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EDITOR'S LETTER

Bonnie Buck, Editor - Lappe Lantern

Our Spring cover is dedicated to Jenn Salo of Thunderbird Raptor Rescue. Jenn is a Lappe lady who is working tirelessly to establish a Wildlife Rescue in the Thunder Bay Area. She is known for being the go-to gal for injured birds and other wildlife. The snowy owl was rehabilitated by Jenn after found with an injured foot. It was re-released on November 16, 2021.

For more information or to offer support to Jenn,

please email her at thunderbirdwildlife@gmail.com

Lappe & Area Local Services Board is also in the process of revamping our lappe.ca website. I am always open to input and suggestion of material that you would like to see on the website. I am hoping to include a 'community bulletin board' which can post upcoming events, list frequently called businesses in the area and help let all know what happening in our Community.

Have a great Spring!

LAPPE & AREA LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

The office in Gorham & Ware School is now permanently closed. It is, for the meantime, working out of the Secretary/Treasurer's home, and is reachable by telephone or email.

Mailing Address:

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All meetings begin at 7pm. Please contact

lappeservicesboard@tbaytel for access via ZOOM.

All Residents are encouraged to participate. Should you wish to address the Board or be a public quest at the meeting, please contact Bonnie Buck at 807-768-4350, or lappeservicesboard@tbaytel.net. Please check lappe.ca for updates.

Schedule of 2021 - 2022 Board Meetings: Tuesday, March 22 Regular meeting

Regular meeting Tuesday, April 19 Regular meeting Tuesday, May 17 Regular meeting Tuesday, June 21

2021-2022 Board includes: Chris Hansen, Chair

Bonnie Buck Secretary/Treasurer **Carly Torkkelli Recreation Director** Darren Auld Fire Chief **Lorenz Bosinger Deputy Chief**

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NOTE FROM YOUR CHAIR, CHRIS HANSEN

Greetings Lappe residents,

Let me acknowledge the obvious first. Spring is quickly approaching! And depending on your point of view, this winter season has shaped up to be ONE to remember or forget. Undoubtably the extended cold periods have been challenging for most, but the copious amounts of snow have been a blessing for outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

On that note, maintaining the community ice rink has been no picnic with the frequent snowfalls and flooding requirements. I'm sure there are many people that are grateful to have this exceptional facility so easily accessible. In fact, a milestone was realized with this community recreational facility on March 5th when the rink was occupied (friendly) by the "Happy in Lappe" youth hockey group for an in-house tournament, along with their supporting adults. I can't give exact numbers, but just as the action was about to get underway, I estimated easily, 50-60 participants. The ongoing success of this ice rink is directly related to the "Herculean" efforts of Tim, who may be the hardest working volunteer in Lappe. So, thank you to Tim and all the additional community members who have contributed to maintaining our rink.

Meanwhile, the LSB has been working very hard behind the scene with typical board business and planning for future growth. There seems to be no lack of exchange of ideas, information, discussions and debates within the board and from the greater community. Our fire department continues to be a leader in the Zone 1 community of volunteer fire departments. The LFD maintains it's reputation with respect to training as exceptionally creative and progressive. LFD personnel are trained to international standards governed by the NFPA, with many of their members exceeding the minimum requirements. The LFD is somewhat unique in that it provides opportunity for members to certify as an Ice Rescue Technician and as a Swift Water Rescue Technician, due in large part to the aforementioned hardest working volunteer in Lappe. This of course is invaluable considering the number of waterways in our region. Chief Auld and his team continue to make strategic investments into equipment to better serve the community and protect our responders. It's also worth noting that the LFD is not just about fire and rescue but other forms of community involvement. On November 28, 2021 Chief Auld in collaboration with the Lappe recreation coordinator was able to chauffer Santa Claus in Pumper 87 to the Lappe store to meet with the community children and hand out advent (chocolate) calendars. Regrettably Santa thought it best to leave his sleigh and reindeer at the heli-pad, but it was nice to see the children having their pictures taken with Santa and the fire truck.

With the spring melt almost in sight, your LSB is laser focused on developing and implementing recreational opportunities that best serve the community. Back before our recreation programs became somewhat derailed, I would argue that the rec programs were very successful and well used. As I had mentioned in the previous Lantern, obstacles to providing continued recreation were not solely due to the pandemic, and the sitting board at that time chose to move forward with a contingency plan. Phase one of that plan has been realized. The LSB owns property on Old Hall Road which has been designated as a shared use community space. The next phase will be the development of this space. We will dedicate this year to fundamental ground work, including leveling, filling, driveway extension, parking area and field development, etc. In the meanwhile, the LSB has contracted a project engineer to help us develop a basic site plan. When the site plan is completed the LSB will be presenting it to the community and we will be asking for community input, thoughts, ideas, opinions. With the ground work completed, and site plan in hand and a shared consensus of the potential outcome, this will further open up access to government funding streams or grants. When the time comes, the LSB will be soliciting for donations to further the development of this community space. Start imagining what you might like to see. Of course, it's always easy to dream big, but be assured the LSBs decisions must be prudent, attainable and sustainable.

Though it's impossible to say whether the LSB could ever regain the access to the Gorham and Ware Community school that we once enjoyed, Principal Jeff has been very gracious in hearing our concerns. And with a shared sense of community has advocated on our behalf.

The good news is soccer will be returning to the G&W school grounds this year! Stay safe, be kind. Respectfully,

Chris Hansen, Chair of LLSB

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LAPPE SKATING RINK



The Lappe Skating Rink is located at Lappe Ski Centre on Kam Current Road and open to the public; weather dependent, daily until 9:30pm. This is an unsupervised facility.

New this year is **FAMILY Skate** times, <u>Wednesday and Sunday</u> until 5pm. no sticks/shinny/scrub/pucks allowed on the ice during these times. The Skate Shack is OPEN. Please practice good sense when visiting your facility. Be courteous to others and please pick up and remove your garbage.

- ✓ if you are using stick/puck during designated times, be respectful to others enjoying the ice
- ✓ many of your neighbours donate hours of their time to make this possible, please be respectful of the facility and provided equipment. We are always looking for volunteers, if you can lend a hand for an hour or more, please reach out.











Do you like working with the community?

The Lappe & Area Local Services Board is searching for a RECREATION DIRECTOR

The perfect candidate will offer leadership, diplomacy, excellent organization skills and a drive to see growth in the Lappe Community. The Recreation Director will lead the Recreation Committee. He/She will act as a liaise between the Recreation Committee and the Board of Directors. You will also be responsible to plan, organize and execute recreation in the Lappe area. If you are interested, please submit a resume to lappeservicesboard@tbaytel.net no later than April 15, 2022.

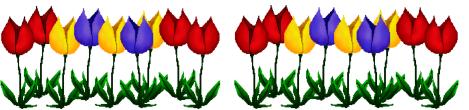


ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITY:



The Lappe & Area Local Services Board need a logo.

This 'brand' will be our mark representing ourselves within the community. It should reflect the Lappe community in an unique and honest way. It will communicate our message to the community and represent our values and identity. Please keep it simple, artistically balanced and it would be great if it could work in both color and black/white. Submit your idea to lappeservicesboard@tbaytel.net no later than April 15, 2022.



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With the cold weather and snow, we get to enjoy it by racing snow machines and cars on ice. The oldest Connor (12) successfully received his snowmachine licence this winter, so that added a lot of extra trail miles. With spring around the corner that means for us; prepping for this coming race season, getting our seasonal piglets, and getting some steers to sell. With a new track locally to race every Wednesday, we'll be adding to the chaos by racing two cars.

Racing alongside farming has a big advantage; The animals don't even flinch at the sound of exploding engine sounds.

The wonderful part about spring are the days before everything is melted away but warm enough where you can wear a T-shirt outside. During these days, we're often found enjoying miniature mammoth donkey cuddles, or relaxing on a hay bale surrounded by our cows & horses. The boys will soon re-design their coveralls to be completely covered in mud while the outside 'shower' (the hose) will soon be released.

In the coming weeks, the backhoe will be in full operation with receiving new hay loads, and the ever-satisfying moving snow out of paddocks to help assist drainage. We love each season for such different reasons, the two combing factors that hold it all together: Farming & Racing.

From all of us at Middle Creek

Kathryn, Curtis, Connor, Colton and Katarina







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Greetings to everyone...

We continue to enjoy services together under the Public Health Guidelines and invite you to our Lenten and upcoming Easter Services:

Sunday Divine Worship with Holy Communion @ 11am (Please note Sunday School is on hold until September) Palm Sunday April 10th @ 11am Maundy Thursday Service April 14th @ 7pm Good Friday Service April 15th @ 7pm Easter Sunday April 17th @ 11am

Hymm 457: Jesus Christ is risen today, Our triumphant holy day, Who did once upon the cross, Suffer to redeem and save. Alleluia! Alleluia!

As we travel these 40 days of Lent and into Holy Week we give 'thanks' to our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the author and perfector of our faith.



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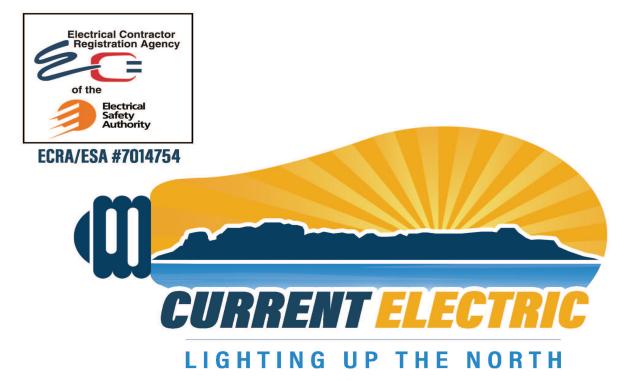
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A Little bit of History of Lappe:

taken from "A Chronicle of Finnish Settlements in Rural Thunder Bay"

Lappe was originally "Lappi" or "Lapland". When Lappe acquired a postal service in the 1930's, a bureaucratic error distorted the spelling.

Lappe was one of the last settlements to be established in the Port Arthur agricultural hinterland. Lappe was almost wholly Finnish-speaking. Although about half of the original lots were filed by non-Finns, many were either purchased by Finns or remained the property of absentee owners. By 1930 over 80% of the land was owned by Finnish-speaking residents.

Before Lappe could get government help, it was required, to build a school and find a teacher. This was done in 1912. The average yearly enrollment was 24 students. The church played a important part of early life in Lappe. At various homes from 1910 onwards kahviasiset (coffee meetings) were held, hymns sung, Bible read and coffee served.

The foundations of the community of Lappe were laid in the years from 1904 to 1910, 1910 to 1919 was a period of consolidation, and 1920 to 1930 brought relative prosperity along with a stable school system, a strong church, and heightened political awareness. The Depression killed this prosperity, although the self-sufficient nature of the community meant no one starved. Almost from the beginning of the settlement, many young people showed a tendency to leave the area and be absorbed in the urban economy – with the result that there are today only five homesteads remaining in the family of their original owners (Inkinen, Kallinen, Kuusisto, Rauhala, and Ranta homes). Farming has died and most of the land is occupied by people who commute to work in Thunder Bay, are retired, or are seasonal residents.

Now many of the fields which the first settlers laboured to clear are once again covered with trees. But remember it all began with a group of immigrants seeking a new life, raising families, starting a school, held dances and church services, and in general managed to live their lives for two generations in a township whose land was little more than dirt-covered rock.





















A break from haying at the Antti Pitkänen farm in Käpälämäki, Kivikoski



Hello Lappe residents,

I hope everyone has been able to stay safe, happy, and healthy throughout this long and cold winter, but Spring is now finally here!

During this past year following a fire call, I had the opportunity to speak with a neighbor which made me realize how many individuals may not know the level of service that the fire department provides to our community. The type of calls our department responds to include fire calls, from false smoke detector alarms to any structure fire, any road or highway traffic calls, as well as responding to medical calls. Although our department is not a 24hr occupied fire hall, we do have our pagers/phones on us 24 hours a day, allowing us to respond from home, the grocery store, or even from work.

With the variety of calls that our Fire Department responds to, it is important for continued improvements to our equipment to respond as safely and efficiently as possible as well as our volunteers being required to dedicate significant time training, maintaining our equipment, and updating their skills to keep our community safe.

Training occurs every Wednesday evening for about 2-3 hours as well as occasional weekends. Our training can include anything from doing scenarios for medical first response calls to putting on our turnout gear, fire behavior, or even going out driving in the apparatus to get to know our ever-changing community.

In addition to our training, over this past couple of years, we have been able to take a huge leap forward in the level of PPE we have been able to provide for our volunteers as well as updated training equipment. We have been able to add a gear dryer to go along with the washer we received a couple years ago. This means we can have turnout gear back in service after a fire within 6 hours after the call has ended. Previously, it would take approximately 24 hours or more for turnout gear to be back in service following a call. Our gear dryer does not only dry our turnout gear, but it can also be used for our ice water rescue suits which are particularly hard to dry. Additionally, the new dryer will majorly cut down on the wear and tear of the suits. Another addition to our equipment includes a new smoke machine which produces a non-toxic smoke that can be utilized to practice our search and rescue, firefighter survival skills, as well as a variety of other training within a smoky atmosphere.

One of the greatest improvements we have been able to do is obtain our own set of turnout gear. This includes a helmet, balaclava, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots. The turnout gear we have now provides a higher level of protection including blocking harmful carcinogens as well as protect us from the extreme heat we are exposed to when fighting fires. Additionally, it is significantly lighter and moves with us as we work, allowing us to not tire as easily.

Lastly, the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor and fill station that we now have at the Kam Current Road fire hall enables us to refill our breathing air as a fire is happening, and to have a much quicker recovery time after an incident has happened to get us promptly back into service. The ongoing improvements to our training and equipment could have never been accomplished without the ongoing support provided by you, our local Lappe community.

I would like to thank the residents of Lappe for their continued support of our local fire department as well as the volunteers that take the time out of their schedule to respond to calls and train every week. Without all of you we would not have the proficient department that we have today.

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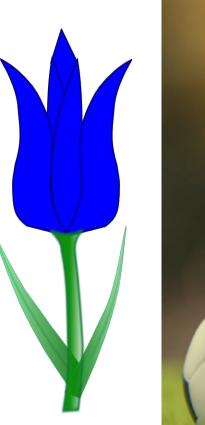
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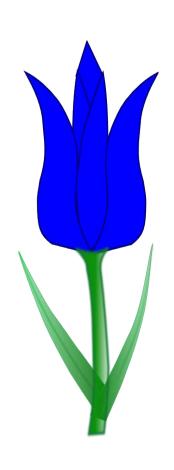














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