

## Getting together



About 50 former Rock Island Railroad employees, their families and friends, gathered at the Senior Adult Center in Goodland on Sunday afternoon to share a meal and some memories. During the 23rd reunion, Dick Nestor (above), of Goodland, won a mug that said Rock Island Railroad on it. Nestor said he worked for the railroad, which closed on March 30, 1980, for 35 years. John Fink (left) and his wife Dorothy, traveled from Colorado Springs to attend. Fink said he worked for Rock Island and the Midland Terminal Railroad in Colorado for a combined 30 years.

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## True-to-life stories win awards

One Thursday night, a nurse on "ER" struggles to get her heroin-addicted, pregnant patient into an overloaded drug abuse treatment program.

On a Saturday morning episode of "Smart Guy," a precocious 10-year-old has to decide whether to have beer at a party thrown by his older classmates. A Saturday night on HBO brings a film about Dorothy Dandridge, a rising star in the 1950s, who lost her life to a drug overdose.

These were the kind of true-to-life stories that earned recognition and commendations for the entertainment industry when the PRISM Awards 2000 were presented in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dr. Alan Leshner, National Institute on Drug Abuse, says, "Often the entertainment media are criticized for glamorizing drug use on TV and in the movies. Through the PRISM Awards, we are able to recognize productions that show drug abuse and its consequences in an accurate light."

It has been mentioned many times how television can have a bad influence on kids. Well, even though there



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are many things that kids do not need to be seeing on television there are also some things which can be helpful. We can't hide the 'real world' from our kids forever.

Shows like the ones which have won the PRISM Award can be real eye openers for us all and can maybe help some of our youth make some decisions they may not feel comfortable talking about with anyone.

"The Insider," an Oscar-nominated film about the tobacco industry's cover up of cigarette smoking hazards, received the PRISM Award for Theatrical Feature Film.

Other PRISM Awards went to individual episodes or continuing story lines in television series including "Suddenly Susan," "ER," "Once and

Again," "Smart Guy," and "As The World Turns." In children's categories, recipients included "Batman Beyond" and "City Guys."

The PRISM Heritage Award is given to writers, actors and directors who achieved excellence in accurate depiction of drug abuse prior to the PRISM Awards founding in 1997. This year's recipients were actors Michael Keaton and Kathy Baker, recognized for their portrayals in the 1988 film "Clean and Sober."

Professionals from every segment of the entertainment industry submitted 158 productions, organizations involved in community service projects, and individual volunteers to the Entertainment Industries Council reviewers who passed along 51 nominees to the PRISM Awards Nomination Review Committee. The 38 nominees that did not win PRISM Awards received commendations or certificates of merit.

## County needs to be run like a business with the community as a product

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moved away after high school. He said that he had seen many communities do this, but that if the county focused on recruiting the 35 to 40 year olds, they would have more luck.

McGinley said the county needs to be run like a business, with the community as a product that needs to be sold, and businesses need to realize that they need to find a niche that no one else is filling.

Harding asked McGinley what he should do about privacy issues. He said that people want to and have the right to know how their tax money is being spent, but a lot of times they have a business that might want to move into the area and giving out the name might blow the deal.

McGinley said that the board should come up with a solid set of policies about what kinds of companies they would allow into the community. That way, he said, people won't have to be worried about the deals that are being made.

He said that he had two important pieces of advice for Sherman County's economic development effort. The first was to concentrate on community alumni, people who had

come back."

He said that the most important thing that the county can do for economic growth is to focus on existing businesses. If the local businesses know what assistance the government can offer them, they will be more successful, he said.

He said that there are programs available to help with training new employees with expansion and other things.

He also said that keeping the town looking nice is important. He suggested more demolitions of old structures and keeping the area cleaned up.

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## Hearing continued on drug case

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Friday by the Sherman County Sheriff's Department for a confidential meeting with his attorneys, Beims and Jeff Mason, to prepare for the trial.

A preliminary hearing was held at 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 for Rodriguez. The matter was continued until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18. He is in the Sherman County Bastille.

Joseph F. Clark, 36, and Zandra Finnell, 18, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, were charged with possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell, conspiracy to commit possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell, no drug tax stamp and unlawful use of communication facility in August when a highway patrol officer found drugs in Clark's vehicle after he stopped him for speeding.

At Clark's preliminary hearing, the case was continued until 9 a.m. on Oct. 23. Clark is still in the Sherman County Bastille.

Finnell was found guilty of possession of marijuana in a court hearing on Sept. 12, when she waived her

preliminary hearing and said she wanted to proceed with arraignment. She entered a plea of no contest to the charges.

She received a sentence of one year of unsupervised probation and 90

days in the Sherman County Bastille with credit for time served. The court suspended the jail sentence. Finnell will also have to pay court costs and attorney's fees as approved by the court.

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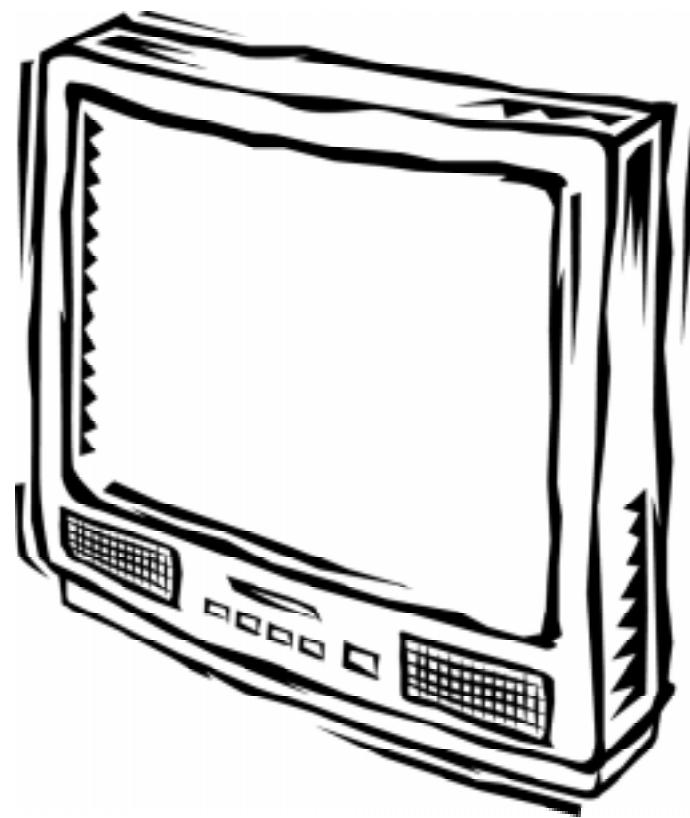
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