

● coming UP

Christmas carols

The Watsonairs will host their 30th Christmas carol festival benefitting the Salvation Army Thursday at Sacred Heart Cathedral featuring special guests. 7 p.m. Admission by donation..

2 Give a little life

The annual radiothon benefitting the Victoria Hospital Foundation is set for Friday. This year's fundraiser is to benefit cardiac health.



Bugsy Malone Jr.

The Broadway North Youth Company returns with Bugsy Malone Junior; starring seventy local youth performers. Based on the movie of the same name. Dec. 6 and 7at the Rawlinson Centre.

● AWARDS

Awards recognize people who inspire with sash, flag and certificate

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Each honouree was given a Métis sash, a flag and a certificate.

“It’s to say, ‘we know you’re out there, we know you’re working every day helping people and we just want to recognize you and say thank you,’” McLennan said.

Most of the recipients had no idea they were there to receive an award.

McLennan said recipients included 95-year-old Blanche Pott, who travelled from Shell Lake.

“She was so happy,” McLennan said.

“Grant Kimbley (the winner of the musician award) — being a Métis musician and being on the road, away from his family, taking him on different treks on his career, and we don’t always know with

northern roads, you can get caught in snowstorms. He was very humble and appreciative of his award.”

McLennan also shouted out Cody Demerais, who opened his new business on Central Ave. on Friday. Demerais was the winner of the youth award. His speech following his award moved McLennan.

“Cody Demerais, our Métis youth who just opened up his business, being an inspiration, he spoke and talked about his struggles ... and how you can turn your life around,” she said.

“He is a total inspiration to us.” Bailee Brewster won the other youth award.

“She’s been on the dean’s list for two years,” McLennan said.

Overall, McLennan said the night of celebration was a success.

“We had some laughs. That’s what the Métis do. It’s about food, family and fellowships. Plaza 88 was full to the rafters, there was dancing, and jigging and old-time dancing — and a lot of friendship.

‘It was a very positive environment.”

Métis Inspirational Awards Gala recipients

- Addictions – Chasity Vermette
- Adversity – Joni Nicholas
- Chuckwagons – Alex Fiddler
- Culture – Barb Morin
- Early Learning – Victoria Docking
- Education – Shelley Smith
- Elder – Julie Pitzel
- Justice – Troy Dumont
- Entertainer – Donny Parenteau
- Governance – Troy Parenteau

- Health – Linda Cyr
- Housing – Ralph Pilon
- Human Services – Crystal Epp
- Hunting and Gathering – Terry Newell
- Métis Business – Bevs Seafood
- Michif Language – Sophie McDougall
- Musician – Grant Kimbley
- Pioneer Award – Blanche Pott
- Leadership – Ronnie Gunville
- Youth Sport – Tanner Fetch
- Youth Sport – Nicholas Basaraba
- Veterans – Alice Samuel
- Volunteer – Opal Harris
- Women – Doris McDougall
- Youth Boy – Cody Demerais
- Youth Girl – Bailee Brewster
- Métis Organization – NCC
- Women in Trades – Tracy Morrisette

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● INQUEST

Inquest into Kereluk’s death continues for rest of week

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For instance, Kereluk was frequently sick throughout his final hours, vomiting seven times between 11:39 p.m. on May 17 and 6:35 a.m. on May 18. Often he would vomit, and then roll over and go back to sleep.

He also drank more than 40 glasses of water in 12.5 hours after being remanded into custody. Dunn called

that an abnormal amount of water, but said doctors told him it was unlikely to be the cause of death.

Other behaviors, however, were quite normal. Kereluk frequently asked guards to turn off the lights, inquired what time of day it was on multiple occasions, and asked to change cells after becoming sick. Dunn said those are all normal requests that guards often hear.

Dunn also testified that Kereluk had a prescription for Ibuprofen, an anti-inflammatory drug used to treat medical conditions like arthritis, headaches and back pain. When Kereluk asked guards to give him his medication, they complied.

The majority of Monday’s testimony focused on constructing a timeline of Kereluk’s final two days. His last interaction with guards occurred at roughly 6:36 a.m. on May 18, when he asked when they were serving breakfast. His breakfast arrived at 7:13 a.m., but remained untouched until 7:40 a.m., when it was taken away. Guards returned to check in on him four times during that period.

When asked by Hawryluk why guards didn’t realize something was wrong based on how Kereluk was laying partially on the floor, Dunn said it’s not uncommon for people to sleep in a variety of ways.

Dunn testified during video evidence shown at the inquiry that Kereluk appeared to experience medical distress at around 6:57 a.m. He also testified that Kereluk did not visibly consume anything that was not given to him by guards or police officers. An ambulance was called at around 7:54 a.m.

Police service rules severely limit when guards can enter a cell without

an officer present. Dunn said that’s due to safety concerns. He declined to elaborate further when asked, telling the inquiry he wasn’t their supervisor, and because of that it was difficult to go into details about their training.

During video testimony, Dunn pointed out numerous occasions where Kereluk could have been concealing a physical object while sitting in a squad car after being arrested. However, Dunn also said the video was not 100 per cent clear.

The majority of Beaton’s testimony focused on the arrest that lead to Kereluk being held on remand.

He was one of multiple people arrested by Prince Albert’s Integrated Street Enforcement Team (ISET) while executing a search warrant on a residence located on Sixth Avenue West. Beaton testified that police did not believe Kereluk was connected with any illegal activity going on at the residence, however he still had a number of outstanding warrants from 2017.

Beaton testified that as far as he knew, Kereluk did not ask for medical attention after being arrested.

The inquest starts again today at 9:30 a.m. at the Court of Queen’s Bench.

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