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Bear sighting at Presqu'ile

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Visitors and residents entering Presqu'ile Provincial Park in Brighton are being notified of a bear sitting on Tuesday night, Oct. 21.

"It's precautionary only to advise people coming into the Park that a siting was reported last night," Mr. Mates said.

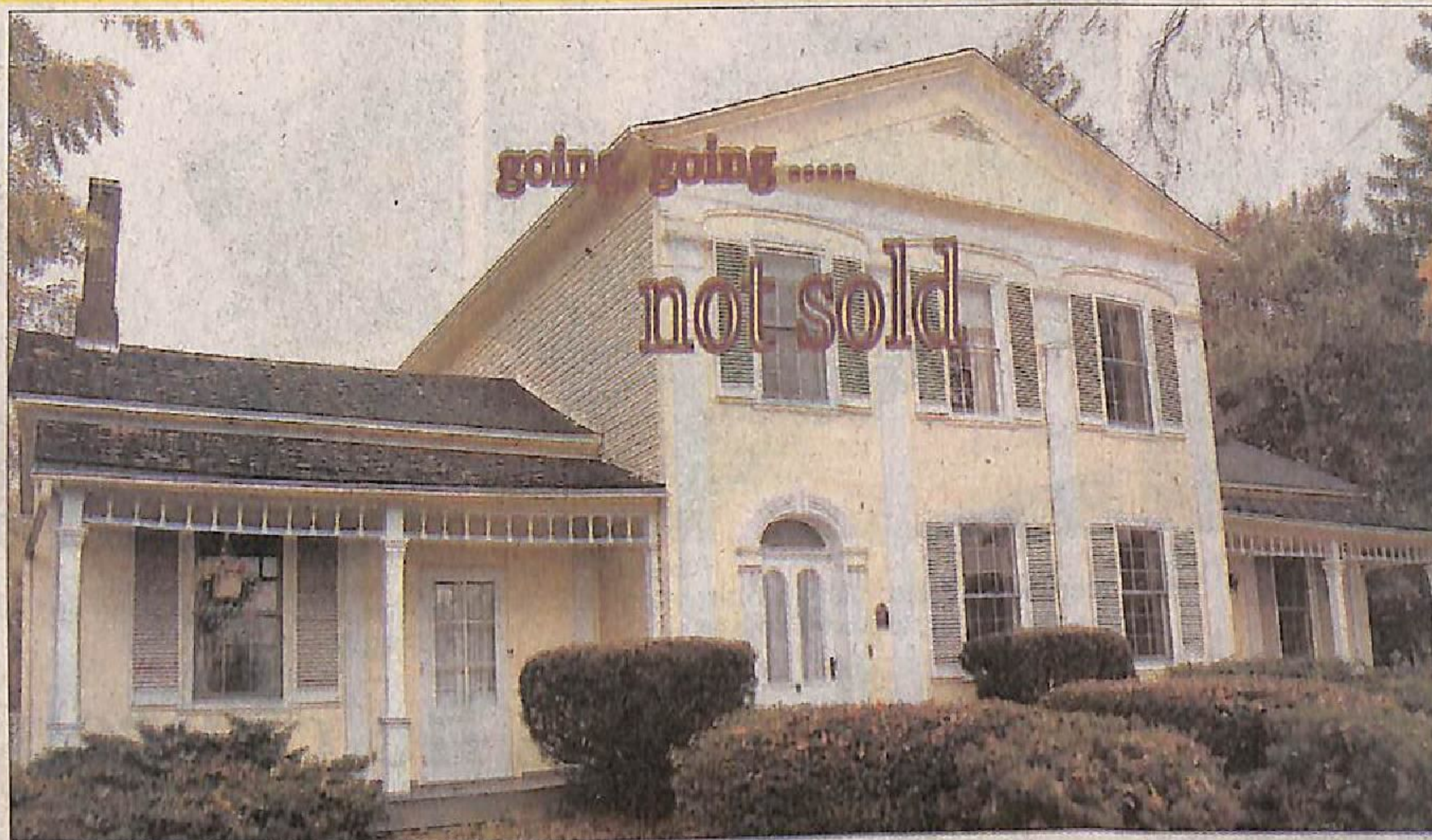
He said none of the park staff have seen any signs of a bear, but people should be aware of the potential.

"If you see a bear, quietly leave, although the bear will likely go the other way," Mr. Mates said. "It's probably more afraid of you than you are of it."

Anyone seeing a bear should report the incident to the park office as soon as possible, he said.

The bear was sited at Calf Pasture last week.

KEELER HOUSE STILL ON THE MARKET



BOB OWEN/SUN MEDIA

The Keeler House: The home of the founder of Colborne, Joseph A. Keeler, came up for auction on Oct. 20 but did not sell. The highest bid of \$235,000 did not match the reserve. The landmark, located at 9 Church St. East in Colborne, was previously listed for \$329,000.

\$750 sign design tender accepted

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It was all over in seconds.

Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs read aloud the tender bid prices for the design of new gateway signs for the township — and council voted.

There was no discussion of the three prices. On a motion moved by Councillor Pat Westrope, seconded by Councillor Ed Van Egmond, council voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$750 by Bright Ideas of Cobourg.

G.A.W. Design tendered a price of \$1,350 and Design Works of Northumberland bid \$1,500.

Bright Designs will create five designs for the \$750. The Cramahe Township Gateway Signage Committee headed by Tourism Coordinator Rebecca Goddard-Sarria will work with the company

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Armed robbery in downtown Colborne

Northumberland OPP are investigating an armed robbery report at the Mac's Milk convenience store in Colborne.

The call came in at about 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The lone clerk said two men, their faces covered, entered the King Street East store and forced her to the ground.

The suspects took a small amount of cash, lottery tickets and cigarettes and fled on foot, OPP report.

The suspects were described as being in their early

20s, wearing white, hooded sweatshirts. One had a blue coat, the other a grey coat.

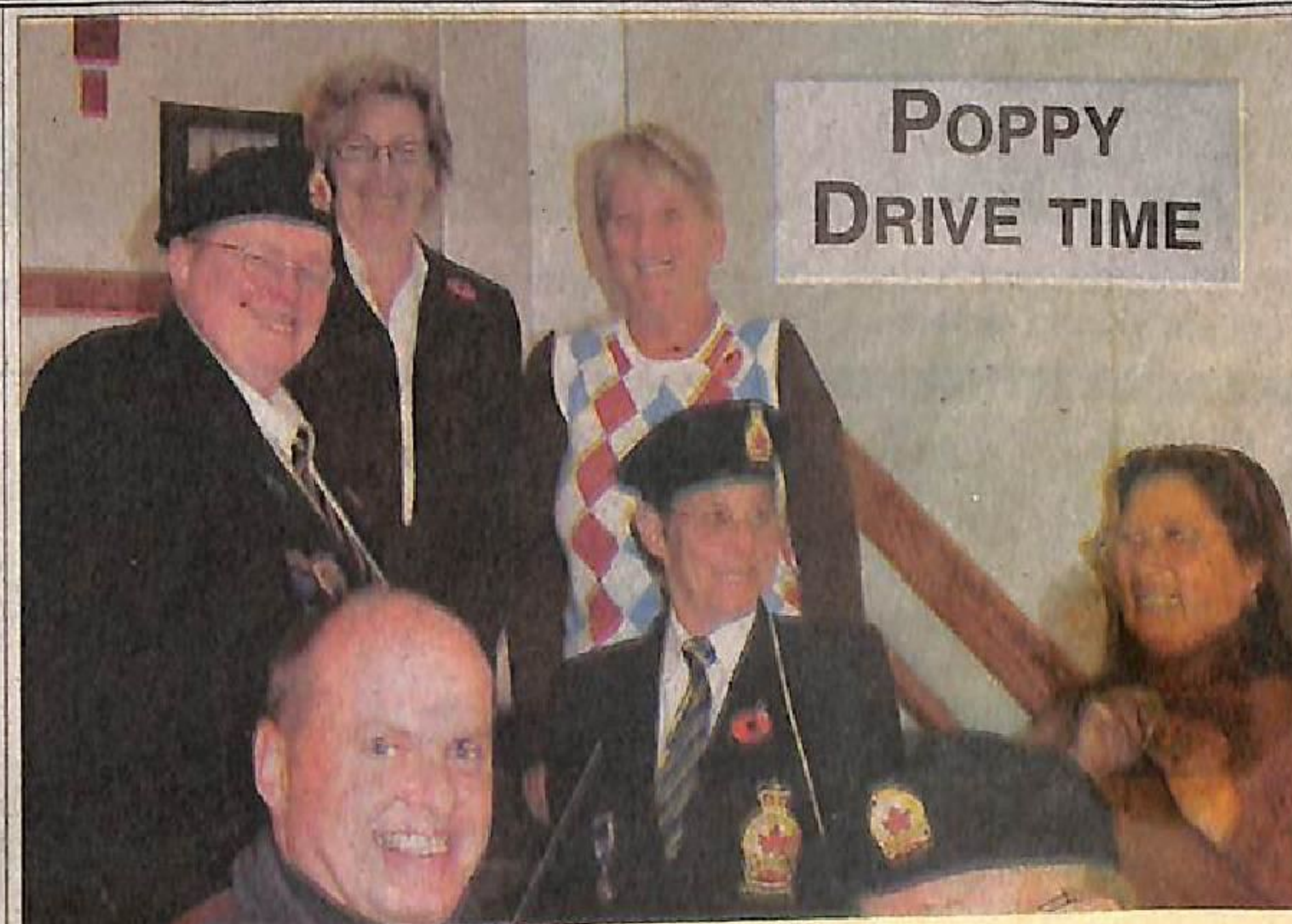
A canine unit, along with members of the Emergency Response Team, tracked the suspects south of the store.

Anyone with information is asked to call Northumberland OPP (905-372-5421) or Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-TIPS).

There were no injuries.

The investigation is continuing.

— PETE FISHER



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to find the two-to-three best choices.

The committee favourites will be presented at a public meeting to gain input from taxpayers.

Only then will Cramahe council make its final decision.

Once the design is accepted by council, there will be another tender put out and a minimum three quotes sought for the specifications, construction and installation of the signs.

The decision by council appears to bring to an end the upheaval involved in the sign selection process.

Concerns by council over costs, and apparent lack of transparency in the process, threatened the project earlier this fall and created a public discussion with many residents questioning the viability of the proposal.