

# Public television runs documentary



**CITY CREW, Dan Blair, left, and John Larson, just put up a new light pole at The Herald on Main Street. Now, less than a block west, they will need to put up another.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Four arrested early Saturday morning

Three juveniles and one young adult went on a spree of vandalizing late Friday evening and were arrested early Saturday morning. Cody Beeson, undersheriff, reported that deputy Bayne Kinzer was on patrol, noting some of the damage being done and then a citizen reported more. The deputy stopped the vehicle outside the St. Francis city limits and made the arrests early Saturday morning. Travis Battleson, 22, St. Francis, along with the three juveniles, were arrested. Battleson was taken to the jail in Rawlins County and the juveniles were turned over to the custody of parents.

On Monday, Battleson made his first appearance in Cheyenne County District Court in front of Judge Robert Van Allen. He was charged with seven counts including possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance, transporting an alcoholic beverage, damaging property including mailboxes and a street light and encouraging the three juveniles. He was assigned a court-appointed lawyer. Undersheriff Beeson said reports of damage had been coming in during the day on Monday and the department was working closely with the St. Francis Police Department.

Smoky Hills Public Television is proud to present Harvesting the High Plains, an inspirational film of hope, persistence and triumph. The movie will be screened in Colby on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Partnering with the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, Smoky Hills Public Television is excited to work with Inspirit Creative to showcase their film.

Tickets for the Colby premiere are available to the public free of charge. However, seating is limited and tickets are on a first come basis. Admission to the premiere is by advanced ticket only and tickets will not be available at the door.

Those wanting tickets need to stop by the Chamber office located at 350 S. Range, Suite 10. For more information regarding tickets call the Chamber at 785-460-3401. The video will then be broadcast on Smoky Hills Public Television on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m.

"We are proud to present such an incredible story of success through adversity," said Michael Quade, chief executive officer and general manager of Smoky Hills Public Television. "This film could not have premiered at a more relevant time, as Kansans have recently endured both a prolonged drought and another recession."

Inspirit Creative brings to life the story of two men who lived during the 1930s in Western Kansas. The film documentary traces a single farming operation that began during the Dust Bowl in 1933 and overcame the impossible to harvest one of the largest wheat crops ever raised by a single farming operation in 1947.

The story is told through the written correspondence of these men, describing in detail each challenge, failure and triumph. The methods these men pioneered restored the land and reclaimed the High Plains as the Bread Basket of the World.

The film is narrated by Mike Rowe, creator and host of the Discovery Channel's Dirty Jobs. Harvesting the High Plains was inspired by the work on Western Kansas by noted Kansas Historian Craig Miner.

Director Jay Kriss made extensive use of historic films from the period, as well as, recreating the "Dirty 30's" in Colby and the ac-

tual farming methods and equipment used during the time.

"This story brings to life the human challenges we all face," said producer Sydney Duvall. "Though the time may be different the obstacles remain today. These men showed that through perseverance one could overcome the odds."

"This film really is the American Dream come to life," said Mr.

Kriss. "That dream, described over 250 years ago, lives within each of us, we need only to claim it."

Smoky Hills Public Television has partnered with Inspirit Creative, based in Williamsburg, Va., to bring Harvesting the High Plains. The Bruce Cochener Foundation and the Kansas Humanities Council provided major funding for the film.



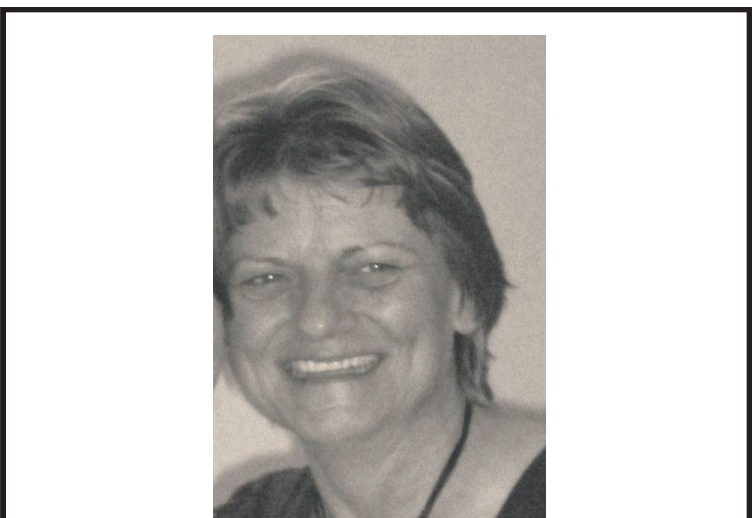
**MARY BARNHART mans the booth displaying her and Michelle Sherman's hand made beaded jewelry at the craft fair in Bird City.**

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