

bones, or skins, littered around Kawartha Lakes' rural roads.

While the littering of deer carcasses is not abnormal, there may be a COVID-related reason for the increased dumping this year.



Tammy Thurston from Len & Patti's Butcher Block, just outside of Lindsay, says the big difference this year "is the fact that a lot of [the hunters] can't get their game meat in at a lot of our facilities, and a lot of it is because of backlogs that we're experiencing because of COVID-19. It's causing a ripple effect that way."

Adam Hayward, owner of Nesbitt's Meat Market in downtown Lindsay, said the backlogs are from a change in local attitude.

"Used to be years ago, you'd buy a hind or a side or something that would last for the whole winter," he says.

Now, people go get groceries to last a shorter period, Hayward says, whether for a week or even just a day.

"But with COVID here, there's this idea of stocking up again," he says, putting people into the frame of mind they should fill the freezer should the economy shut down, to ensure the family has what it needs.

"That puts pressure on local abattoirs,"

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