

**Come celebrate Bruce Trail Day with us**

OPG is proud to sponsor Bruce Trail Day. Bring your family out to the Trail for fun activities and a guided hike through some of Ontario's most beautiful scenery.

Sunday, October 4  
10am – 4:30pm  
Check out the 'Upcoming Events' section at [bruce-trail.org](http://bruce-trail.org) or call 1-800-665-HIKE to find out more.

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Photo/DAN PELTON

THE MINTO CUP CHAMPION Orangeville Northmen were honoured at Monday's Town Council meeting and, as part of the tribute, had part of Fead Street past the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Complex designated as Northmen Way.

## AlterNRG expands, tests weeds for syngas

By WES KELLER  
Freelance Reporter

AlterNRG, Dufferin County's preferred vendor for EcoEnergy Park's (DEEP) thermal treatment plant, is evaluating the use of switchgrass and sorghum as feedstock at its Cajun II electrical generation plant in Louisiana.

And it announced Wednesday that it had purchased all shares of Clean Energy Developments Corp. at a total cost of about \$18.4 million.

Alter NRG owns Westinghouse Plasma Technology, a process that has been proven at a U.S.-

based pilot project as a thermal system to convert waste to energy, and it has a memorandum of understanding for creation of the DEEP facility.

The acquisition by the Calgary-based arm of Alter NRG of Clean Energy announced this week expands its green energy operations into the geothermal field, enabling it to "use heat from the ground to provide an environmentally friendly means for heating and air conditioning using renewable geothermal energy."

"Geoexchange systems have lower energy consumption compared to

conventional equipment, and adoption of this technology has experienced rapid market growth worldwide in recent years," it says in the announcement.

The shares of the Calgary corporation are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange, whereas the U.S. arm's shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

In Louisiana, the company is seeding 20 acres of improved varieties of switchgrass and high-biomass sorghum for the tests. The grass is intended to replace coal.

"Biomass from locally grown energy grasses has the potential to be an important part of NRG's multi-pronged approach to reduce our carbon intensi-

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## Quarry opponents

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The NDACT (North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce) request for a Special Crops Designation for Honeywood loam was also being taken seriously by the council, and Councillor Janice Elliot was talking to consultants as well as seeking direction from OMAFRA.

Highland has yet to file its necessary application

for zoning changes. The property in question is already designated aggregate extractive in accordance with a provincial edict dating back more than 20 years, but is not zoned for mining.

On Wednesday, Highland spokesman Michael Daniher confirmed in a phone interview that the company has said it would be filing within three to six months, and its stated time is approaching.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Terry & Brenda Giles of Orangeville are thrilled to announce the upcoming marriage of their son

**Dave to Candace Markowsky**

Daughter of Barry & Jan Markowsky of Mississauga, and  
Brenda & John Barr of Oakville

Wedding to take place May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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6,250 tonnes of recycling were collected last year by the local municipalities in Dufferin County! Please contact your local municipality for more recycling information. This space is provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.

Central West **LHIN**

## Better Health Services for Shelburne

When: Wednesday, October 7, 2009 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Where: Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex – 200 Fiddle Park Lane

The **Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)** is mandated by the provincial government to plan a better integrated local health care system.

We will present highlights of the new Integrated Health Service Plan, which outlines plans to improve access to health care services for the next 3 years (2010 – 2013).

**We are seeking your feedback.**

Visit [www.centralwestlhin.on.ca](http://www.centralwestlhin.on.ca) for more information.

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