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Sunshine Nursery School held their annual classroom Christmas parties. Pre-K and Nursery families joined the children in creating holiday crafts and the children proudly sang their favorite holiday songs. A highlight of the day was a surprise visit from Santa! Pictured here are some of the nursery students visiting with Santa.

Local Bank Promotes Hyde

BATAVIA, NY – Tompkins Bank of Castile has promoted Mickey Hyde to vice president, branch manager of the LeRoy branch.



community with their personal and business related finances, and Tompkins Bank of Castile is lucky to have him on our team.”

Hyde is very involved in the community, serving as the chair for the steering committee for Leadership Genesee, on the Junior Achievement Advisory Board, and as member of Rochester Press-Radio Club. He is also a member of the LeRoy Moose club, the LPS Kiwanis and the Sons of the American Legion. He volunteers in many capacities with LeRoy Central School, such as in Junior Achievement, Lunch with Leaders, Mock Interviews, Career Day and the LeRoy Job Fair. Hyde has been inducted into both the Genesee Community College and the Pavilion Central School’s Hall of Fame. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management from Eckerd College.

Hyde has been with Tompkins for over 13 years. In his work managing the LeRoy branch, Hyde concentrates on developing relationships with small businesses throughout the community as well as tailoring a wide variety of personal banking solutions to our local customers.

“Mickey has done a phenomenal job as our LeRoy branch manager,” said Diane Torcello, senior vice president, community banking. “He has a strong commitment to helping members of the LeRoy com-

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Town Supervisor Column

Around Town

I will report on the Board's reorganization meeting in my column next month. What I would like to do here is begin speaking with you (and continue throughout the first half of the year) about a few of the most significant issues facing us in 2017.

You may have read a few articles recently in the Daily News about the negotiations in progress concerning sales tax distribution between the County and City of Batavia (and, by association, with the rest of the towns and villages throughout Genesee County). I can think of no other issue more important that faces us (with significant impact on the Village as well) this year, and it warrants your close attention as things develop. While complex and co-mingled with municipal water supply throughout the County, I will give you a "Reader's Digest" version in this column.

In 1991, a contract was entered into between Genesee County and the City of Batavia regarding the distribution of collected sales tax revenue in Genesee County. This contract was renewed in 2007, and is set to expire in February, 2018. In sum, the County collects the "local" share (4%) of the sales tax levied in the county. Fifty percent (50%) of those monies are set aside for county purposes, sixteen percent (16%) goes to the City of Batavia, and thirty-four percent (34%) is divided among the towns/villages through a formula with a basis on real property tax value.

To demonstrate what this has meant to the Town of LeRoy, we received approximately \$1,012,600 in sales tax revenue for 2012; \$1,066,000 in 2013; \$1,070,400 in 2014; \$1,070,450 for 2015; and I am expecting about \$1,000,000 for 2016 (gas prices remain lower than those earlier years but I am awaiting the fourth quarter numbers that reflect the Christmas shopping season). So, as you can see, the Town counts on about \$1,000,000 in sales tax revenue for its annual budget each year. By way of example, \$1 million equates to about 60% of our total 2017 A (town-wide) and B (outside village) Fund revenue amounts. The other 40% comes from a variety of sources (court fines, NYS aid, mortgage tax, various fees, etc.), including property taxes. That is, 60% of our in-coming monies comes from one source- sales tax revenue.

I believe it is fair to say that any elimination, reduction, or growth limitation of sales tax revenue to the town will most likely result in an increase in property tax rates. Positive negotiations are continuing, and the Genesee Association of Municipalities (representing towns and villages on this issue) is well-represented on the negotiations committee with the Supervisors of Bergen and Darien. As things develop on this front, I will keep you informed.

Thank you and see you Around Town.

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Supervisor

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- LeRoy Little League is always looking for managers and coaches at all levels of play. Many different volunteer opportunities exist within the organization. We are also looking for umpires to help, and training will be provided.
- Age determination date remains the same as 2016. In short, whatever a child's age is on September 1st, 2017 is considered their "league age." If your child turns 4 years old by September 1st, 2017, they are able to play instructional baseball. Typically ages for T-shirt are 6-9, however some age overlap is present at multiple levels. Final placement in divisions is subject to Board of Directors review and approval.
- More information about the different levels of play is available on our website.
- If your child will be 9 years old by September 1st, 2017, they are eligible to try out for Little League. More information related to tryouts will be available at registration.

For players born on or before April 30, 2005:

The new age determination date of September 1st will be effective starting with the 2018 Little League Baseball Season. For the 2017 season, these players will use the May 1st age determination date.

- If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact either Tim Spezzano (259-7673) or Jeff Strollo (750-4049).

Forms are available on our website www.eteamz.com/leroylittleleague

Want to save some time? Fill out the forms online then print them off and just bring them to registration. Forms will also be available at registration.

All players must participate in the candy bar fund raiser.

All money is due at registration.

All Little League families must pay a \$50.00 refundable concession deposit at time of registration.

There is a family cap at \$150.00 but it **EXCLUDES** the concession deposit and the candy sale.



Tryouts for Little League-Feb. 25th, 2017

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Police Report

On December 7th, 2016 Village of LeRoy Police arrested 31 year old Danielle L. Barager of 9 Summit Street, LeRoy, NY and charged her with Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The arrest stems from an investigation by Village Police into an incident that occurred in the Village of LeRoy on December 4th, 2016. It is alleged that during an argument Barager threw a claw hammer which ricocheted off the floor and struck a 3 year old child in the shoulder causing injury. Barager was issued an appearance ticket and is scheduled to appear in the Town of LeRoy Court at a later date.

On December 24th, 2016, Officers of the Village of LeRoy Police Department arrested Matthew McCracken, 33, of 10 Clay Street Upper Apt, LeRoy, NY for attempted criminal mischief 4th degree and harassment 2nd degree. This arrest occurred after Le Roy Police Officer's responded to a report of a male threatening to kill the neighboring residents of an upper apartment on Clay Street in the Village of LeRoy. The investigation alleged that during a dispute, McCracken had threatened to kill and injure his neighbor and burned the door and door frame of his neighbor's apartment with a blow torch. At the time McCracken was refusing to answer both his phone and the door to his apartment to communicate with Officers and McCracken was believed to be in his apartment with a blow torch and a two year old child. Out of concern for the child, Officer's forced entry into the apartment and McCracken was taken into custody without incident. The two year old child was found unharmed and was turned over to the mother. McCracken was arraigned in the Town of LeRoy Court and was remanded to the Genesee County jail in lieu of \$500.00 cash bail. Further investigation is pending. LeRoy Police were assisted at the scene by Members of the New York State Police.



UPDATE: The LeRoy Police Department re-arrested Matthew McCracken

on December 29th, adding two additional charges, Attempted Arson in the Second Degree, a class C-Violent Felony and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A-Misdemeanor. It is now alleged that McCracken attempted to damage the building at 10/12 Clay Street in LeRoy by the use of fire, specifically a torch type item while knowing or having cause to believe persons were inside the building at the time, specifically the neighbors and a young child that McCracken was babysitting. McCracken's actions did in fact cause blackened burn marks on the neighbors door and door frame. The Endangering the welfare of a Child charge alleges that McCracken endangered the physical or moral welfare of the same child during the incident due to the attempted arson 2nd but further that he was impaired by alcoholic beverage during the incident to the point he passed out or fell asleep being unable to care for the child. McCracken was re-arraigned before the LeRoy Town Court and further committed to the Genesee County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

On December 27th, 2016, Officers of the Village of LeRoy Police Department arrested Gregory P. Bernard, 22, of East Bethany, NY, for Aggravated DWI, DWI and moved from lane unsafely. His arrest was the result of an auto accident in which it is alleged that Bernard, while on West Main Street in LeRoy left his lane unsafely, jumped a curb and struck a sign and tree causing damage. Bernard was processed and issued Appearance Tickets returnable to the Town of LeRoy Court on January 23rd, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The aggravated DWI charge stems from an allegation that Bernard had a BAC at or above 0.18%.

On December 28th, 2016, Village of LeRoy Police stopped a vehicle on State Route 19 in the Village of LeRoy alleging an inadequate exhaust. The operator, Michael A. Ellis, age 27, of Batavia, NY, was allegedly found to have a suspended New York State driver's license. The vehicle was turned over to a relative at the scene. Ellis was issued uniform traffic tickets for aggravated unlicensed operation 3rd, uninspected motor vehicle and inadequate exhaust returnable to the Town of LeRoy Court on a later date.

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Message from the Superintendent

Greetings and welcome to 2017! Our students have returned from winter break and are back into the routine. Thus far, the weather has been cooperating, although it is clear the cold air is on the way. Here are some reminders. Please have your children dress appropriately for these cold days, especially if they are walking to school. While a brisk winter walk is great exercise for both the body and mind, it is important to keep any exposed skin covered! Also, please remember that the Wolcott Street School doors open promptly at 8:45 am (7:45 am for band and chorus). Teachers are not in classrooms, so there is no supervision for students prior to that time. We know it is difficult for students to be waiting outside in the cold for extended periods of time, so timing their arrival to school as close to that time as possible is very helpful. Thanks so much for your support with this.

The school board continues its search for the new superintendent. Three finalists have been selected. They are: Dr. Jared Taft, Mr. Merritt Holly, and Mr. Brian Bartalo. Dr. Taft is currently the Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) Administrator and High School Assistant Principal of Lackawanna High School in Lackawanna, NY. Mr. Holly has served as Principal of Caledonia-Mumford High School since 2011 and Mr. Bartalo is the High School Principal and International Baccalaureate Head of School of Hilton High School where he has served since 2005. The finalists will visit the district on January 17th, 18th and 19th, with Dr. Taft on January 17th, Mr. Holly on January 18th, and Mr. Bartalo on January 19th. Meet and greet forums, which are open to the public, will be held each day in the Memorial Auditorium at the Wolcott Street School from 4:05-4:35 p.m. Please feel free to attend and meet the candidates.

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1925 LeRoy Directory It's Good to be Alive in LeRoy



A couple of weeks ago, I purchased a colorful LeRoy advertising fan on Ebay with a charming little girl and a kitten on the front. On the back was this notice: "Compliments Thos. M. Philibin Meat Market and Real Estate Phone 56." So you could stop by Mr. Philibin's and buy a pot roast and chicken thighs, and take a look at houses or farms for sale. (I can only imagine the meat market on one side and an office in the back for his real estate business.) We did a little sleuthing to find out more about Thomas Philibin and found his 1946 obituary in the LeRoy Gazette. He was born in 1892 and attended St. Peter's Church. In 1914 he opened a grocery store at 47 Main Street but he left his business and enlisted when the war broke out. When he returned home, he went into the retail meat business at 72 Main Street across the street. In 1924, he combined his meat business with the real estate business and relocated

once again to 47 Main Street. (Street numbers changed, so it's not certain that Philibin's store at 47 Main is 47 Main today - which is where the hardware store is now.) But the 1924 date gave us a clue to the possible date of the fan. So we went to the 1925 LeRoy Directory and sure enough, there was an advertisement for Philibin's Meat Market and Real Estate business.

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A few days ago, Steve Barbeau gave us a metal shoe-horn for Daggs shoes. A quick search in the clipping files indicates that Charles Daggs was born in 1889 and died in 1945. He worked as a clerk in a couple of the shoe stores in town, and once again, the 1925 LeRoy Directory has an advertisement for "Reliable Footwear Charles D. Daggs Main Street."

RELIABLE FOOTWEAR
CHARLES D. DAGGS
Main Street Le Roy, N. Y.

The 1925 Directory was published by Joseph C. Barone. According to the front page, he "was born of Italian parentage in LeRoy in 1897. He attended LeRoy public schools and reached his third year in high school in 1917, when he left school and went to Geneva to become a foreman in the plant of the Geneva Preserving Company, where he remained for four years. Returning to LeRoy in 1921, he engaged in the manufacture of cheese until 1924, when he established the advertising distributing and posting business, in which he is now engaged. He presents this directory in the hope that it will serve as a public convenience and a record of the people living in LeRoy in 1925."

While looking through the Directory I discovered an advertisement for the "Parkside Home Mrs. Martha E Tillou Proprietress LeRoy's Boarding and Rooming House 15 East Main Street." I was pretty sure this was the house just east of LeRoy House, but I needed to check the address, because it is now 27 East Main Street. (Just an update on 27 East Main. As some of you know, the house was put up for auction on November 18. The Historical Society was prepared to bid on the house but the bank, HSBC, offered over \$100,000 for the property, which was much more

than we felt it was worth, and the bank now owns it. Since that time, we have been trying to make sure it was secured, since the front door and a basement window were often wide open. Although the doors are now locked, a large basement window is wide open, and we have learned that there is a lot of water damage because the pipes froze and burst. The Historical Society has registered the house with New York State as a Zombie House and we will continue to make sure the bank is maintaining the house as outlined by the new state law that went into effect on December 20.) Again, I looked through the Directory for some clues. I was pretty sure that the house that John Allen lives in today (formerly Gardenview B&B) was the home of the Townsend family, and indeed it was and in 1925 it was 11 East Main Street. The house between LeRoy House and the Townsend house didn't exist in 1926, so I wanted to confirm the address of LeRoy House. I was certain that the Superintendent of LeRoy Schools lived in LeRoy House. The Directory listed Mr. Earl B. Taylor as the superintendent and sure enough, he and his family lived at 13 East Main Street - - LeRoy House. (The LeRoy House today is 23 East Main Street.) So, this indicates that what is 27 East Main Street now - - the house just east of LeRoy House - - now owned by HSBC - - was the former Parkside Home.

The PARKSIDE HOME
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15 East Main Street Le Roy, N. Y.

Joseph Barone wrote in the Directory "Days come and go in LeRoy as in every other community. The whole atmosphere breathes the thought 'It is good to be alive; indeed it is good to be alive in LeRoy.' "

Achievements

Hannah Rosicka

POTSDAM, NY (12/30/2016)-
- Hannah Rosicka of Le Roy, NY was recently named to the President's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Rosicka, whose major is Exploratory/Undeclared, was among 869 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the Fall 2016 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks.

Allison M Weaver

KUTZTOWN, PA (01/04/2017)-
- Allison M Weaver of Le Roy, NY (14482), has been named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Kutztown University.

More than 1,650 students have been named to the list. To be eligible for Dean's List, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 credits and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60.

Amy Lowe

LEWISBURG, PA (01/04/2017)-- Amy Lowe, Class of 2020, from Le Roy, NY was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

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by Greg "Prop" Rogers

2016 is officially in the books! The annual tradition of the First Night fireworks, sponsored by the LeRoy Business Council rang out the old year. Once again the firework display brought out many people from bridge to bridge and no one went away disappointed. Thanks, to the Business Council and all the sponsors.

2016 was a year of movement. A Main St. Sidewalk Project fixed a decade old problem that led to downtown momentum. Creekside and soon to be opened "Capish" Restaurant (formally Pontillo's) are making great strides to bring back our downtown.

We had two fulltime police officers leave and they have been replaced. While we hated to see Daryl Robb and Jarred Dent leave, we have replaced them with two very competent officers, Greg Kellogg and Zach Klafhen.

The Village has just hired Ken Biggins to be part of our DPW; the department has been working shorthanded for a while.

Many people stop me on the street with a pleasant word on the direction of the Village, they are much appreciated. I truly believe you can feel the momentum.

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COMMUNITY News

WEEKLY EVENTS

OBITUARIES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Woodward Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

GRACE'S CLOSET: A clothing giveaway program sponsored by Le Roy United Methodist Church, 10 Trigon Park, LeRoy, 9:30 to 11:30AM every Thursday. We have clothing for all ages. Donations can be dropped off at the house next to the church. Please put all bags **INSIDE** on the back porch. **NO ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, DISHES, etc.** Open Tuesdays 5-6:30 pm. Any questions call the office at: 768-8980.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Penuel Christian Fellowship, One Step to Freedom addictions ministry, a Christ Centered Addictions program, a weekly meeting every Friday at 7 pm. Call the Church for more information at: 768-6901 or 594-9575.

Penuel Christian Fellowship is organizing a young adult fellowship and Bible study. Ages: 12 and up, Time: Fridays from 7-9 pm, Study: the book of Romans (a 16 week course), taught by Josiah Gariboldi. Place: 7115 West Main Street.

Community Calendar Submissions should be sent to: calendar@leroyny.com

BERGEN - Eugene "Geno" Penepent, 56, passed away on Thursday (December 22, 2016) at Rochester General Hospital. Memorials may be made to the family. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics Of Western New York, Genesee Region, 1 Grove Street, Pittsford, NY 14534 or Genesee ARC, Attn: Development & Community Relations Department, 64 Walnut Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

BERGEN - Margaret Helen Berry, 77, a call center operator at the former Washington Mutual, (Dime Bank) in Albion, died Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at her home, in Bergen. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bergen Fire Department, P.O. Box 428, Bergen, NY 14416.

CALEDONIA - Mooney, David J., After a courageous battle with Posterior Cortical Atrophy passed away on December 26, 2016 at age 57. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to MGH Dr. Dickerson Lab, Dr. Brad Dickerson, Attn: Raseeka Premchander. 149 13th St., Suite 2691, Charlestown, MA. 02129.

LEROY - Sergio A. Forte Sr., age 73, of Cole Road, passed away Friday morning (December 30, 2016) at Strong Memorial Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital, Attn: Cardiac Unit, 601 Elmwood Ave., Box 660, Rochester, NY 14642.

LEROY - Mary Anne White, age 67, of Lathrop Avenue, passed away Saturday morning (December 31, 2016) at Crossroads House in Batavia, surrounded by her loving family. Memorials are suggested to Crossroads House, P.O. Box 403, Batavia, NY 14021.

LEROY - Jennie A. Hale, age 97, formerly of Myrtle Street, passed away peacefully on Monday morning (December 26, 2016) at the LeRoy Village Green Nursing Home. Memorials are suggested to either St. Jude Children's Hospital or Wilmot Cancer Institute.

LEROY - Willadeane "Bunnie" McNish, age 71, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at her home on Sunday, December 25, 2016, after a brief illness. Memorials are suggested to the Wilmot Cancer Institute, 300 E. River Rd., P.O. Box 278996, Rochester, NY 14627.

STAFFORD - Thomas M. Steffenilla, age 50, of Bartof Road, passed away Thursday (Dec. 29, 2016) after a long and courageous battle with cancer, a disease he fought with overwhelming dignity. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Tom's family in order to establish education funds for his children.

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 9 - 13

All Genesee County residents, 60 and older, can take part in this week's activities at the **Batavia Senior Center, 2 Bank St., Batavia.**

For more information, call **343-1611**

Monday: **Tax Training** is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. **Arthritis Exercise** is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. A Representative from Univera Insurance will be available between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Bridge** is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: **Tax Training** is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. **Cribbage** is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday: **Tax Training** is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. **Ombudsman Meeting** is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. **Euchre** is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: **Tax Training** is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. **Gripe Card Group** is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. **Cribbage** is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. **Bridge** is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Friday: **Tax Training** is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. **Art Class** is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. **Line Dancing** is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. **Euchre** is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m.

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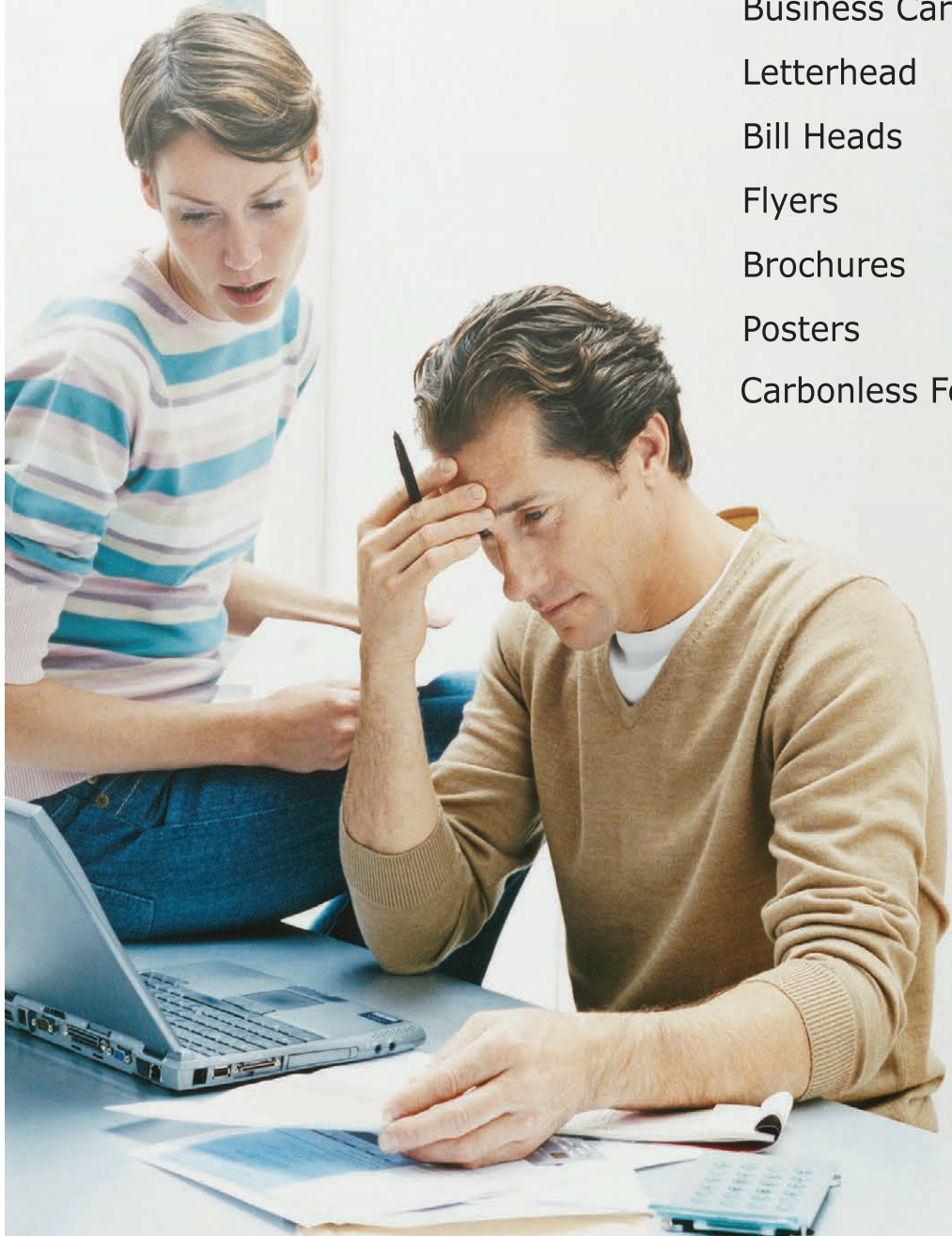
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