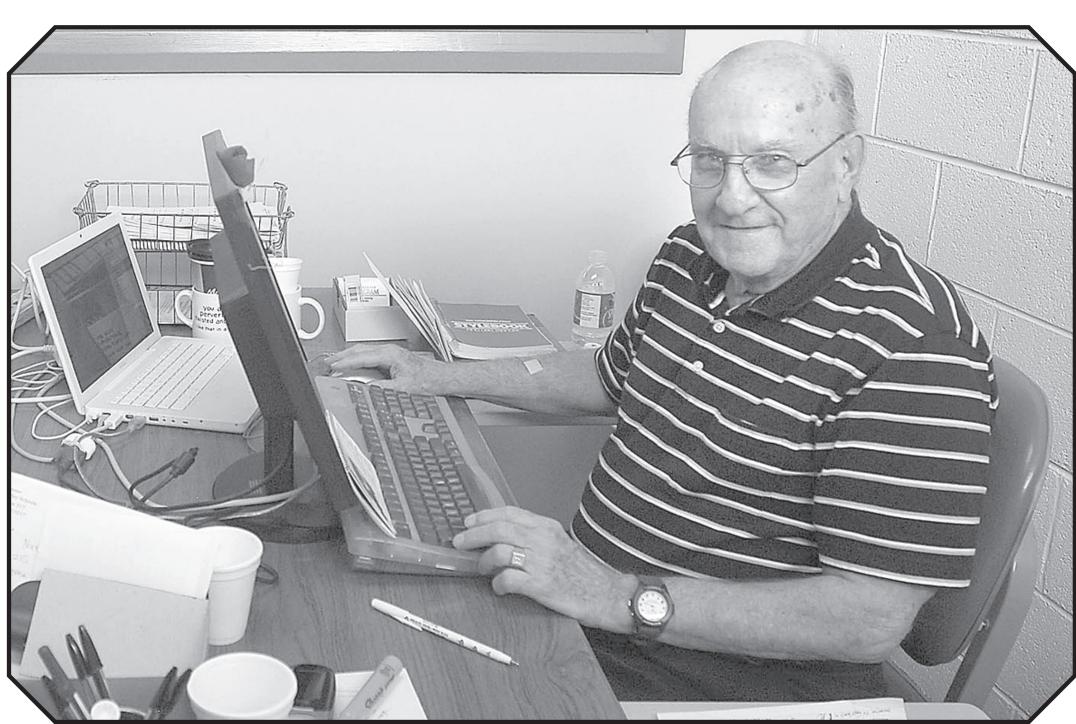




Tom Dreiling



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Tom Dreiling will step down as editor and publisher on Friday.

He will be returning to Goodland, a town he says he adopted as his home years ago.

He lived there from 1965-1989 as editor of The Goodland Daily News (a six-day-a-week publication) and also The Sherman County Herald, a weekly published by the same company.

He and his late wife Jean raised three children there — Denise, Lance and Todd. Jean is buried in Goodland.

Tom says journalism has accounted for 42 of his 48 years in the work force. He has been the editor and publisher of *The Norton Telegram* for the last four years, a time when the paper was revitalized and began a long, slow climb to profitability.

"This has been a very good four-year ride," he said. "This is a nice town to live and work in.

"I will miss my staff tremendously, no question about it. They are the kind of people you can only hope for and my hopes were realized."

We will miss him.

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