



# Laconia Links

March 29, 2013 - Edition #77



Winner of the Snowman Contest:  
Grace Howe (and friends)!



## Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire  
Dept.'s  
Website [here](#)



On Sunday, March 24th at 7:11 pm the Laconia and Gilford Fire Departments were dispatched to a reported bedroom fire at 92 Gilford Ave. Upon arrival at the scene, Lt. Vaillancourt reported fire visible from the 2nd floor and the crew started an interior attack on the structure. Fire continued to extend into the 3rd floor and the roof was cut to allow for the crew to continue their work. Damage to the structure was extensive. The CERT team and American Red Cross provided assistance and fire crews remained on the scene until 10 pm. Laconia Fire Department extends their thanks to the Gilford, Weirs, Belmont, Meredith, Tilton and Franklin Fire Departments for their help and participation.

**Welcome to Laconia Links** a weekly email newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!*



## News From the Laconia Water Department



### HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

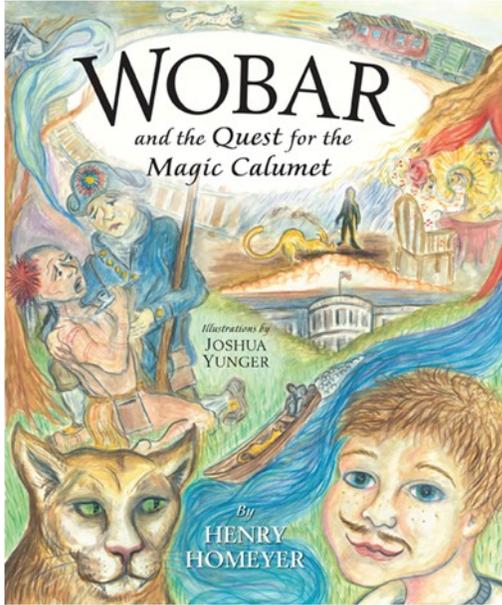


As part of our continued effort to improve drinking water quality, Laconia Water Department will be flushing hydrants on:

**April 1st through April 5th**

While this may produce discolored water, it is not harmful. Simply run the cold water until it clears. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 524-0901.

**New Children's Book Reading and Signing!**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM**  
**Laconia Public Library's Rotary Hall**



Henry Homeyer, better known as “The Gardening Guy”, will read from his new chapter book, *Wobar and the Quest for the Magic Calumet*. This fantasy-adventure for kids in grades 3-6, is about a boy born with a magical mustache and an ability to speak to animals. He gets in trouble at school, runs away from home, and is befriended by a cougar. They end up going on a quest. It is high adventure, great for kids that are not necessarily strong readers. Henry will also talk about how one writes a book and gets it published.

Henry Homeyer is a life-long organic gardener whose weekly column appears in twelve newspapers around New England. He is the author of four gardening books, and now a chapter book for children!

## Upcoming Meetings...

Meeting  
in  
Progress

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council. Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website.

You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda. Meetings are open to the public...you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the “Calendar” page of the City of Laconia's website.

Click on a specific meeting for more information. Please check the “Calendar” page often for updated info and changes.

*Become involved in  
your City  
and make a difference!*

### **Planning Board**

April 2, 2013, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

### **MTRC**

April 3, 2013, 1:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

### **Conservation Commission**

April 3, 2013, 6:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

[Agenda](#)

# LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Developing the potential for success with every student, every day, in every way



## Laconia High School

### Planning for first LHS chem-free after prom party



Student from Freedom Found meet with the ranking members of the Laconia Police Department and the Police Commissioners at their meeting yesterday to promote the city's first Chem-Free after hours prom party. (Laconia Daily Sun photo/Gail Ober)

"Chem-Free" night in Laconia is likely to include a bus ride from prom at Gunstock Inn to the movies and then to Fun Spot for the remainder of the evening. Breakfast will be served at Endicott Park the morning following prom. The purpose is so that prom goes can go some place fun after prom yet not be involved in risky behavior such as alcohol, drugs or sex. The evening will be monitored by sponsors such as teachers, parents, and volunteer police officers. For more information or to make a donation, please call the Laconia Police Department at 524-5252, High School Principal Jim McCollum, or Guidance Counselor Phil Reed.

### Lagueux has time of his life at Special Olympics in South Korea

Speaking before a crowd of athletes and supporters a few weeks ago at the opening ceremonies of the New Hampshire Special Olympics games in Waterville Valley, Mark Lagueux spoke of the importance of taking the opportunities that life presents. Lagueux, a senior at Laconia High School, has good reason to say that: a few years ago, he took advantage of an opportunity to learn how to ski, and as a result wound up with a ticket to South Korea. To read more click [here](#)



[Laconia High School website](#)



## Laconia Middle School

### A LOOK AHEAD

April 3rd~Track Begins 2:30-4:00pm  
 April 4th~Spaghetti Dinner & High School Overview  
 April 5th~3rd Quarter Grades Close  
 April 10th~PTO @6:30  
 April 12th~Semi-Formal  
 April 22nd-26th~Spring Vacation!



[Laconia Middle School website](#)



## Elm Street School



The Laconia School District has adopted minimum achievement standards, by grade level, in the areas of mathematics and literacy. These non-negotiables represent the fundamental

knowledge base that our students need to learn at each grade level, in order to improve their potential for academic achievement and success. We are proud to add these to our ESS website, and encourage you to follow-up with your child's teacher or any of our administrators, for further clarification regarding these very important skills. Thank you!"

[Math Non-Negotiables Curriculum](#)  
[Writing Non-Negotiables Curriculum](#)  
[Elm Street School Website](#)



## Pleasant Street School



On Saturday March 16 three Destination Imagination teams from Pleasant Street School went to Littleton High School to present their solutions to a challenge of their choosing.

The Spinning Rock Stars placed second with their structure that would hold weight and handle a hit from the side. They also presented a skit to tell the story of a wicked wizard and trusty knight with a twist at the end. The D1 Destroyers built cars powered by air, gravity, and a mousetrap to teach us about the hazards that cars can face on the road. They placed fourth. The Dynamic Disguisers told the story of two groups of spies and a pesky robot dog, all without talking. The students have been meeting as teams since December to work on their solutions. Way to go teams!

[Pleasant Street School Website](#)

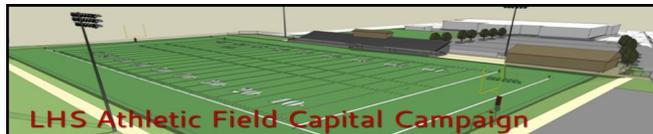


## Woodland Heights School

Woodland Heights Student Leaders came up with a plan to help the families affected by the fire on Sunday evening. Their idea was to collect change. They will be responsible for taking care of the change buckets they have placed in each pod daily. They made posters for the hallways and decorated buckets for the classrooms. They will collect for 2 weeks and then donate it to the child's family.



[Woodland Heights Website](#)



### LHS Athletic Field Capital Campaign

The Laconia School District is currently building a multipurpose athletic field for school and community use scheduled to open in the Fall of 2013. The synthetic turf field will be lined for all the rectangular outdoor sports including: soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and football. A new lighting, sound and bleacher seating system are incorporated. Finally, a new concession building with appropriate bathroom facilities is included. Our "Field of Dreams" is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2013.

[Donate to the LHS Athletic Field Capital Campaign here!](#)

Thank you for considering a donation to the LHS Athletic Field Capital Campaign. There are several different levels of sponsorship available, ranging from a \$125.00 4x8 Brick Paver all the way to a 12x12 Granite Paver.



## Laconia School Board

### SAU 30 Upcoming Meetings

- Facilities Meeting - 4/2/13—6:00 p.m. - SAU Board Room
- Budget and Personnel Meeting - 4/2/13—6:00 p.m. - SAU Board Room
- Laconia School Board Meeting - 4/2/13 - 7:00 pm - SAU Board Room
- Huot/LHS Joint Building Committee - 4/12/13 - 4:00 pm - LHS Library
- Policy Meeting - 4/30/13 - 8:00 am - SAU Board Room



## Gale to Goss Library Walk

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> on the WOW Trail

Walk begins at the Laconia Public Library and ends at Lakeport's Goss Reading Room

Join us for a morning of local history and family fun!



### Featuring:

Stories, a snack, and a Kindle Raffle.

Sign up for a Laconia Public Library Card!

The Library Fun Run begins at 9:00am and the Library WOW Walk begins at 10:00am.

**Stay tuned! More details coming soon!**

Sponsored by the Laconia Public Library in partnership with Project EXTRA, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society and the WOW Trail.

## Be Our Guest at the 23rd Annual Taste of the Lakes Region



The Conference Center at Lake Opechee Inn and Spa

Sunday  
April 7, 2013  
3:00 to 5:30 pm

\$25.00 Per Person  
No one under 21 admitted  
Cash Bar

Spend the afternoon sampling the finest specialties from these area restaurants all to benefit Altrusa's community projects

Annie's Cafe & Catering	T-Bones	Woodshed Roasting Co
Ellacoya Barn & Grille	Cactus Jacks	Steele Hill Resorts
Twin Muffin Baking Company	Camp	Lakes Region Casino
Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Ristorante	Lakehouse Grill	Hart's Turkey Farm
Weirs Beach Lobster Pound	Lago	Patrick's Pub & Eatery
Hector's Fine Food & Spirits	Burrito Me	Karu's Cafe & Bakery
Contigiani's Catering Service	Canoe	O' Steak and Seafood
	Fratello's	



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Tickets may be purchased from any ALTRUSA Member or at the following locations

Hector's Fine Food & Spirits, Hart's Turkey Farm and Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Laconia

To purchase tickets online or questions, please email us at [altrusalaconia@gmail.com](mailto:altrusalaconia@gmail.com) or visit our web site at [www.altrusalaconia.com](http://www.altrusalaconia.com)



## Mary Todd Lincoln: An Unconventional Woman



Born of an aristocratic family in Lexington, KY, against her family's wishes Mary Todd married Abraham Lincoln, the man she loved. She partnered with him to achieve their goal of becoming President and First Lady.

Through the use of authentically reproduced clothing, lectures, storytelling and informal, spontaneous dialog, Chautauquan Sally Mummey will bring Mrs. Lincoln to life Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

Mummey portrays a lively, accurate and well-researched Mary Todd Lincoln, showing the many facets of this unconventional modern woman of the 1860's who was perhaps the most misunderstood of her time.

The event – which will appeal to audiences of all ages – is free and open to the public; however, those planning to attend must pre-register as seating is limited. Please call 524-5600 for reservations.

# Public Works Department

Click [here](#) for Public Works Dept. website or call 528-6379



## SPRING LEAF PICKUP

During the Weeks of  
April 15<sup>th</sup>  
&  
April 29<sup>th</sup>

CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICKUP AN  
ADDITIONAL **10 BAGS** DURING THESE 2 WEEKS  
(On your normal trash day)

All materials MUST be placed in PAPER  
COMPOST BAGS.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck,  
NOT the normal trash collection truck.



## LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 4 and 11, 2013

8 AM to NOON

**FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER  
STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD.**

**LACONIA RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY  
NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.**

Proof of Residency Will Be Required.

**ACCEPTABLE:** APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS,  
FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, PAPER  
BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES  
(limit 6 tires per customer). **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO  
TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES,  
BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR  
SOLVENTS.

Electronic waste WILL NOT be accepted free of charge at this event. If you bring in  
e-waste, there will be a nominal fee for its disposal.

Open to the Public

The  
Annalee Thorndike

## Art Competition

Wednesday, April 10th  
through  
Thursday, April 18th

The Belknap Mill  
25 Beacon Street East  
Laconia, NH 03246

For more  
information contact:  
Lakes Region  
Scholarship Foundation  
603-527-3533  
Email: scholarship@metrocast.net  
or  
Paulette Loughlin  
603-524-5413  
Email: pauletelloughlin@metrocast.net

For directions  
to the Belknap Mill  
Call 603-524-8813 or  
[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)



The Annalee Thorndike Art Competition is sponsored  
by the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.  
For more information about the Foundation  
call 603-5247-3533 or see [www.lrscholarship.org](http://www.lrscholarship.org)



Reception  
and Announcement of Winners  
Thursday, April 18th  
at 7:00 PM

## LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION

Present an

## EASTER EGG HUNT

March 30, 2013  
10:00 am

- \* Rain or Shine (dress appropriately this is mud season)!
- \* Located at Opechee Park (Point Beach Area)
- \* Ages 2 through 5th Grade



Opechee Park is located on North  
Main Street in Laconia. The Point  
Beach is located on the far side of  
the Little League field. You will  
need to walk the private roadway to  
get there.

Bring your own Basket!!!



# Conservation Commission News...



Did you know that if you own an extensively landscaped property, that includes Blue Flag Iris, Bluestem Grass, and Poplar trees you are contributing, in some way, to the protection of the lakes!!

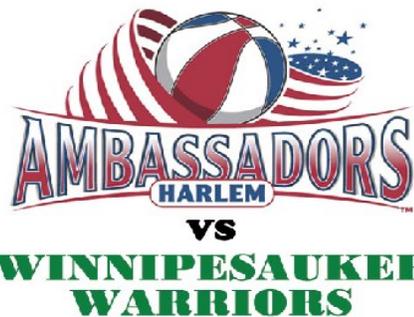
The concept of "Phytoremediation" is the practice of using plants to clean up contaminated water, including run off from roadways, drive-ways and parking lots. Certain plants have been identified as doing a particularly good job of breaking down chemicals and storing them or changing their make up into something less harmful.

If storm water can be held on site and plants introduced to reduce the toxicity of the runoff as part of a normal landscaping package everyone wins. Here are a few popular hearty plants that are not only attractive but produce deep root systems: 1. The Blue Flag Iris found in wet meadows and wood edges absorb pesticides. 2. Bluestem Grass is a tall grass that can be utilized to draw out various polluted runoff. 3. The Hybrid Poplar root system placed strategically on your property acts as a sponge for absorbing excess phosphorus.



The Laconia Conservation Commission (Con Com) challenges the general public to introduce some of these plants to their backyard landscaping and help to reduce phosphorus, pesticides and herbicide runoff into our surface waters. The next time you speak to your landscaper ask her to try a hybrid poplar tree and some Blue Flag Iris to make a minor impact on your property that cumulatively will create a major positive impact to the Lakes Region water quality. If you would like more information on this topic for commercial or industrial sites please visit: <http://www.superorg.net/archive/proposal/plant%20species%20phyto.pdf>

## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COMEDY AND FUN!



The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines.

**April 5, 2013 from 7-9 PM**  
**Inter-Lakes High School Gym**

**TICKETS \$10**  
Kids 5 and under FREE

Tickets are available at Meredith Village Savings Bank in Meredith, NH and All-Brite Cleaning & Restoration in Gilford, NH

All proceeds benefit Lakes Region **Habitat for Humanity**

SPECIAL THANKS TO



### NOTICE



#### City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump

The City of Laconia Hilliard Road Brush Dump will be open effective **April 3, 2013** until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Materials accepted are as follows:

- \* Clean Wood (not painted, stained or pressure treated)
- \* Branches of Trees (no larger than 3" in diameter/3' in length)

NOTE: Leaves are **NOT** accepted.

**REMINDER - Dump Sticker or Day Pass Required**

# NEWS

## From the City Clerk's Office

Click [here](#) for Clerk's website



The City of Laconia and MacDonald Veterinary Services are Hosting a Rabies Clinic on April 6, 2013 Laconia Community Center (back entrance) from 9am – 12pm.



### Veterinary Fees

Rabies Vaccination\*: \$10.00

\*1 year and 3 year rabies vaccinations are being offered. You must provide your pet's previous rabies certificate in order to receive a 3 year vaccination. **Tags will not be accepted as proof of a previous rabies vaccination.**

**Due to the volume of clients that have been seen in past years we are unable to offer additional vaccines . It is our hope that we can assist clients in a more efficient manner and decrease your wait times.**

Dog Licenses will also be issued to Laconia residents at the clinic.  
Please see your notice for rates.

All dogs must be leashed and under the control of the owner at all times. All cats must be in a carrier. Any animals being disruptive will be asked to leave the building.  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



## Laconia Police Department

Link to  
Laconia  
PD [here](#)



The Laconia Police Commission listened to students from the High School's Freedom Found group talk about hosting a Chem Free Party after this year's Prom. Freedom Found is made up of High School students who are also members of the larger Stand-Up for Laconia organization.

The Chem Free event is being coordinated by Freedom Found but any Prom attendee will be welcome to the event. It is the intention to have a zero cost to the students. School Resource Officer Steve Orton is working with school administrators to ensure the event's success.

Tentative plans have students leaving the Prom at Gunstock, attending a movie at the Gilford 8 Cinemas then on to Funspot, ending the night with a breakfast at Endicott Beach in the Weirs.

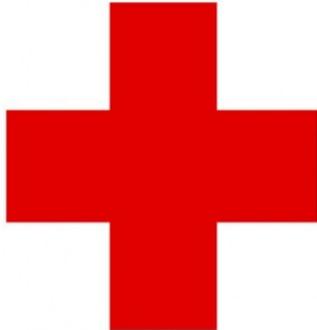
The Laconia Police Department has already made a monetary donation, but they will also be chaperoning during the night and serving breakfast, all time donated by the Officers.

If any other organizations would like to make a donation of cash or raffle prizes they can contact the guidance office at the High School.

The City Council recently voted to contribute \$1,000.00 towards the program.



## Community Blood Drive Set for April 23



**American  
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross will hold a community blood drive on Tuesday, April 23 from 2-7 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building, 227 Ledges Drive, Laconia.

Donate blood in April and you'll receive:

A coupon for a free regular six-inch SUBWAY sub

A voucher for a free Tanger Outlets \$10 Gift Card and Coupon Book

A coupon for \$25 off any auto service purchase of \$25 or more from Sullivan Tire and Auto Service

Appointments are recommended. Please schedule your appointment on-line at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)

### *Your input is needed*

The City Council will be considering, and possibly taking action on, two recycling options at an upcoming City Council meeting (*date to be announced*). Any decisions made will affect the way your trash and recycling are picked up in the future; comments from the public are encouraged either at the meeting or by contacting the Council.

Please click [here](#) for a complete description of the two options under consideration, and contact information for the City Councilors.

### Recycling Facts...

Did you know that when you recycle an aluminum can it can be back on a grocery store shelf as a new product within 60 days? And the energy saved recycling ONE aluminum can is enough to power your TV for THREE hours.

If given the choice, buy aluminum over plastic containers and please recycle! An aluminum can thrown into a landfill will still be an aluminum can 500 years later.



**LRGH Nursery Guild**  
Annual Spring  
Baby/Children's Boutique



**April 13, 2013**  
9:00am-2:00pm

**Turn your children's clothes, toys and furniture into cash!**

Consignments and Donations of gently used SPRING/SUMMER clothing only (newborn to size 16), children's furniture and toys.

**Consignments/Donations will be accepted the following dates/times:**

**Wednesday, April 10, 6pm-9pm**

**Thursday, April 11, 9am-6pm**

at the Laconia Community Center, Union Avenue, Laconia

**No car seats, cribs or stuffed animals will be accepted.**

For more information contact LRGH Nursery Guild: 524-3211 ext.3018 or [nurseryguild@lrgh.org](mailto:nurseryguild@lrgh.org).

*Proceeds from this event help benefit Women's & Children's health services throughout the Lakes Region communities.*

LRGH Nursery Guild is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization

International  
Film Series  
sponsored by:  
Laconia Human  
Relations Comm.  
& Laconia Public  
Library

## A SEPARATION

Monday, April 1, 2013

Time: 6:15 P.M.

Laconia Public Library



This intense Iranian drama, not of political tensions, but of family tensions, won the Oscar 2012 as best foreign-language film. It is a story about contemporary daily life for an Iranian family.

- ♦ Free and open to the public ♦ Informal discussion follows the film
- ♦ Light snack provided ♦ Bring a chair cushion for comfort



Leonard Campbell  
[lcampbell@nh-cc.org](mailto:lcampbell@nh-cc.org)

For more information contact:

Carol Pierce  
[newdynam@aol.com](mailto:newdynam@aol.com)

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*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers, City Manager  
City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessing .....	527-1268
Assessor - Jon Duhamel	
City Clerk.....	527-1265
City Clerk - Mary Reynolds	
City Manager.....	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement.....	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Donna Woodaman	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing Clerk - Katie Walsh	
Planning & Comm. Dev. ....	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Shanna Saunders	
Tax .....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Welfare.....	527-1267
Welfare Specialist - Suzi McCormack	
Welfare Director - Donna Woodaman	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) * ....	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Lakeport) * .....	524-7777
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) * .....	366-2229
Fire Chief - Ken Erickson	
Library .....	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation.....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Kevin Dunleavy	
Personnel .....	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
Police (Administration) * .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) * .....	524-1717
Police Chief - Christopher Adams	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) .....	528-5822
Public Works Director - Paul Moynihan	
Water.....	524-0901
Superintendent - Seth Nuttelman	

\* For emergencies, remember  
to always dial 911



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