

My Take: Matthew McCully

There are still two weeks left in December but I've already seen the Facebook 'year in review' of half a dozen friends.

That's like giving up in the home stretch.

Pretty unfortunate to know in ad-

vance that this Christmas likely won't be one worth mentioning.

Bah, from here on in I'm just going to spend too much and eat too much, go ahead and put something together with what you've got so far Mr. Zuckerberg.

The thing about looking back on your

virtual life is that it reads like it got the Palmolive treatment.

Everything is virtually spotless, but virtually only counts on the internet and in advertising slogans.

Anyone else afraid of clicking the 'year in review' button and seeing a

photo montage of broken New Year's resolutions?

Happy holidays to you and your digital footprint.

May all your hashtags be merry and bright.

Over 100 years of volunteering

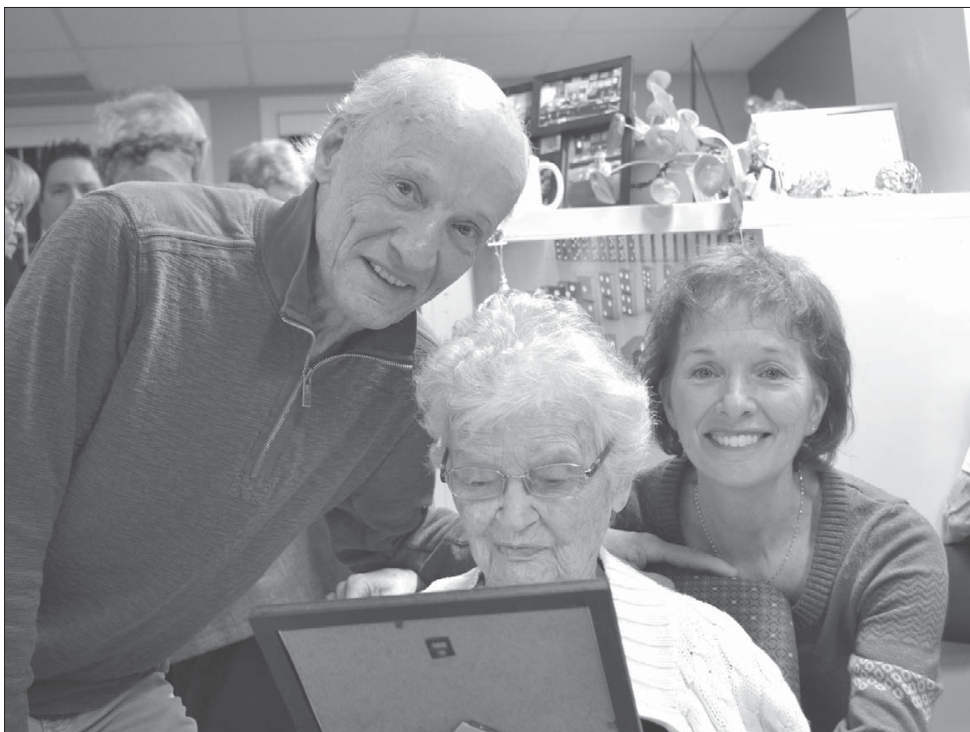
By Mable Hastings

The two recipients honored at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) at their Annual Volunteer Party held each year on December 5, have over 100 years of volunteering be-

tween the two of them! The First Annual Karen Muzerall Memorial Volunteer Recognition award, given for a life of volunteering in the betterment of their community, was awarded to Rita Marcoux and Rupert Clark. Pictured here is Mrs. Marcoux with her son, Jacques and

daughter Johanne, after receiving the award. Also pictured here are some of Rupert Clarks family (Joanne and James Clark, Brenda Clark, Jeremy and Julia Eldridge and Rejean Neron). Rupert now resides in the Foyer Sutton and was unable to attend the party. His family and

the family of Mrs. Marcoux were touched by the gesture in recognizing the two extraordinary volunteers. To see more, visit the CAB website at: www.cabmn.org



Rita Marcoux with her son Jacques and daughter Johanne



The Clark Family

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Sherbrooke hit by mini arson wave

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A fire broke out Saturday night in Sherbrooke's Saint-Élie that engulfed the Garage LAP, becoming the third case of arson in Sherbrooke in just two days.

About twenty firefighters from the Sherbrooke Fire Department took almost four hours to fully control the blaze. The last firefighters left the scene at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

A passerby contacted emergency services when he saw flames inside the building.

A large plume of smoke overhung the car repair shop located at 6312 Saint-Élie Road but no injuries were reported.

Damage is estimated at \$175,000.

According to witness reports, a snowmobile stored inside the garage caught fire around 9:30 p.m. before spreading to the rest of the building.

The file was transferred to the Sherbrooke Police when evidence suggested

that the fire could have been purposely set. The investigation was still underway on Sunday and no suspect had been arrested.

This is the third arson in Sherbrooke in two days.

On Friday evening, a criminal fire broke out around 8:30 p.m. at 412 Galt West in downtown Sherbrooke, just hours after the SPS released the main suspect from another criminal fire that morning in a building located just a hundred meters away.

The suspect in that case a homeless person who squatted in abandoned buildings and sought to warm himself, had previously been released under a promise to appear. He was arrested again because he had not respected his conditions of release and confirmed that he was the author of the second fire.

He was still detained on Sunday while waiting to appear at the Sherbrooke Courthouse Monday morning.



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