

Laconia Historical invites the public to attend the opening reception of its exhibit *I am Laconia* on Thursday October 23rd between 6:00 and 7:30 pm in the new wing of Lakes Region Community College. *I am Laconia* offers a contemporary perspective on Laconia's ethnic and cultural history. LHMS has interviewed ten families originating from Turkey, Burundi, Bhutan, Iraq, Bosnia, and Japan. Personal stories from individuals include why they left their country of origin, how they came to live in Laconia, balancing their own culture with American culture, as well as their hopes and fears for the future. The exhibit will be on display through December 20. It is free and open to the public. Sponsored in part by Laconia Savings Bank, the Laconia Human Relations Committee, and Lutheran Social Services.