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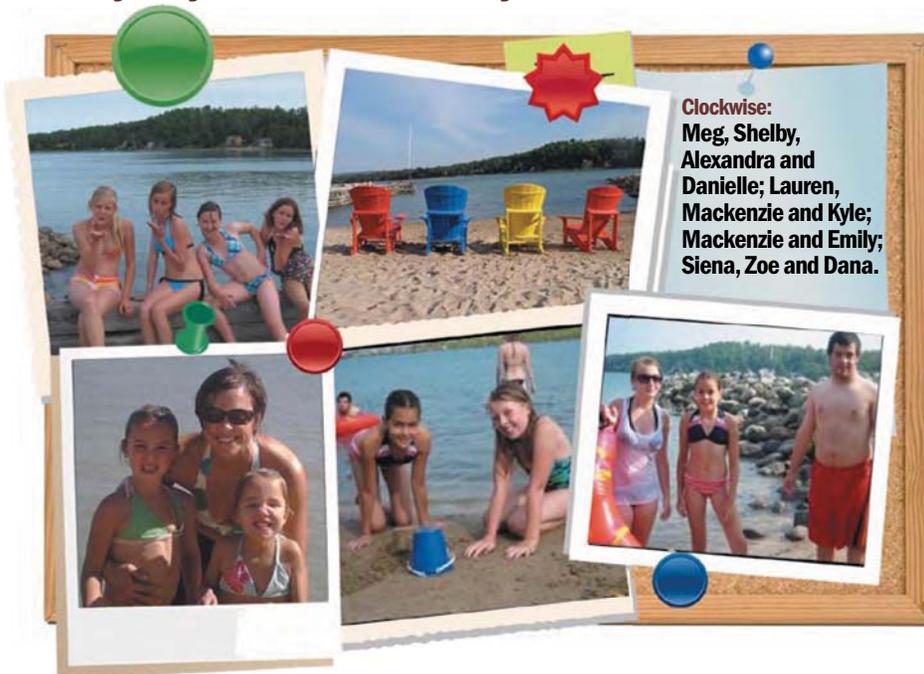
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Summertime memories

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Lazy days at the Lora Bay Beach Club



Decked out with a string of colourful Muskoka chairs, the warm, inviting sand and the sparkling water of Lora Bay's Beach Club was a popular destination this summer. Expect more enhancements next year!

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- A guide to area orchards
- Apple harvest festivals
- Bake a winning apple pie
- Wedding bells, a hole in one and a nautical fundraiser
- Events and more

St. Andrew's Model Home for sale

The Prestwick has sold, and now, one lucky buyer has the opportunity to move right in to the St. Andrew's. The fully-furnished model home is available for \$925,000, including GST.



Real Estate Update

Enjoy a beautiful Autumn tour of Lora Bay Make those Spring building plans a reality

If you've been dreaming of starting to build at Lora Bay next spring, now's the perfect time to take a tour with Helen of the West Side, the Harbour Lots, and the coveted Hoggard Court lots. Building is picking up on the West Side and the Harbour Lots are starting to sell.

Call Helen, and plan a Fall tour of Lora Bay, accented by the deep Autumn blue of the water and the stunning foliage – topped off with a tasty visit to one of the many local apple orchards.

To learn more, contact

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Advancing to Audubon Certification

The Raven at Lora Bay is halfway to our goal of achieving full certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, and we expect to achieve full certification by next spring. So far, we've been certified in Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Quality Management and Environmental Planning.

We've started to establish a butterfly/bird garden behind the 18th tee, moving in native plants – such as goldenrod, thistle and Joe Pye weed – from other areas of the golf course. And later this month, we'll plant a custom seed mix designed to attract these species in this area. Homeowners are invited to participate. I have a plant list of about 25 species,

such as *Echinacea* (Purple Coneflower), *Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan), and *Achillea* (Yarrow), which help attract and provide food for wildlife, birds and butterflies. Please contact me for the full list.

The Audubon Resource Advisory Group now includes Thomas Dean, a very knowledgeable and valuable local resource who's been working with us this season; Bettina Henkelman and Sarah Richer, ecologists from Gartner Lee; and Lora Bay resident Paul Fisher, who will act as a liaison between the golf course and homeowners.

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BOOK NOW

Make sure you book well in advance for popular Raven Grill attractions. Reserve now for brunch Thanksgiving weekend. 519-599-7500 ext 405.



Club Champions, turkey time, and great deals on golf gear



Club Champions Wendy Kowalewski and Paul MacDonell

Paul MacDonell has done it again – winning the Men's Lora Bay Club Championship for the second year in a row. Wendy Kowalewski took top honours in Ladies' play, and the two Champions will be invited to hit the first tee shots of the season in 2009 – a Raven tradition. The 2008 Championship saw some challenging play and exciting competition. Here are the rest of the results:

Ladies Net Flight

- 1st Place- Maureen Myhill
- 2nd Place- Gloria O'Keefe
- 3rd Place- Jessica MacDonell

Men's 19-over Flight

- 1st Place- Niall Hamilton
- 2nd Place- Robert Clarke
- 3rd Place- Bill Lewis

Men's 9-18 Flight

- 3rd Place- Cliff Carr
- 2nd Place- Glen Weir
- 1st Place- Steve Schofield

Men's Championship Flight

- Tied for 3rd- Rob Myhill and John Finnigan
- 2nd Place- Emerson Bianchi

There's still lots of action to come this season. Make sure you take part in the Turkey Scramble on Thanksgiving Weekend. Give us a call for more details.

And don't forget to take advantage of some fantastic late seasons savings at the Golf Shop. Selected items are 35% off, outerwear is 20% off, and shoes are 25% off.

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The fruits of fall

In the Southern Georgian Bay area, Autumn means an abundance of apples.

The Blue Mountains Apple Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Weekend Saturday, October 11 to Monday, October 13

The Blue Mountains Apple Harvest Festival returns with an area-wide celebration of the harvest for the entire family. Find festivities to fill the weekend in Thornbury, Clarksburg, Ravenna and the Village at Blue, including a Fall Colour Tour, a Tour of the Arts, horse and wagon rides, a pancake breakfast, the Georgian Bay British Car Club Apple Pie Motorcade, a Taste of the Harvest, street performers, "The Colours" Gondola Ride, and the search for the Quintessential Canadian Apple Pie. As well, find great buys on gear at Blue Mountain's Turkey Tent Sale. For more information, visit www.applefest.ca.

Can you bake the Quintessential Canadian Apple Pie?

Does your family always come back for seconds... or thirds? Is your grandmother's recipe card well worn from years of Autumn baking. Here's your chance to pit your pie against the best in the region. Bakers of all ages are invited to submit their apple pies for judging by such celebrities as renowned chef and restaurateur Michael Bonacini, in the third annual Canadian Apple Pie Contest. In addition to a host of wonderful prizes, the title of Master Baker of the Quintessential Canadian Apple Pie could be yours. For more information, visit www.applefest.ca.

An apple a day...

When autumn comes to this neck of the woods, it's easy to get your apple fix any day of the week. Wend your country way by these local orchards for your pick of the crop.



Almond's Fruit Stand

Home baking, jams, birdseed and gifts.
Highway 26 between Lora Bay and Meaford
519-538-2281

Appletop Farm

Picked organic apples and more.
416476 10th Line, The Blue Mountains
519-599-6177

Barbetta Orchards

On-farm market June through November. Apples, pears, plums, pumpkin squash and more. Highway 26 just west of Meaford
519-538-2206

Bay Ridge Orchards Limited

Eight varieties of apples stored in a controlled atmosphere. 7th Line South of Highway 26
519-538-1405

Bev Murray Farms

Pick your own apples. 145816 Grey Road 12 west of Meaford | 519-538-3592

Dykstra Farms

Ready picked apples and more.
301 Clark St, Clarksburg | 519-599-9938

The Farmers Pantry

Minutes south of Clarksburg, pick-your-own or ready-picked apples, fresh-grown in season vegetables, baked goods and crafts.
788030 Grey Rd 13, The Blue Mountains
519-599-3691

Finch Haven Orchards

Apples, fresh pressed cider, non-alcoholic sparkling apple ciders, jams, jellies and preserves, maple syrup, honey, and apple gift boxes. 416241 10th Line, The Blue Mountains | 519-599-7775

Apple Harvest Craft Show Saturday, October 4, 2008, Sunday, October 5, 2008

Head to Meaford to enjoy this long-running favourite, featuring more than 200 exhibits. Browse the craft-work and get a head start on your Christmas list with a huge choice of items, including needlework, leather, blacksmithing, woodworking, colonial tinware, wooden and stuffed toys, collectibles, stained glass, pottery, folk art, paintings in various media, photography and much, much more. For more information, visit www.meaford.com/town/harvest.htm



Kristen's "Pick"

According to Lora Bay Marketing Director Kristen Beachli, last season's Honey Crisps were "out of this world... the best". The Honey Crisp is a relative newcomer to the apple world; it was first released in 1991. Look for crisp, pale, yellow flesh with just a hint of tartness. Great for cooking, too.

Goldsmith Orchards

On-farm market open July to December 9.
Highway 26 between Lora Bay and Thornbury | 519-599-3246

Grandma Lambe's Fruit Market

Fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey, maple syrup, gift baskets, candles, and more.
Highway 26 between Lora Bay and Meaford
519-538-2757

Jones Willow Grove Orchard

496818 Grey Rd 2, The Blue Mountains
519-599-3668

Oaklane Orchards Ltd

Apples, including pick-your-own.
496445 Grey Rd 2, The Blue Mountains
519-599-5841

Vail's Orchards

Cider, apples, jams, maple syrup and fresh produce, September to December Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Highway 26 west of Meaford
519-538-4928



Events

Just when you thought it was safe to venture into Meaford... the scarecrows are invading! Enjoy free family fun at the **Scarecrow Invasion and Family Festival**. On Friday, October 3, enjoy the parade, then head down to the harbour for entertainment, games, antique and classic cars, clowns and more. For more information, call 519-538-4685 or visit www.mdcc.ca/scarecrow.

Visit Meaford Hall on Saturday, October 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. for the opening reception of the **"Double Exposure" Art Show and Sale**. Featuring art by members of the Meaford Creative Arts Association and the Georgian Bay Association for Creative Arts, the show runs from October 4 to 6. For more information, call 519-538-0501 or visit www.meafordcreativearts.blogspot.com.

Hoist a stein and raise your voice in a Bavarian song at **Oktoberfest**, Saturday, October 25 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury. This extremely popular event features traditional Bavarian fare, dancing and entertainment, and raises funds for the St. George's Anglican Church capital fund.

Club Updates

The **Lora Bay Wine and Spirits Club** has announced its 2008-2009 events, beginning with Emila Romagna on Sunday, November 2. Two guest chefs from Italy will prepare a six-course dinner with wine pairings and a demonstration of the finest way to prepare a risotto. Upcoming events include The History of the Classic Martini, An Evening with Robbie Burns, the Wine Fair, and a Themed Dinner.

The **Book Club** meets Thursday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lodge Library to discuss *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong. Upcoming books include one of Barack Obama's works, *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult and *Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill.

Lora Bay wedding bells

Peter Stewart and Judy Ross, of 153 East Ridge Drive tied the knot on Saturday, September 6, in Toronto.



Guy Pigeon and Chrissy Veber (pictured here with Lola), of Lot 94, celebrated their wedding on Saturday, September 20, and held a lovely reception at Lora Bay. Photo by Stacey Wight – www.photographybystacey.ca



A long ride to Lora Bay

Lora Bay's Helen Kimble had a couple of hungry lunch guests at the Raven Grill when her son Jamie and his friend Harley arrived at Lora Bay after a fairly substantial cycle trip. Harley left Vancouver August 1, and Jamie (right) joined him in Thunder Bay for the Ontario leg of the journey.



Helmut's Hole in One!

Tuesday, August 5th was just another day of golf for Raven at Lora Bay member Helmut Mayer. Then he came to the 12th hole. He teed off from the cobalt tees with his 3 wood, and watched his ball rise, land a couple of metres in front of the pin, bounce once or twice, and roll right into the hole.

"I was quite shocked," says Mayer of his first-ever hole-in-one. "I was actually speechless." The Raven's website says that this green will toss away all but the best approaches; guess Mayer's approach was as good as it gets!

Sail for Hope raises a record \$17,000

Sunshine and a fair wind welcomed 150 guests to Thornbury Harbour for the Fourth Annual Sail for Hope event in August. There, they joined 40 skippers of power and sailboats for an afternoon on the water with spectacular views of Georgian Bay and the Blue Mountains, followed by a gourmet dinner with food generously donated by local restaurants, businesses and volunteers from Thornbury, Meaford and the Village at Blue. Between donations paid by the guests to join the festivities and a silent auction, the event raised \$17,000 for the Blue Mountain Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.



Patti McFarlane, Margie Barr, and Sandy Chiarandini relax aboard the Miller Time II.