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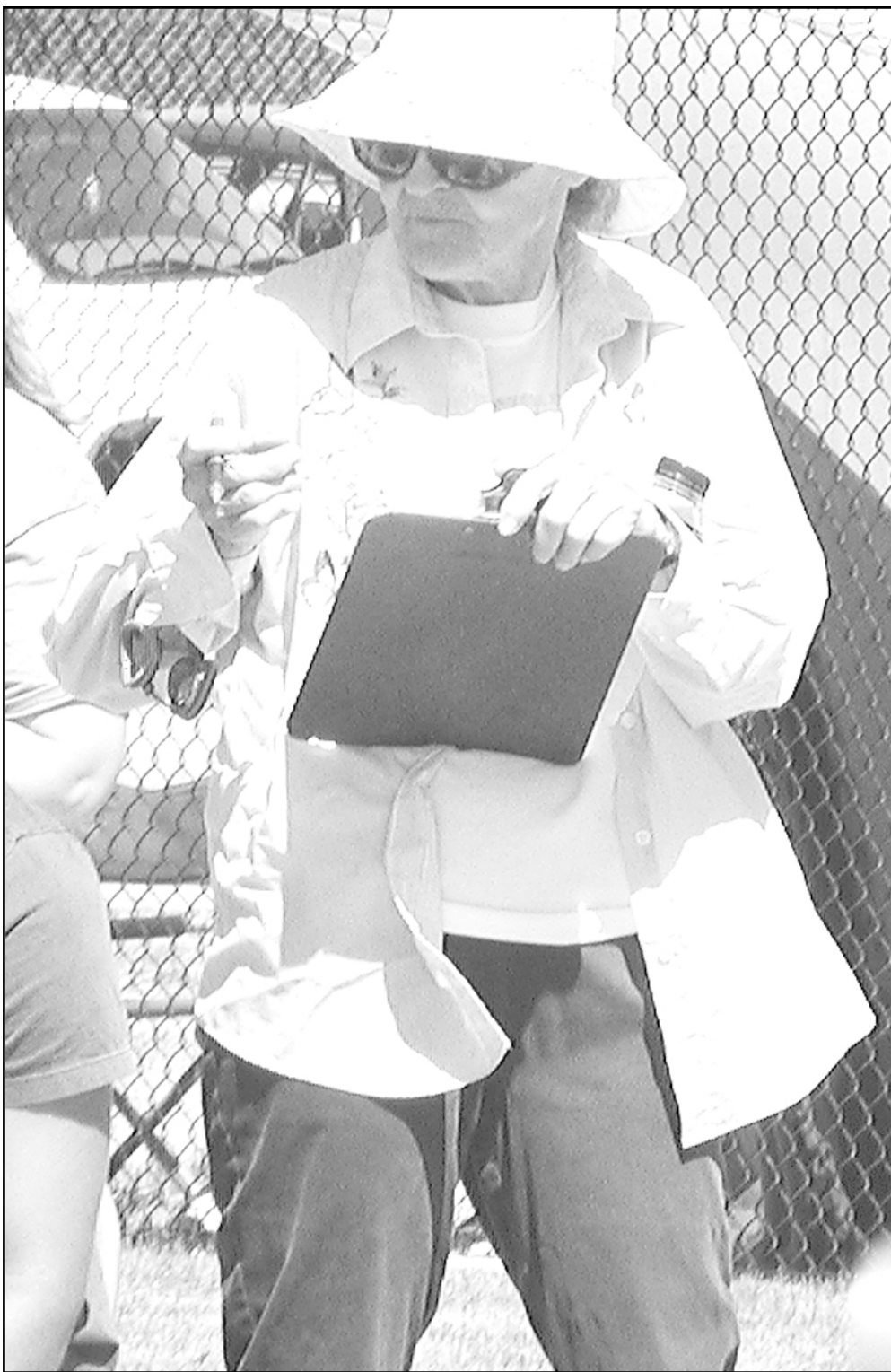
Dorothy Roeder



**Glenna
Jarmin**



Connie Grieve



Glenna Jarmin watches the time clock for one of the races at the Northwest Kansas League Championship on Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7 at Steever Water Park. The Goodland team came in third. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

She's coached kids swim team for years

By Pat Schiefen

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Kick! Kick! Stroke! Stroke! Good job!

Glenna Jarmin has been working with young swimmers belonging to Goodland swim teams for over 40 years. On the current team were granddaughter Taryn Bedore and great grandson Dusty Johnson

"It used to be long days when we would take the kids," Jarmin said. "Barb was 13 when I started coaching."

When she began with the swim team they belonged to the Stroke and Turn Swim League which is a multi state league. Later the area towns of Colby, Burlington, Goodland and Oberlin formed their own swim league which cut down on the driving. The league is currently made up of Colby, Oberlin, Burlington, Wray, Holyoke, Flagler, St. Francis, Oakley and Limon.

This last summer the team had 50 swimmers including 15 that were eight and under, she said. The young swimmers often do not know how to swim. The rules say that after June 1 all swimmers have to be out of the shallow end. All of them have to be able to swim across the pool by the end of the season which is also a rule. They

use a kick board to learn how to kick.

She said Chelsea Horney and some of the parents worked with the kids in the shallow end.

"I have enough people helping so I can get away once in a while," Jarmin said. "Gennifer House takes care of all the paper work. Using a computer program has helped. Starla Miller had the treasurer's job. Carol Jolly and Travis Witman helped with coaching.

She said she still makes out the schedule and figures out the work outs.

"We got a lot of compliments when we hosted the league meet. The team was down to 12 when there was no pool to practice in," said Jarmin. "It was first time the Northwest Kansas League Championship Meet was ever held in Goodland."

The swimmers placed third with the 11-12 boys 200-yard medley relay team of Holton Witman, Jed Gray, Zach Miller and Ian Bon-sall, individuals Teneille Witman and Witman setting records. Oharah was Goodland's only league champion.

"The team was in sixth place when it started

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Swim team

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practicing at the new pool," Jarmin said. "This summer the team was in third place except at Wray. We are beginning to get kids and their parents."

One challenge is the fact that the team needs more than one hour a day to practice, she said. We have to be out of the pool by 9:05 in the morning and it takes 10 minutes to roll up the ropes. Originally we had practice in the morning and evening. Lately they have not wanted anyone under 18 to be at the pool during the adult swim.

"I give the parents lots of the credit for the swim team," Jarmin said.

Jarmin has lived in Sherman County 55 years except for one year after she married Waldo in 1952. Waldo went to school in Edson. The couple has six children, Barb (Dustin) Bedore, Jeanette (Billy) Jones, Mike (Shawn) Jarmin of Goodland, Osce (Larry) Heinrich of Alliance, Nebr., Tina (Ron) Roeder of Brewster, and Ann (Tim) Bailey of Oklahoma.

"We have 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren," said Jarmin.



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Glenna Jarmin (in back in white hat) cheers on one of the swimmers at the league meet in July with parents of swimmers watching the time clocks. Jarmin has been coaching the Goodland Swim Team for over 40 year.

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Coaching kids is fun

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Waldo started working at the city power plant in 1983. They also do some farming. She said she worked at C-Mart for eight years and cooked at the vo-tech for two years. When her children needed help with the grandchildren she started taking care of them.

This fall she said she and her husband plan to do quite a bit of traveling watching grandkids, Jordan in football and Dani Bedore in volleyball, compete at the college level. Jordan goes to Kansas State University

and Dani to University of South Carolina in Columbia.

She and Jeanette plan on going to Delaware to watch Dani. Barb is planning to Richmond, Va. Dustin is planning on going to the home tournament at Columbia.

"The volleyball tournaments are unusually on Friday and Sunday," said Jarmin.

Waldo and Dustin are planning to go to Alabama to watch K-State play Auburn. She said between she and Waldo, the parents and the aunts and uncles the family hopes to have someone at all the games.



Jarmin kept track of who is swimming in what race on her clipboard at the league swim meet held at Steever Water Park in July. League members are Colby, Oberlin, Burlington, Wray, Holyoke, Flagler, St. Francis, Oakley and Limon.

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Dorothy Roeder jotted notes on some statements she was sending from Witzel and Rhea earlier this month. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Accounting keeps her happy

By Sharon Corcoran

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She has done accounting at the same business 34 years, under two owners and three business names. Dorothy Roeder, office manager at Witzel and Rhea, has always liked accounting.

"It's all I've done since high school," she said. "I just like the concept; it's a daily routine."

Roeder took accounting at Sherman Community High School, where she graduated in 1960 as Dorothy Smith. She then did the accounting for a Chevrolet garage before marrying Marlin Roeder and then worked for Dr. John Beynon, a Goodland dentist, for five years.

While working for Dr. Beynon, Roeder said she was contacted by W-R Truck and Tractor with a job offer. The company was then owned by Walt Rohr, who later changed the name to W-R Equipment. Witzel and Rhea bought the company in April 2002.

Roeder said her biggest challenge

has been changing from doing the books by hand to working on the computer. She doesn't remember when they made the change, but she has worked with three systems since.

"I did the accounting several years by hand," Roeder said. "It was quite a big adjustment."

She never took any classes on the computer but was trained by the people who set up the system. Accounting is faster on the computer, Roeder said, but it has its ups and downs.

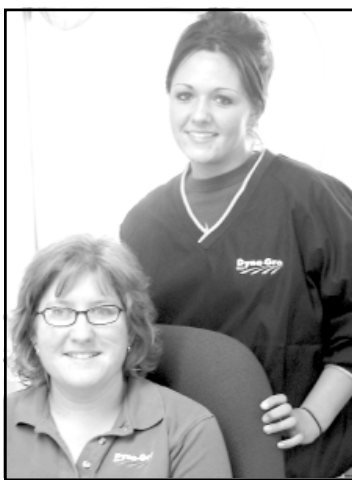
It's probably a good thing, she said; it's how everything is done now — you have to go with the times. But it isn't always her preference.

"Some days I'd like to go to the shop and get one of their hammers," Roeder said.

But she's not ready to leave the job.

"I could retire any time," Roeder said, "but I'm not ready to retire, as long as they'll have me a few more years."

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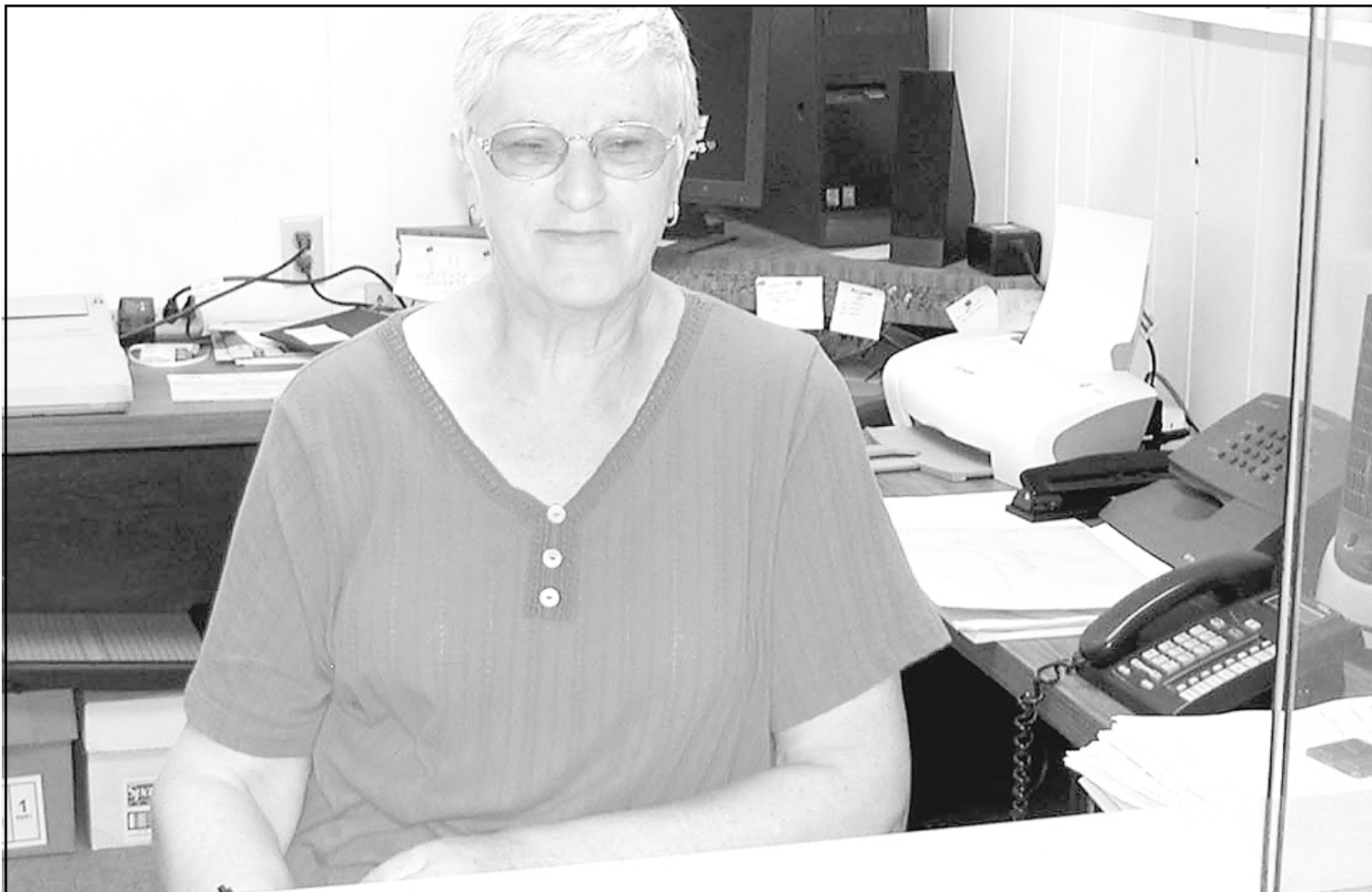
Roeder said she has never had any challenges with being a woman in the workforce or feeling like she's the odd one out in a man's world. "I have had really good people to work for," she said.

Roeder grew up on a farm and lived on a farm for several years after marrying Marlin, and he farmed. But then they moved to town, and he worked in the maintenance department for the Goodland School District. He retired, she said, but didn't like that and went back to work at Wal-Mart.

They have three children, Alan, Rodney and Marla, and seven grandchildren. Rodney lives here and one granddaughter, but the rest live in Colorado. Her brother is Don Smith, the activities director at Goodland High School, and Don's wife Bonnie is the food service director at the school district office. Roeder's sister is Ila Ziegler, who works at Napa Auto Parts.

Roeder drove to town to work for years before they moved, and she worked until Alan was born and stayed home with the kids until Marla was in kindergarten. Roeder likes to knit and do cross-stitch and crossword puzzles and is making an afghan to give to each of her grandchildren when they get married.

"I can't just sit and watch TV," she said. "I have to have something to do."



Dorothy Roeder has been a fixture in the accounting office at Witzel and Rhea for over 30 years, as the business went from being W-R Truck and Tractor and then W-R Equipment before being bought by Witzel and Rhea in 2002.

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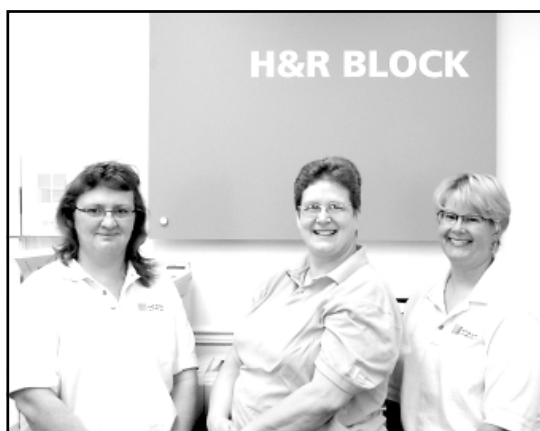
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Woman shows positive spirit

By Tom Betz
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During Easter she is the Madd Hatter, but no matter what is going on she maintains a positive and optimistic spirit about where she lives.

"I like it here," said Connie Grieve, office manager for Pioneer Health, 910 Main.

She is a native who was born in northwest Kansas in October 1962 the daughter of Fred and Lenna Studer.

Her father owns Fred's Auto Repair.

"Connie has done well," he said when asked about his daughter. "She is involved in a lot of things and works hard. I am proud of her and all my daughters."

Connie graduated from Goodland High School in 1980, and went to the Northwest Kansas Technical School where she graduated in 1988. Her education is in accounting and data processing. She said her favorite is accounting.

She and Kenny Grieve were married on Flag Day, June 14, 1986. She has three children, Sara 27, and Fred 24, from a previous marriage and Andrea, 19, who is attending Colby Community College.

"My job at Pioneer Health is being a secretary, the accounts receivable person and keeping the office running smoothly," she said. "I am sort of the mother hen."

She works with two nurse practitioners, two medical assistants and plenty of helpers she said.

"I like to promote this place," she said, "and I want to see it be successful so Sherman County residents are taken care of."

Some people view Pioneer Health as a women's clinic, Grieve said.

"We are comparative to a doctor's office and can see people on a timely basis," she said. "We are seeing more boys throughout the school year and



Connie Grieve worked on the Pioneer Health accounts receivable software in her office in the back of the building that used to be a storage room. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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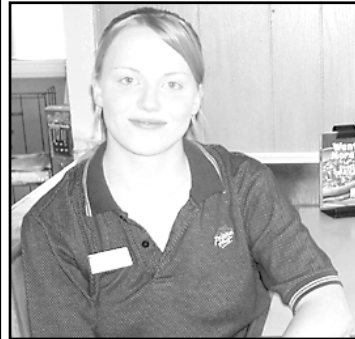
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Connie Grieve, (Madd Hatter above on right) held the basket for one of the special Golden Egg winners at the Community Easter Egg hunt held at the Goodland Activity Center in April. Grieve enjoys seeing the kids having fun. Grieve (right photo) in front of the Pioneer Health office, 910 Main, with the new awnings that cut down the sun glare. The awnings were purchased as part of a business improvement grant from the Sherman County Economic Development Council.



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