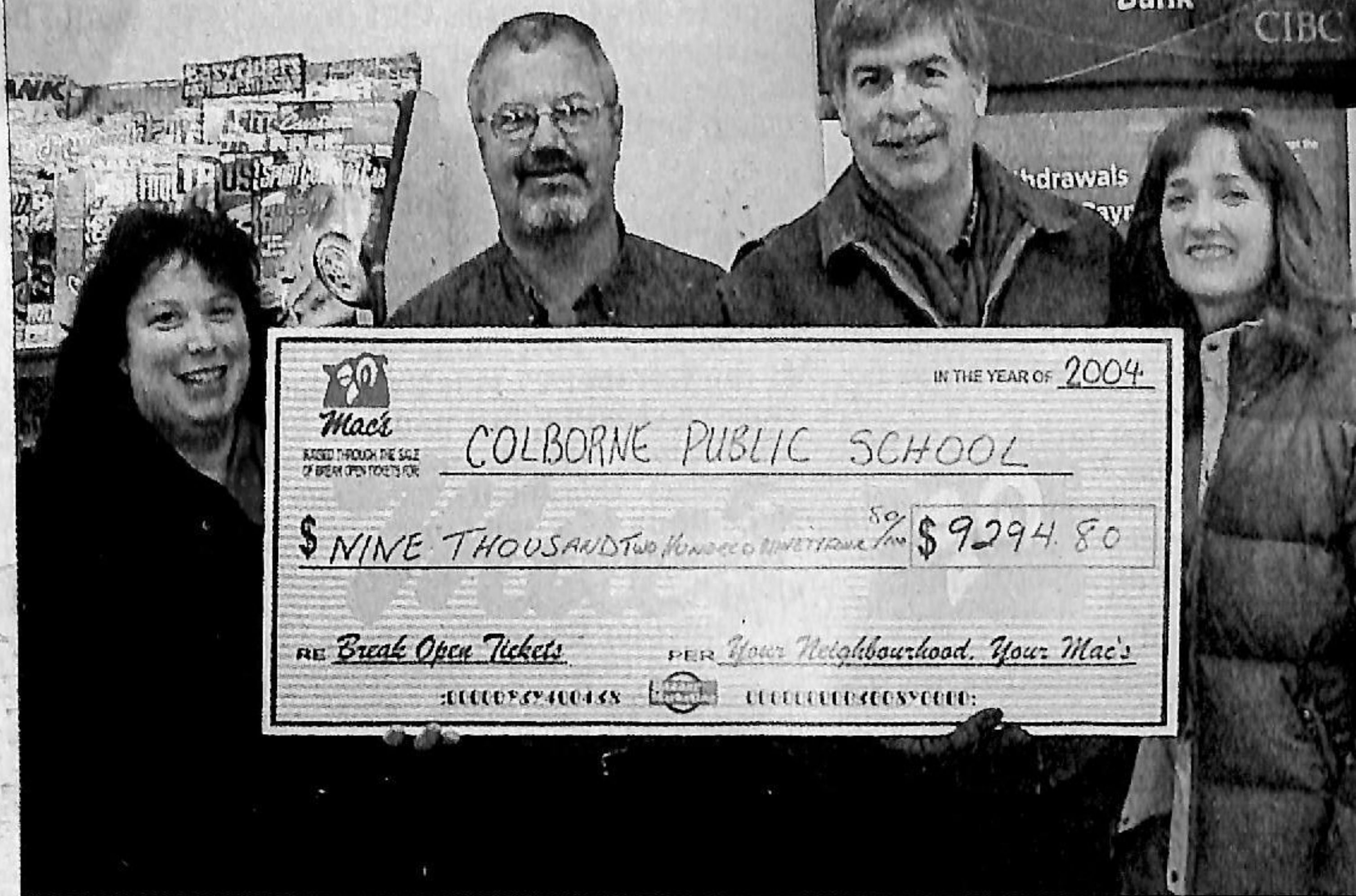


NEVADA WINNERS!



Colborne Public School benefits from Nevada tickets sold at the Colborne Ma's convenience store. Money raised funds the busing for all school trips, sports equipment purchases, library books (by Canadian authors!), playground and music equipment and other supplies. On hand for the presentation of the 2004 proceeds to the Colborne Public School Parent Council last week were, from left, parent council Treasurer Marge Allison, Mac's Colborne Manager Chuck LePine, school Principal Mike Filip and parent council Chair Cathy Allison.

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A PILE OF PANCAKES SERVED



It's an annual tradition at Community Care Colborne on Victoria Square in Colborne. A pancake and sausage luncheon is prepared and served up to all comers. This past Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, the day before the official start of the religious Lenten season, was no different than other years. The pancake luncheon was very well attended. In fact, just before 1 p.m., this crew of volunteers took a well-earned time out. From left to right, "Birthday Girl" Beth May, Jody Townsend, Royston Naylor, Betty Chandler, Irene Patenaude, Carolyn Robins and Doris Hall.

New van okayed

Cramahe Township council moved quickly to purchase a new van for the Cramahe Fire Department. Tenders for a new van were reviewed by council February 1, with the order for \$27,764.45 going to Quantrill Motors of Port Hope.

Johnston Motors had won the last two contracts.



Wain's will grow Colborne's hanging baskets

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Wain's Greenhouses will provide the hanging baskets that will brighten Colborne's downtown next summer.

Jackie Baker Smith, Cramahe Township's gardener, was on hand at Cramahe Township Council on February 1 to answer Council's questions regarding the two tenders she received for the 46 baskets.

After stating his satisfaction with the process, Councillor Ed Van Egmond expressed his unhappiness that the work was going outside the Township when the work could be

done here. (Wain's is in Brighton.) He wondered if Council was comparing chrysanthemums to tulips with the two tenders which were significantly different in cost.

The Wain price was \$2,168 and the second tender from Gerry Jackson, a Cramahe Township farmer and greenhouse operator was for \$2,909. Both prices included taxes.

Councillor Van Egmond was assured that both quotes were for identical baskets. She later stated that each 16 inch basket will hold eight ivy geraniums, two yellow biddens, one helichrysum vine, two scaveola and a celebration petunia.

Ms. Baker Smith offered to Council that the Wains give her lots of free materials and run a

much bigger operation, suggesting that might be why they were able to offer a much lower price. At the same time she expressed her support for Mr. Jackson and his product.

Councillor Marc Coombs suggested a frame of reference that was used for this tender and a tender for a Township fire van. He considered a five per cent difference as reasonable. If the local bid is within five per cent of the lowest, then it is given consideration.

That was not the case for the hanging baskets and the Wain bid was accepted.

Ms. Baker Smith noted in her discussion with Council that she had tried in previous years to get quotes from other Cramahe Township growers without success.