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Drill baby, drill!



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NEW DAWN FOR THE INDUSTRY – Drilling rig in Pinedale field at sunset with the Wind River Mountains in the background.

Experts optimistic about oil and gas production in 2018

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Oil prices have consistently increased over the last several months, creating confidence with companies

investing in drilling programs. "Last year at this time, Wyoming had 19 rigs, with most of those in the western part of the state. As of (Feb. 23), there are 31 rigs, with 10 of those in Converse and one in Campbell County," Kimberly A. Mazza, stakeholder relations for the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission said. It has been two years since sliding energy prices bottomed out,

battering Wyoming's energy-fueled economy. The same slump ended five straight annual increases in Laramie County oil and gas production, according to reports from the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. But things are looking up across the nation. With U.S. crude oil benchmark West Texas Intermediate holding above \$60 per barrel so far
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Pressroom 'lifer' saw massive changes

Began career with hot lead, finished with a computer keyboard

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One of Jim Thompson's lasting memories after nearly a half-century of work producing newspapers is the time he didn't say, "stop the presses." It was the time he had to say, "don't start the presses."

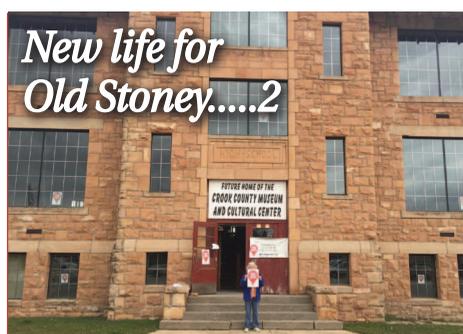
Thompson retired March 3 as the Wyoming Tribune Eagle production director after 47 years in the newspaper production business. He recalled when a sports editor a couple of decades ago wanted to wait for the completion of the University of Wyoming Cowboy-Hawaii Rainbow Warrior football game.

It was in Hawaii. It didn't end until 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

"But we got the paper printed and delivered on time to our customers," Thompson said. "I'll always remember waiting with the pressmen for the end of the game."

Thompson said something like that

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