

# Community briefs

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## Schreiber Criminal court report

On Wednesday, March 11, Judge Lester presided over a lengthy criminal court.

Donald J. Camus plead guilty to a Schreiber OPP charge of Cultivating a Narcotic and Possession of a Narcotic. He received two years probation along with a suspended sentence.

Douglas Davis plead guilty to a Schreiber OPP charge of Sexual Assault. He was fined \$500 and 18 months probation.

Remy R. Jobin plead guilty to a Schreiber OPP charge of

Assault Causing Bodily Harm and to two charges of Assault. His fine was a total of \$1000 and one year probation. William Gallagher plead guilty to a Terrace Bay Police Services charge of Driving a Motor Vehicle with Over 80 mgs of Alcohol in his blood. He was fined \$800.

Jeffery Yates plead guilty to a Schreiber OPP charge of Refusing to Provide a Breath Sample for the Road Side Screening Device. His fine was \$300 and a three month Prohibition from Driving in Canada.

The next criminal court date is set for April 8.

## Minnova visits Schreiber School

The senior kindergarten class at Schreiber Public School invited representatives from Minnova Inc., Winston Lake Division, to visit their classroom to do a small presentation. The theme was "our community worker."

Mine Manager Tom Dickson and Receptionist Madge Richardson, visited the class on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Dickson explained the clothing and equipment worn by a miner for his work underground. The children were suitably impressed when he stood before them all suited

up. Each child was given a sample of the ore mined at Winston Lake.

Colouring books explaining the mining process and Winston Lake balloons were distributed to each child as mementos, as well as books outlining many of the items made from or with zinc to take home and share with their families.

The children were very attentive and quite excited to share their stories as well.

## Education grants announced

Education Minister Tony Silipo has announced the general legislative grants (GLG)

to school boards. This is the formula whereby boards can determine how much money they will receive from the ministry in grants.

The total amount of money the ministry will provide this year is \$4.923 billion.

"While the Treasurer's announcement restricted overall transfer payments to school boards to a one per cent increase, the GLG announced today will moderate the impact of this small increase on the less affluent boards," Silipo.

"We must move ahead as quickly as possible with a more equitable system of funding education," he said.

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### The McCausland Hospital's Cash Calendar Winners Week: Eleven

- Mar 9: Kathy Hirt, Terrace Bay, \$10
- Mar 10: Yola Cebrario, Schreiber, \$10
- Mar 11: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Cano, Thunder Bay, \$10
- Mar 12: Alice Theriault, Terrace Bay, \$10
- Mar 13: Brian Kennedy, Terrace Bay, \$10
- Mar 14: Nick Mancuso, Sault Ste. Marie, \$50
- Mar 8: Melanie Andrews, Schreiber, \$10

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## BLUE COLLAR BART



## Company, Unions, ink pact

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under threat of closure," says mill president Lew Grimm.

"I think it's going to be a

real advantage for all of us in the long term."

"I would say it (the agreement) is unprecedented in that it was reached not under duress, but in between contract negotiations," says Davis.

Grimm says the pact will help eliminate some arbitrary job classifications that have evolved over time.

"Years ago, management and labour got together and said 'We're going to make one person a nail driver, and somebody else a board sawer and another person a glass cutter'," he says.

"Those are the kinds of barriers we're talking about eliminating—job description barriers that don't do anything except divide work up in a meaningless fashion."

Davis says he hopes that the agreement will help avoid troubles other pulp mills are facing.

"What we're trying to avoid is exactly what's happening at Domtar and other mills," he says. "We're trying to work with the company to get a better trained work force and to produce the pulp at a more economic rate."

Davis says he hopes the agreement will lead to a stable workforce at Kimberly-Clark.

"In the long-term, we're probably not going to have any major layoffs," he says, "but there will probably be a reduced workforce."

Grimm says the short-term impact on the mill is uncertain.

"Initially, we're going to have to work pretty hard to encourage and support those who want to be progressive while not stomping on the top of those who, for one reason or another, won't be as aggressive," he says.

"I think we'll have a year of rough sledding, and then a year from now we'll have some demonstrable results."

Grimm says that during the course of negotiations, they learned that the best way to implement an agreement like this was to keep it as unstructured as possible.

"Basically we found two types of groups," he says. "One group came out with a very specific plan—they said here's 48 steps, follow these steps and you'll be okay. But the other group said 'We don't really know what we can do differently, but we know we have to do something.'"

A year later, Grimm says the second group was making progress after some false starts.

"And the group with the 48 steps were at each other's throats because they discovered that they didn't really understand the process that well," he says.

"Nobody in this area has really done this before, so I can't really forecast how far we're going to go, says Davis.

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