



– Peggy Ninemire –

Peggy Ninemire has enjoyed a wide variety of jobs

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The working women of Norton County come from many walks of life and wear many hats. Peggy Ninemire is one of these women. She works as a secretary at the Decatur County Co-op in Lenora.

Peggy is from a family of nine children and is the daughter of Todd and Ruth Brooks. She grew up on a dairy farm south of Edmond. She is married to Jim Ninemire and they have three children, Lacy, Levi and Luke.

“We live on the Ninemire family ranch three miles west of Lenora with cattle, horses, cats, dogs and chickens,” she said.

You could call Peggy a Jane of all trades, this woman has done everything. Her first job was for Jeremy Sproul on a dairy farm where she worked for two to three years as a milkmaid. After graduating from high school she held a welding job at New Age Industrial. Later she took time off to be a new mother. She has been a refuse employee with the City of Lenora.

“I worked as a school bus driver in Lenora

for two or three years and really enjoyed taking the children on field trips the most,” she said.

In August of 1998 Peggy started working at High Plains Coop in Lenora as a chemical truck driver delivering to the fields. She later worked in the elevator for a couple of years and for the past six years she has been the secretary. The office cat, Cooter, helps her keep things running.

Decatur County Coop took over two years ago. Her duties include paperwork, testing grain, running the store out of the co-op and helps to load feed.

“I really like working here, I have insurance which makes a big difference. If I wasn’t working here I would be working on the family ranch full time. The way it is, I work here and then go home to work the ranch,” Peggy said. “I like the people here, I like the group that comes in everyday to sit, drink coffee and have conversation.”

She agreed that the farm life has to be bred into a person. Growing up on a farm is a great thing and raising her children in that life style was exactly what she wanted.

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