

# Former editor passes Monday

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position in 2005, but didn't stay retired for long, taking a publishing position with the *Norton Telegram* later that year.

He retired for good in August, 2009, moving back to Goodland before relocating to Colorado to be closer to his grandchildren. He continued writing, however, penning a column appearing in newspapers from Goodland to Hays. He continued his popular tradition of eliciting "Snippets," one sentence comments from the public he would include in all his columns.

Last year he was recognized for his lifetime in Kansas media with the Clyde M. Reed Jr. Master Editor Award, given by the Kansas Press Association.

Dreiling's death leaves friends and colleagues "deeply saddened."

"Tom filled our office with humor," said Dana Paxton, who succeeded him as publisher in Norton. "He made me laugh every single day. On our trips to meetings our conversations centered around family more so than work. His family meant the world to him."

Dreiling hired Paxton to work for him as a sales representative before he retired. Paxton said she wished he had lived closer in retirement so she could have gone to him for help.

"I would often get e-mails from him sending us here best wishes during holidays," she said, "as well

as personal notes from time to time to just see how things were going and to put his two cents worth in on things he heard were happening back here in Norton."

Steve Haynes, owner of the *Goodland Star-News*, *Colby Free Press* and *Norton Telegram*, said Dreiling was a fine publisher.

"He was a gentleman and a friend," he said. "Many people will miss him."

Jim Bowker, who worked with Dreiling at the old *Goodland Daily News* as press foreman, said the two of them weathered several changes in ownership over the years. Bowker said Dreiling was a honorable man.

"I was pleased to call him my friend," he said.

"I looked forward to getting Tom's columns, because I knew he would have a unique perspective on life," said Tom Betz who recently retired as Editor of The Goodland Star-News. "I always enjoyed talking to TD as he had a great breadth of knowledge and a great way of looking for the best in people. I know a lot of us will miss his humor."

Memorials are suggested to the St. Thomas More Society through TMP-M Endowment Office, 1701 Hall Street, Hays, KS 67601. Please make gifts in memory of Tom Dreiling.

Condolences for the family can be left at [www.horancares.com](http://www.horancares.com).



Sherman Theatre owner Dave Branda (left) holds a hand full of the small hand laid tiles from the original floor. He said the little tiles will be used to repair the section in front of the north door. Employees from Floor Perfect (above) Jeremy Hartman and Joe Gates scrape the old carpet pad off to level the lobby floor before laying the new carpet. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## New carpet at theater turns up original tile

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red squares from north to south and was 20 squares wide at the center. An estimated 96,000 red tiles were in the floor and an additional 16,000 black squares.

Branda said the original floor was laid in 1926, and believes the first carpet was put down in 1968 when Commonwealth remodeled. He collected several handfuls of lose tiles from the lobby area, and said he will use those to help

maintain the small area of original floor near the north door.

The new industrial carpet is being installed by Joe Gates and Jeremy Hartman from Floor Perfect of Salina. Gates said he lived in Goodland as a young boy and has relatives in town.

Branda is sure this is the last new carpet he will see in the theater.

Gates and Hartman said scraping off the old carpet pad under the aisles was the hardest part of the job.

## Local guardsmen to deploy to Asia soon

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170th Maintenance Company and a former Goodland resident. "As we move into the final stages of our mobilization training the troops are engaged, motivated and diligent. They are a prime example of what a well maintain and disciplined unit should be.

"These soldiers will represent their communi-

ties, state and country with loyalty, honor and respect. The 170th has not deployed since Desert Storm and I am honored to embark on this mission with each and every one of them, while we place down another milestone for the 170th."

The soldiers of the 170th will be sent to Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Hattiesburg, Miss., where they will receive additional training before deploying overseas. While de-

ployed, the unit will participate in a base security mission in southwest Asia.

The 170th Maintenance Company is a subordinate unit of the 287th Special Troop Battalion, Hays. They are headquartered in Norton, with a subordinate unit in Colby. The Goodland Armory, which was closed in March, 2010, was part of the 170th.

## St. Francis market closes briefly for tax problem

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apologize.

"We are committed to the city of St. Francis. We will continue to rebuild the inventory in the store and we will continue improve operations at the store. We have a committed and reliable manager - one that we are proud to have on

our team."

Mancini stressed the store is not closing permanently and they have never been solicited to sell the store by any party.

"We would not sell the store if we were solicited," he said. "We are absolutely committed to St. Francis and will do everything in our power to insure that. We are not

behind in any other payments and have never had any problems with any other tax compliance or payroll tax in Kansas.

"However, we need your support and patronage," he added.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, Mancini encouraged people to call him at (303) 758-5449 ext. 207 or submit a message through the

website at [www.bellamarket.us](http://www.bellamarket.us)

## Former Goodland man inducted into Texas newspaper hall of fame

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Among his listed honors was a citation for meritorious valor at Soldiers Memorial Park in Sherman County, Kan., in May 1956 when he and three Goodland High School classmates helped save at least two Kanorado girls who had been in a boating accident on the lake. The Sherman County Herald reported all eight members of the Kanorado junior class were in a boat on the lake when it capsized. Credited with saving the lives of Donna Denton and Connie Brabham were Dee Gard, Judy Schmidt, Pat Wadsworth and Roy Robinson.

"Three of my classmates and I were picnicking at the gardens when the Kanorado students' boat capsized," he said. "None of the Kanorado juniors, we learned later, could swim. Dee and I were able to reach three of the students and pull them to shore, where Pati and Judy revived them. We were not able to find two girls, whose bodies were later recovered by firemen from the Goodland Fire Department."

The two Kanorado girls who died were Myrna Sellman and Janice Soellner.

The story reported the Kanorado boys in the boat managed to make their way to shore Richard Bowman, Gale Davis, Veryle Schmidt and Joe Kosch.

Robinson was one four 2012 inductees into the Texas Newspaper Foundation Hall of Fame with Arthur H. "Art" Kowert, William Dean Singleton and Carmage Walls.

Regarded as an innovator, mentor and problem-solver, Robinson was often sought out by fellow newspaper publishers for counsel and advice.

He grew up in the back shop of his father's Goodland Daily News

in northwest Kansas, officially entering the newspaper business at 21 as city editor of The Lamar (Colo.) Tri-State Daily News in 1961. He moved to Cripple Creek in June 1965 in the middle of an historic flood on the Arkansas River that inundated their home in Lamar.

An outstanding newspaper publisher Robinson distinguished himself in Texas, Colorado and beyond as a member of the National Newspaper Association. Robinson served as president of Texas Press Association, Colorado Press Association, West Texas Press Association in 2004-05 and North and East Texas Press Association in 2007-08.

He has been a leader in every community he has served, from Woodland Park, Colorado's home rule charter commission to his role as president of the Methodist Sunday school class in Graham, Texas. His service with senior citizen centers, museums, art centers and chambers of commerce is extensive, and he served as a member of the Selective Service Board before the military draft ended.

Robinson and his wife, Carol Lee, purchased the Ute Pass Courier in Woodland Park, Colo., in 1966. He edited the Cripple Creek (Colo.) Gold Rush from 1965 to 1978. Robinson published the Eagle Valley (Colo.) Enterprise, then the Westminster Window and Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel in suburban Denver before joining MediaNews Group in January 1997 as publisher of the Fort Morgan (Colo.) Times.

He was elected president of Colorado Press Association in 1972 and later was awarded honorary life membership by the association. He was asked by many fellow Colorado publishers to head committees on issues facing the newspaper as-

sociation.

Robinson went to Texas in 1998 as vice president of Graham Newspapers Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MediaNews Group owned by his fellow inductee Dean Singleton. He served as publisher of The Graham Leader, the Breckenridge American, Jack County Herald, Jacksboro Gazette-News, Lake Country Sun and The Olney Enterprise. He was responsible for the company's four radio stations, KWKQ-FM and KSWA-AM in Graham and KLXK-FM and KROO-AM in Breckenridge.

On Jan. 31, 2009, Graham Newspapers Inc. purchased the Star Group newspapers: Burlinson Star, Alvarado Star, Crowley Star, Joshua Star, Keene Star and South Tarrant Star in Everman.

Robinson has been active for more than three decades on National Newspaper Association committees and as a judge for NNA's annual better newspaper contest. He completed the NNA Publishers' Boot Camp in 1997.

He is a member of the Rotary Club in Graham and was charter chairman of the Graham Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board. He is a past Exalted Ruler in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His personal honors include Citizen of the Year in Woodland Park, in 1972; honorary life member of the Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce, in 1978; and Citizen of the Year in Eagle, in 1988.

The Robinsons are parents of Robert Robinson of Pueblo, Colo., and Michelle Koenig of Centennial, Colo., and have two grandchildren.

Robinson retired on his 72nd birthday in November.

## Kanorado rest area reopened after repairs

On Wednesday, the Kansas Department of Transportation closed the I-70 eastbound rest area near Kanorado (mile marker 7.5) due to a water main break.

Repairs are now complete and the rest area is open again to travelers.

For more information regarding this closure, contact Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlagler at (785) 626-3258 or [Erico@ksdot.org](mailto:Erico@ksdot.org) in Atwood or Kristen Brands, northwest Kansas public affairs manager, at (785) 871-2137 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.



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