.

The Andover Community Association (ACA) is interested in supporting

such local small businesses and has gathered the following information on where to find local food producers and what they expect to have on offer in September. Local food is healthier, tastier, and much closer than going to the supermarket – what's not to love!

Tim Gallagher of Windswept Farm, 381 Flaghole Road in East Andover, will have tomatoes, romaine lettuce, kale, zucchini, cucumber, sweet and hot

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Post 101 to Hold a Dignified Flag Disposal Ceremony

Bring your old flags on September 20

John Hanscom

American Legion Post 101

The American Legion's Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 in Andover will hold a public Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony on Tuesday, September 20. The event will take place behind the Andover Fire Station at 7 PM. The ceremony will conform

to time-honored practices for the dignified disposal by burning of unserviceable flags that have been used to mark graves of veterans of all our nation's conflicts and displayed in public places.

The Legion presents this ceremony as a public service and as an informational training opportunity for young and old. The public is invited to participate in this event by bringing any unserviceable flags (with all hardware

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American Legion Post 101 Will Hold Drive for Food Pantry

Bring canned foods or make a donation

John Hanscom

American Legion Post 101

Andover's Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 of the American Legion will be collecting non-perishable food and cash or check donations for the Andover Food Pantry this month. The drive will take place at the Andover Transfer Station on Wednesday, September 28, and again on Saturday, October 1. Legion members will be at the Transfer Station to collect food and donations from 7 AM to 2 PM on

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Non-Perishable Food Drive
for **ANDOVER Food Pantry**
Andover Transfer Station
Wednesday-September 28 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday-October 1 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Information or Questions
Contact: Don Clendenen at 735-5032
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