

Recuerdo's fire ruled arson

The Vermillion Police Department is seeking information regarding arson at a downtown Vermillion restaurant.

Police Chief Matthew Betzen requests the public's help in identifying the person(s) responsible for the July 16 fire at Recuerdo's Mexican Restaurant in the 100 block of East Main Street.

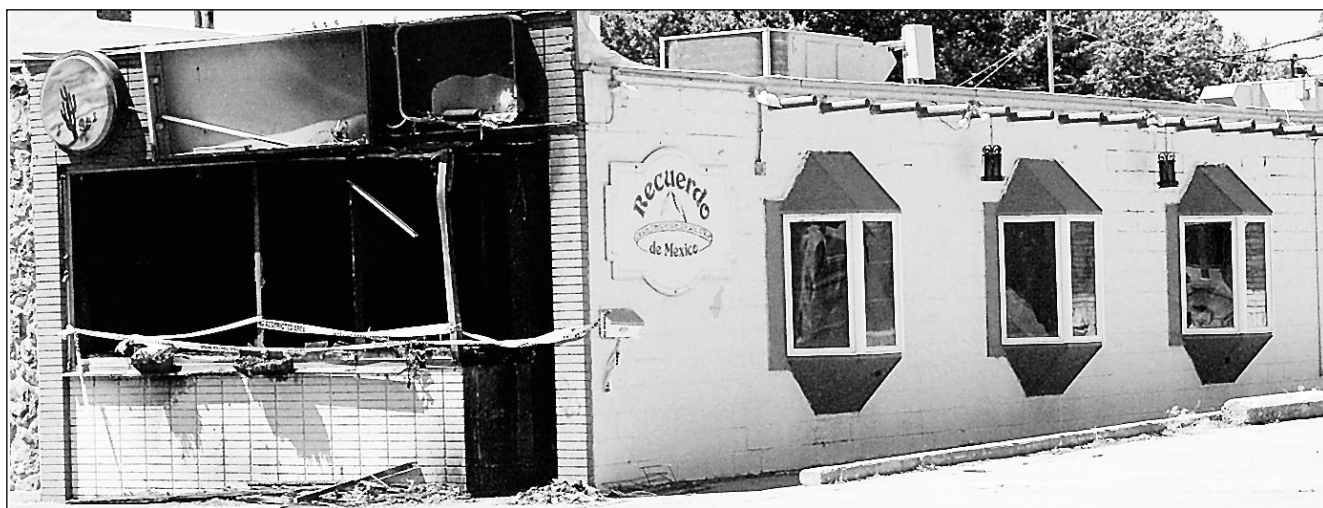
The VPD is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the identity, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for starting this fire.

Sometime between 2:45 a.m. and 2:56 a.m., someone entered the restaurant and intentionally started the business on fire, Betzen said in a press release.

In reviewing video footage from local businesses, several vehicles were seen approaching the intersection of Main and Dakota streets near the time of the fire.

The Vermillion Police Department would like to speak with persons who saw anyone in the area that night or has information about the fire.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Vermillion Police Department at (605) 677-7070 and ask for either Detective Robin Hower or Detective Crystal Brady.



Investigators have determined arson as the cause of the July 16 fire at Recuerdo's Restaurant in downtown Vermillion. (Photo by David Lias)

OBITUARIES

Harriet Millage

Harriet C. Millage, 84, of Vermillion, died Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 at the Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point.

Harriet Slowey was born Sept. 28, 1926 in Sioux City, IA to Patrick and Katherine (Donnelly) Slowey. She married Ervin L. Millage on March 18, 1945 in Elk Point. Harriet worked many years in the Vermillion area. While living in Sioux City, she worked at St. Luke's Hospital.

Ervin and Harriet owned and operated Hub Pub in Hub City for many years. Harriet also worked at the University of South Dakota until she was 65, retired and moved to the Town Square apartments and worked part time there.

She was a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church and the Newman Center and The Eagles.

She is survived by a son, Michael (Carolyn) Millage of Woodbridge, VA; three daughters, Kathy Renner of Virginia Beach, VA, Tarey (Bill) Shipley of Archie, MO, Lea (Mike) Rumelhart of Vermillion; seven grandchildren, Boyd, Ryan and Brodie Renner, Matt Millage, Judd Davis, Ryan Rumelhart, Kacy (Damian) Janssen; and seven great-grandchildren, Braum, Brady and Dash Renner, Jay, Emmy, Blake

and Bria Rumelhart. She is also survived by seven Shipley step great-grandchildren; five Janssen step great-grandchildren; a



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brother, Leslie (Betty) Slowey of Tennessee, a brother-in-law Leo (Joyce) Millage of Rapid City; three sister-in-laws, Ethel Harrington of Clear Lake, IA, Nita Bailey of Minnetonka, MN, and Doris (Doug) Myron of Ohio. Also survived by a good family friend, Scott Davis, many relatives, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral mass was 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial following in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 with a prayer service at 7 p.m., all at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

USDA, EPA create partnership to improve drinking water

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced a national partnership to improve rural drinking water and wastewater systems. Across the country, small water and sewage treatment facilities with limited funding and resources often face challenges due to rising costs and aging equipment and pipes. Today's agreement will target federal resources and provide training to support communities that need assistance most.

"The agreement we are announcing today represents an exciting partnership between USDA and EPA that will greatly enhance our investments in water systems and also develop a skilled workforce to oversee them," said USDA Rural Utilities Service Administrator Jonathan Adelstein. "By working together, our agencies will strengthen their capacity to provide rural residents with safe, clean, well-managed water and wastewater systems for years to come."

"EPA and USDA have joined forces to leverage our expertise and resources to improve drinking water and wastewater systems in small towns across the country," said EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Nancy Stoner. "A critical part of this agreement is to ensure that we have a well trained, professional workforce available to replace workers when they leave or retire."

Under the agreement, EPA and USDA will work together to promote jobs by targeting specific audiences, providing training for new water careers and coordinating outreach efforts that will bring greater public visibility to the workforce needs of the industry, and develop a new generation of trained water professionals. EPA and USDA will also facilitate the exchange of successful recruitment and training strategies among stakeholders including states and water industries.

In June, President Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the first White House

Rural Council, chaired by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Secretary Vilsack is working to coordinate USDA programs across the government and encourage public-private partnerships to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities. Today's agreement is an example of how government can work together across federal agencies to utilize resources that will help rebuild and revitalize America's rural communities.

Since taking office, President Obama's Administration has taken significant steps to promote prosperity and improve the lives of rural Americans. For instance, the Administration has set goals to modernize infrastructure by providing broadband access to 10 million Americans, provide improved water service to 1.8 million rural residents, expand educational opportunities for students in rural areas, and provide affordable health care. In the long term, these unparalleled rural investments will help ensure that

America's rural communities are, self-sustaining, and thriving economically.

USDA, through its rural development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural development has an existing portfolio of more than \$153 billion in loans and loan guarantees to improve the quality of life through economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers.

For more information about the EPA-USDA agreement visit: <http://water.epa.gov/type/drink/pws/smallsystems/index.cfm>

Information about USDA's Water and Environmental Programs for rural communities: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWEP_HomePage.html

Information on EPA's programs and tools for small water systems: <http://water.epa.gov/type/drink/pws/smallsystems/index.cfm>

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Martin Nygaard

VIBORG — Martin Nygaard, 97, died Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011 at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Hurley with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation was at 4 p.m. Saturday at the church with family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday evening.

Arrangements by Hofmeister-Jones Funeral Chapel, Hurley.

Martin Harold Nygaard was born on July 10, 1914 in Turner County to August and Bertha (Clovning) Nygaard. On Sept. 20, 1938 he was united in marriage to Lavonne J. Gossman at Revillo. He was a lifelong resident of Turner County where he farmed and was involved in agriculture. He was a very active member of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Hurley and was a founding



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member of the pork producers association in Viborg. His wife Lavonne died in 1982. Grateful for having shared his life are two sons, Ronald (Teresa), Davis, and Eldon (Sherry), Vermillion; a daughter, Joyce (Richard) Vasgaard, Centerville; a daughter in law, Diann Nygaard, Ft. Collins, CO; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lavonne; a son, Lowell; brothers, Olaf and infant Victor; and sisters, Agnes and Helen. www.hofmeisterjones.com

By Anne Marshall

Library Activities and Info

The Pillars of the Earth, Mini Series, by Ken Follett is the fall 2011 book club selection. This epic mini series of kings and peasants centers on the building of a magnificent church in 12th-century England. The library will be showing the movies on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. in October and November. Watch for more details.

Sign-up for fall Storytimes. Registration is required as space is limited. Stop by the circulation desk for more information.

Also, this fall the library is hosting the One Book South Dakota Program with the South Dakota Humanities Council. This year's book is The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History, Joseph Marshall III. The discussion will be facilitated by Jamie Sullican from Mount Marty College. More information will be available later this month.

The library is pleased to announce a new look with new features to the Online Book Club sign up page. Patrons will be able to read the current or past book selections on a new eye catching design, add their own links to the drop down menu, and add their own background images. The site automatically tweets new weekly book titles and there will be rotating widgets that patrons can add to the library's web page.

Several dozen libraries are testing the new Book Club site and shortly it will be available for everyone.

The DearReader On-line has added a Teen tab to its library tabs for Facebook. This tab displays the daily book club excerpt right on Facebook. Teens can sign up for their book club without leaving Facebook. This also opens the door for patrons to post comments about a book on Facebook.

During the summer the Vermillion Public Library is closed on Sundays. Materials may be returned to the book or A/V drop boxes located on the south side of the building.

Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdl.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking it's readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The features for the week of Aug. 15 are:

- AUDIO BOOK: No selection for this selection.
- BUSINESS: The Language of Trust, by Michael Maslansky.
- FICTION: Though Not Dead, by Dana Stabenow.
- GOOD NEWS: One Simple Act, by Debbie Macomber.
- MYSTERY: Fade to Blue, by Bill Moody.
- NON-FICTION: Plastic, by Susan Freinkel.
- PRE-PUB: No selection for this week.

ROMANCE: Here to Stay, by Catherine Anderson.

SCIENCE FICTION: No selection for this week.

TEEN: Reality Check, by Jen Calonita.

THRILLER: No selection for this week.

New Adult Non-Fiction

Do you need help with your toddlers wonder year? "What to Expect: The Second Year," by Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel is the complete why, when, and how-to guide to the 12- to 24-month-old child.

"Shadows Bright as Glass," by Amy Ellis Nutt is the remarkable story of one man's journey from brain trauma to artistic triumph. A cruel trick of nature, a catastrophic stroke, and a quiet, sensible Jon Sarkin was transformed into an artist with a ferocious need to create.

Every day in teaching contains many humbling opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child. "Thanks to One of My Favorite Teachers," by John Morrissey is a collection of stories about gifted and motivated teachers.

The book, "Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China," by Judith Stacey is a

provocative research on mainstream issues. The author profiles unfamiliar cultures of contemporary love, marriage, and family values from around the world.

Author Lynda Hopkins admits she's not a farmer, not even a farmer's wife, just an aspiring farmer's suburban girlfriend. In her memoir, "The Wisdom of the Radish and Other Lessons Learned on a Small Farm," Hopkins and boyfriend, Emmett become the country's newest sodbusters with their goal to earn a living by growing crops, raising chickens, and selling the fruits of their labor at the local farmer's market.

Imagine the crunch of a freshly-picked apple, with an apple that you picked in the fall, but are enjoying several months later. "The Joy of Keeping a Root Cellar," by Jennifer Megyesi with photographs by Geoff Hansen, is a guide to canning, freezing, drying, smoking, and preserving your harvest.

What if the conscious mind, the part you consider to be you, is just the tip of the iceberg? What is the rest doing? "Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain," by David Eagleman is a stunning exploration of the "we" behind the "I". The author reveals all the neural magic tricks behind the cognitive illusion we call reality.



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