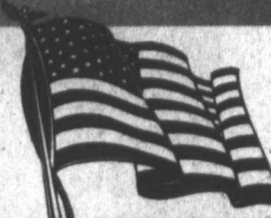


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Bring or email pictures to **The Lynn County News** (LynnCoNews@poka.com) for the Feb. 9 issue. Cost is \$9 per space.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(Final, xoreported 1-10-12)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	*41,378
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	*35,312
Wells Coop Gin.....	*10,798
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*9,920
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*3,551
Grassland Coop Gin.....	*2,918
Close City Gin, Post.....	*995
FINAL TOTAL.....	109,885

* Final Bale Count

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 4	63	29	
Jan. 5	66	31	
Jan. 6	70	31	
Jan. 7	57	29	
Jan. 8	51	28	
Jan. 9	36	29	0.22"
Jan. 10	60	29	from 2" snow
Precipitation for Jan:			0.22"
Total Precip. for 2012:			0.22"

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More burglaries, thefts reported during week

A burglary of a home in Wilson and two more thefts of metal items from farms in the county are being investigated by Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

Someone broke into the home of Janie Rendon at Wilson last Thursday, taking a 32-inch TV, Blu-Ray DVD player and an amplifier, with the stolen articles valued at a total of \$880. Entry was gained through a rear door.

Also on Jan. 5, Marvin Pierce of Tahoka reported plow parts, tractor weights and scrap iron valued at \$656 missing from a field two miles north of Draw.

On Monday, plow parts and tractor weights were reported stolen from a location on FM 2956, just north of FM 3332. The items were stolen about a half-mile north of the residence of the owner, Marty Hammonds.

Several vehicle burglaries occurred in Tahoka Monday night and early Tuesday, and Tahoka Police officers said they would appreciate any information regarding who may have committed the burglaries. With reports still not completed Tuesday, officers said apparently the usual stereo system thefts were not included, although

a GPS device and clothing items were missing.

Tahoka police this week also were seeking information on a possible unreported traffic accident, after a patrolman noticed fresh damage to the guardrail on the south side of the cemetery overpass along the east access road of U.S. 87 Sunday. One section of guardrail and six poles were damaged.

Police also made one arrest for public intoxication last week.

Postal rates to increase Jan. 22

The cost of a stamp is going up on Jan. 22, according to information from the U.S. Postal Service. Beginning Jan. 22, a first class stamp will increase to 45-cents, up one penny from the current 44-cent stamp. And, postcard stamps will increase by 3-cents, up from the current 29-cent stamp to a 32-cent stamp.

Other rate increases will also be implemented - including a 2 percent increase in the cost of mailing second class periodicals, such as this newspaper.

Donna Willis seeks tax assessor position in Republican Primary



DONNA WILLIS

PAID POL. ADV.
Donna Willis is seeking support in her bid for election to the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's position in the April 3 Republican Primary.

"I have five years experience as Deputy Clerk to Sherry Pearce, the current Tax Assessor/Collector. I am aware of all the responsibilities and duties of this office, including vehicle

registration, voter registration and issuing hunting and fishing licenses for Texas Parks and Wildlife. The laws governing these issues change every year, which requires training that I am willing to complete. I have attended many schools to learn the voter registration software and I feel I am capable of handling that aspect of the job, as well as all the other duties," said Willis.

"As the Deputy Clerk in I have knowledge of all these jobs, and in the future this office may also be asked by the state to take over the drivers license office, and the registration of boats and motors for Texas Parks and Wildlife," she added. "I am willing to perform these duties as well."

Willis has lived in Lynn County most of her life, and attended Tahoka schools. She and her husband Doyle have three children, all of whom graduated from Tahoka High School. Bebo and his wife Kristy still live in the county, at New Home, and Darla and her husband Robert live in Tahoka, along with their children.

"We were all involved in 4-H, FFA, school activities, and Sweet Street Baptist Church," said Willis. "You may also know me as your child's school bus driver for the past 20 years, although I am retiring this year from driving the bus."

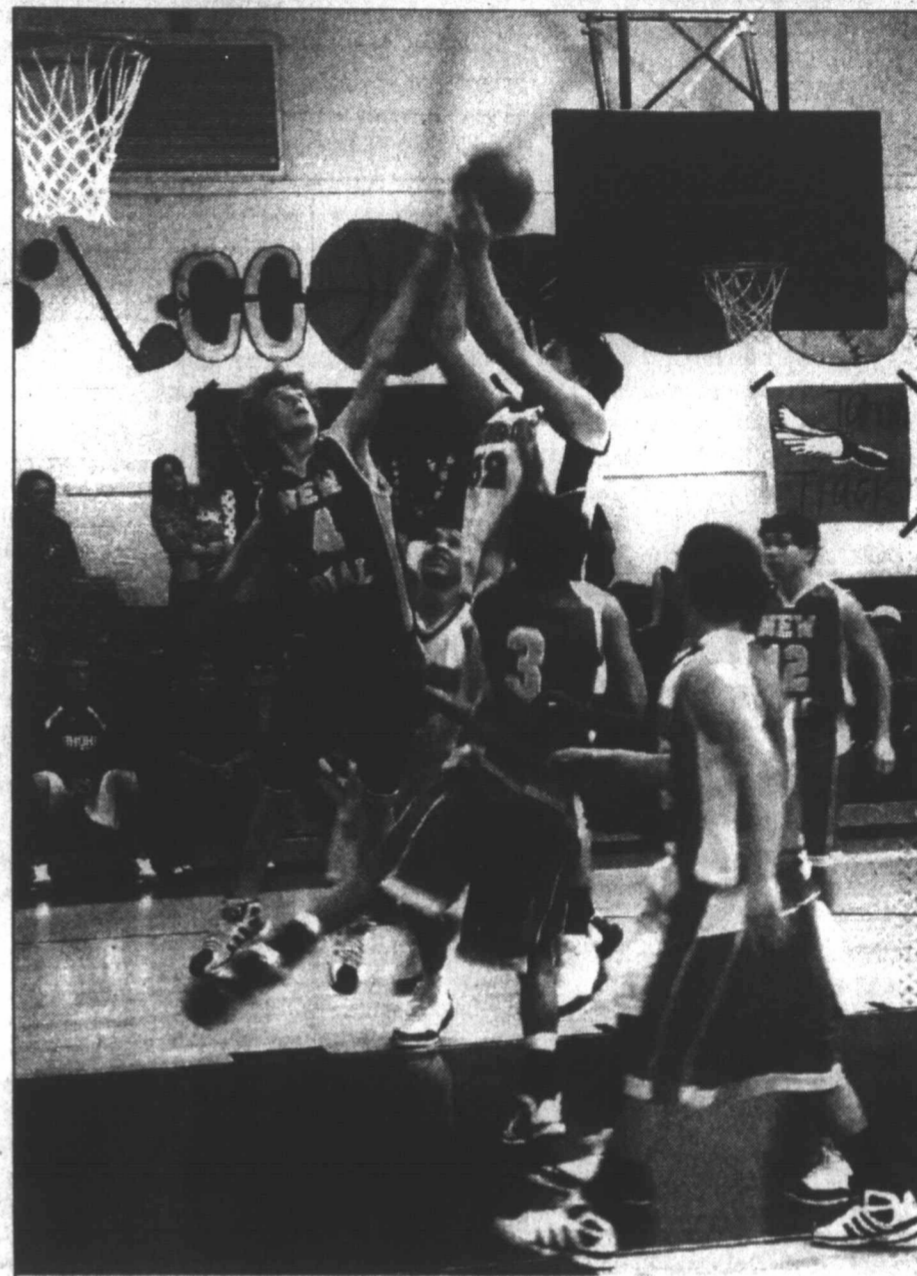
Sherry Pearce, who is not seeking reelection to the Tax Assessor position, is retiring after serving 33 years in the office, both as a deputy clerk and as the elected official. "I have enjoyed all the time I have been here but have decided it is time for me to retire so I can chase my grandsons," said Pearce. "I hope you will give Donna Willis your support," she added.

(POL. ADV. PAID BY DONNA WILLIS)

FUN FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

from www.50states.com

- Laredo is the world's largest inland port. ***
- Amarillo has the world's largest helium well. ***
- The world's first rodeo was held in Pecos on July 4, 1883. ***



Up for 2 ... Tahoka's Smith McLelland (52), surrounded by Lions, goes up for a goal in the Bulldogs' 66-58 win over New Deal here on Jan. 6. (PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Gins finish cotton harvest

Lynn County area gins this week have completed processing the 2011 cotton harvest, according to information from the eight gins that report to The Lynn County News. This year's total bale count is 109,885 bales, which is approximately 285,000 bales less than last year's bale total of 395,650, not surprising due to the extreme drought conditions in Texas last year. The official measurement for precipitation in Tahoka was 5.23 inches for the 2011 year, with measurements varying slightly throughout the county.

Texas Star Gin, with processing operations in both Wilson and Union, had the highest totals and was the last to finish ginning this year, reporting 41,378 bales and finished as of Tuesday, Jan. 10. Last year Texas Star processed 97,646 bales.

New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin processed 35,312 bales this year, compared to 91,174 bales the previous year; Wells Coop Gin processed 10,798 bales, compared to 51,901 bales last year; and Woolam Gin in O'Donnell processed 9,920 bales, compared to 49,719 in 2010. Farmers Coop in O'Donnell reported 3,551 bales processed in 2011, compared to 38,264 last year; Grassland Coop Gin processed 2,918 bales, compared to 11,743 last year; and Close City Gin in Post reported only 995 bales processed, compared to 9,793 last year. Farmers Coop Assn. #1 Gin in Tahoka did not open this year, cooperating with other gins for their producers.

woodwork

by dalton wood



HAVE YOU had your miso, soy drink or yogurt today? Me neither, but those are some of the things you can consume to help avoid a cold, according to something I read last week. And cold season is here, more of a threat to some of us than to others.

The article I read didn't say what miso is, so for awhile I didn't know if you eat it or drink it. And I don't know (or much care) where to get soy drinks. Still, those things and yogurt are supposed to help ward off a cold, and what is a mild annoyance for some is a month of misery for me, since I've reached the age of diminished activity.

Yogurt is bad, but colds are worse, so I guess I'd eat that stuff if I really thought it would protect me from the misery of a cold.

There's no cure for a cold. The world's big-brains can send people to the moon, give us the internet, and electronic things that defy all logic, but they can't even cure a common cold. Or maybe someone already has figured out a cure, but the manufacturers of billions of dollars worth of mostly useless over-the-counter cold remedies have bought them off.

Please, when you have a cold, don't go to work or any place where you can contaminate others. As much as you'd like to get rid of your cold, remember that when you give it to someone else, you still have it.

And eat your miso, if you can locate any without going to Japan. Another source describes miso as a fermented soybean paste, originated in Japan. Sounds delicious, and probably would make miso healthy.

