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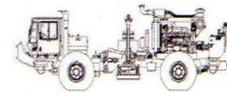
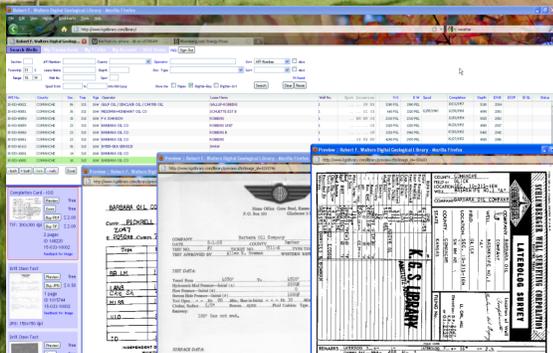
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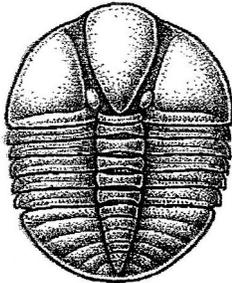
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Awards Committee members are Sal Mazzullo and Mike Dealy

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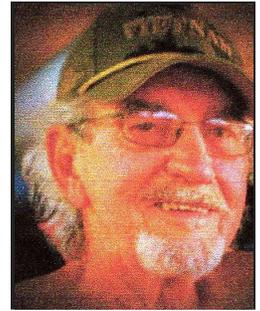
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Memorial

Obituary for Charles H. Latham

Charles Horace Latham (Chuck / Charley) age 80 of Derby, Kansas passed away at home on Tuesday October 17, 2023.

Chuck was born June 29, 1943 to Horace (HB / Buster) and Leone (Crouch) Latham in Bomarton, Texas. They soon moved to Goree, Texas where Chuck started 1st grade and later graduated from Goree High School in 1961. Sports was the love of his life at this time, and he always said how fortunate he was to have great coaching as well as caring and talented teachers throughout these school years.



After graduation from High School Chuck went to work in the “oil patch” in west Texas. He also went to school at South Plains College for one year before enlisting in the United States Army, January 1963. During his time in the Army, he spent 1 year in Vietnam 1968 – 1969. Chuck was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in February 1969 and returned stateside on April 5, 1969. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6 at Oakland Army Terminal and then returned home to Oklahoma. His full time of service was 6 years and 3 months.

Education was always important to Chuck and after his discharge from the Army he focused on attaining his bachelor’s degree with a major in marketing and a minor in history from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was devoted to his family working full time to support them while attaining his degree.

From his early years of exposure to the oil patch it is fair to say the oil and gas industry was in his blood. Chuck started working for Magcobar, a division of Dresser Industries, out of Oklahoma City in the early 1970’s. He re-located in Enid, Oklahoma for a few years, before coming to Wichita, Kansas in 1979. Magcobar / Maverick Mud / Baker Hughes / Hughes Drilling Fluids and Mud-Co/Service Mud, Inc were all companies he was involved with during his 50 plus year career. The last 23 years of his career with Mud-Co were some of the best.

Aside from his devotion to the companies he worked for and his customers friends in the industry Chuck was a man of faith and loved his family. From the early years of tent camping to having a home at Table Rock Lake, he treasured the time and memories made when family was together.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents Buster and Leone Latham, his father in-law and mother in-law Bob and Neva Stewart. His sister and brother in-law Myrna and Doc Murdoch.

Chuck is survived by his wife Kathy (Stewart) of 43 years and son Houston of the home. Daughter Shannon (Jim) Mouser, daughter Shelby (Maxie) Shelton all in the Oklahoma City area. Son Adam (Michelle) of Enid.

Grandchildren to their beloved PaPa, Makenzie Shelton, fiancé John Kastner Oklahoma City area. Logan Shelton, Gage Mouser both in the Oklahoma City area. Precious Gracie Mouser living with her parents Jim and Shannon. Kaleb who is in Overland Park and Josh living at home with Adam and Michelle in his final year of High School.

Sisters Linda (Jimmy) Routon and Jackie (Buster) Styles in the Wichita Falls, Texas area. Brother Dusty (Joann) Latham in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Many nieces and nephews who loved their Uncle ChaCha dearly. Numerous cousins, other relatives and many, many dear friends.

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An Open Invitation to Young Geologists to Join AAPG

I would like to extend a special invitation to recent graduates and other young geological professionals to join AAPG. There are many young geologists outside the Wichita area that I have never met. They may work out of Great Bend or Hays, Kansas working with smaller oil and gas producers or working on their own as well site geologists. Kansas does have a future for the foreseeable future. The time is now to meet others from larger regional companies to forge a relationship for future employment. Young minds will be needed to replace those retiring and that other bad option.

I joined AAPG late in my career, much to my regret. I now serve voluntarily as a delegate for the Mid-Continent Section representing the Kansas Geological Society.

Respectfully yours,

Wesley D. Hansen Bulletin Editor and AAPG Delegate



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Notes from the 2023 MCS Meeting

KGS members attending from the Wichita area included Doug Davis, Wes Hansen, Kevin Davis, Beth Isern, Kerry Parham, Dave Clothier, Preston Doll, Brian Fisher, Brian Wilhite, and Doug McGuinness. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

There were approximately 550 registrants (includes vendors). Angela Forrest, KGS Library manager, represented the KGS at our Society Booth. The short courses had low turnout, but the field trips and core workshop were sold out.

Doug Davis gave a report on the Sixth Biennial Field Conference by the Geosciences Department at Fort Hays State University slated for October 18-20, 2024. The MCS board voted to send 5K seed money to FHSU to prepare for the conference. The KGS is currently scheduled to hold the 2025 MCS Meeting October 4-7, 2025.

Each of the affiliated societies and foundations of the MCS will receive \$1,000 to fund scholarships and grants.

Meet the Candidates - VP/President Elect



Seth Evenson

Education

B.S. Geology- Wichita State University

Professional Experience

Darrah Oil Company LLC. Geologist, 2009 – Present

Consulting Petroleum Geologist, 2009 - Present

Star Street Ventures, Geologic Technician, 2007 – 2009

Kansas Geological Survey, Sample Technician, 2006 – 2007

Professional Affiliations:

Kansas Geological Society; AAPG; RMAG

At the time of publication of this issue of the KGS Bulletin no other candidate has agreed to run for VP/President Elect.

Write-in candidate if desired

Meet the Candidates - Secretary/Treasurer



Lori Landes

Education:

B.S. Geology, Wichita State University 1983

Professional Experience:

Slawson Exploration, Geotech, 1976-1983

Energy Exploration, Geologist, 1983-1988

Brito Oil, Geologist/Geotech, 1988-1991 2014-Present

Abercrombie Energy Geologist/Geotech, 2007-2014

Professional Affiliations:

Kansas Geological Society

American Association of Petroleum Geologists



Jarred Lies

Education

Kansas State University graduated with my bachelor's in 2010 and masters in 2013

Professional Experience

I have been a consultant for the past 2 years. Before that I was employed by BVD, Inc in Yates Center as their Geologist and did consulting work as well. I do wellsite work as well as mapping/prospect development.

Professional Affiliations

AAPG, KGS

Meet the Candidates - Director



Loveness Mpanje

Education:

Master of Science, Geology (EEPS), Wichita State University, December 2008

Bachelor of Science, Geology, Wichita State University, December 2001

Diploma in Agriculture, University of Malawi, June 1992

Professional Experience:

F.G. Holl Company, LLC, Petroleum Geologist, 12/2001- Present

F.G. Holl Company, LLC, Geological Assistant, 02/2000 - 12/2001

Malawi Government, Ministry of Water Development, Acting Project manager, 8/1995-01/1999

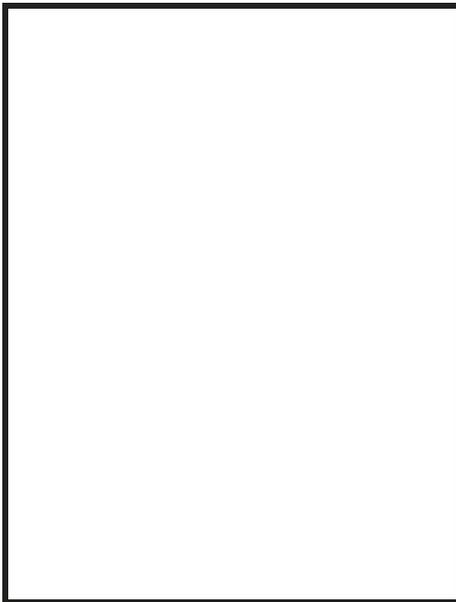
Malawi Government, Ministry of Water Development, Water Supervisor, 05/1993-08/1995

Malawi Government, Ministry of Water Development, Hydrological Officer, 06/1992-05/1993.

Professional Affiliations:

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David Barker

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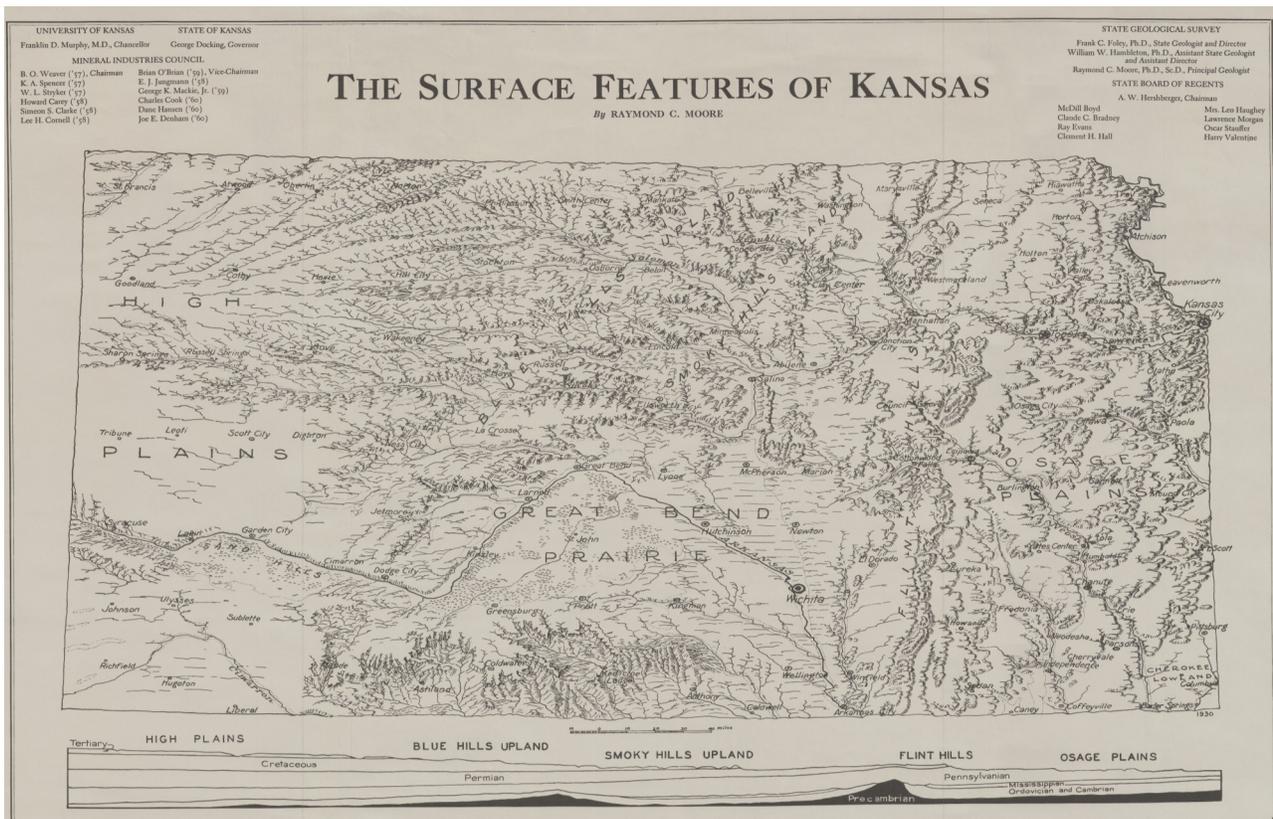
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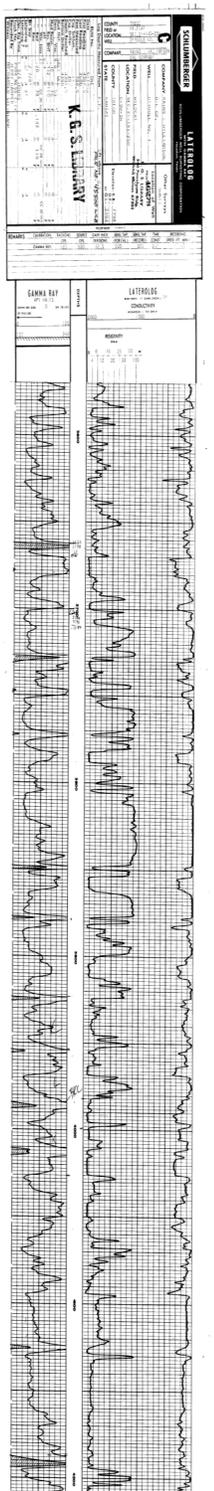
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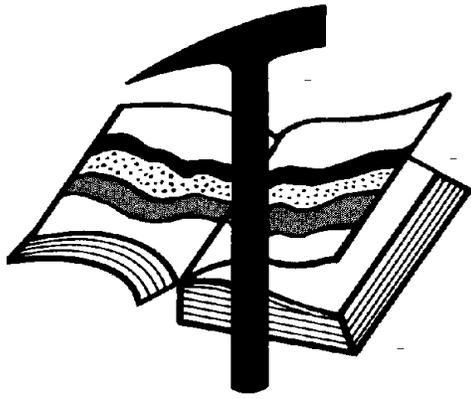
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KGS members please check your files

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KCC rules allow an operator to hold information confidential for a two year period. As long as the well in question is older than the two year period, one can release the data. If one has concerns about alienating a client, of course, feel free to ask for permission.

Wes Hansen



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Hannah Proffitt	University of Kansas	KGF Scholarship	\$1000.00
Luqman Olawale	Kansas State University	KGF Scholarship	\$1000.00
Bryan Heyer	University of Kansas	KGF Scholarship	\$1000.00

KGF Grants

Sarah Lamm, PhD candidate at KU
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Kansas Geological Foundation News

Students: The KGF awards scholarships each December and May. Check with your department chairs for applications. You must submit complete applications by the deadline.

Scholarship Applications for the Fall semester will be due by May 1, 2023.

Grants to help with research on Kansas related geology are also considered for aid.

If you are in the KGS Library and see Ted Jochems or any of the integrators, give any of them a great big thanks for their efforts in continuing the tedious process of examining, scanning and integrating new logs and geologist's reports etc. into our library and the WDL.

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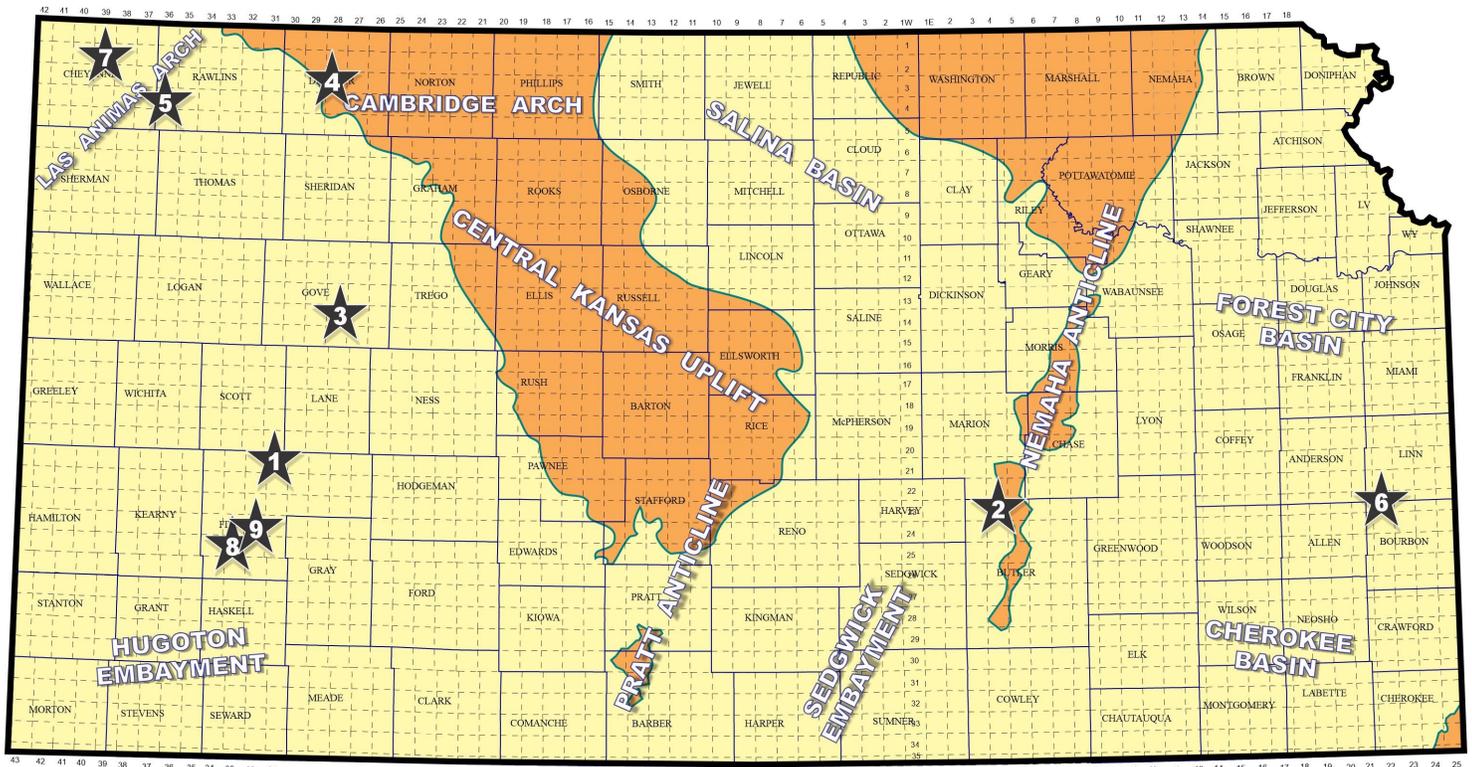
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- 1. Raydon Exploration, Inc.,** Oklahoma City (OK), has discovered Mississippian oil deposits at a rank wildcat well in Finney County, southwest Kansas. The #2-10 Breyfogle is producing an undisclosed amount of crude oil at site located in the SW/4 of section 10- T21s-R31W, about one mile south and eleven miles east of the town of Friend. The well was drilled to an estimated 5,200 ft by Duke Drilling tools. Closest recognized production in the vicinity of the new find lies over four miles away in the Crist oil field, which has produced oil from the Marmaton formation since 1966. Raydon's new oil field has not been named. (Ref: API 15-055-225921)
- 2. IGWT, Inc.,** Rose Hill (KS), has discovered new Mississippian oil reserves at the #1 S & W wildcat well spotted in the NW/4 of section 31- T23s- R4E, in Butler County. The new unnamed pool opener was drilled to a logger's total depth of 2522 ft using C & G Drilling tools. Top of the Mississippian formation was found at 2402 ft. Oil comes from perforations shot between 2420 to 2430 ft. Daily potential has not been disclosed. Site lies six miles northeast of the town of Whitewater (KS), or nearly one mile northeast of the Paulson Southeast pool, which has also produced oil from the Mississippian since 1981. (Ref: API 15-015-24201)
- 3. US Oil Resources LLC,** Lakewood (CO), has discovered new Lansing - Kansas City oil reserves at a wildcat well drilled in the NW/4 of section 6- T14s- R28W, in Gove County. The #6B-6-1428 Tustin was drilled to a total depth of 4,630 ft with Duke Drilling tools. No completion details have been released. Discovery site is located over one mile southeast of the Hoffsmith East pool, which US Oil Resources opened in October 2018 with three Mississippian oil producers completed for 35 to 45 BOPD each on the Beougher lease in section 36- T13s- R29W. Closest recognized LKC production lies nearly two miles away in the Mabel L West oil field. US Oil Resources new discovery is located six miles south of Gove, Kansas. The new field has not been named. (Ref: API 15-063-22431)
- 4. Cobalt Energy LLC,** Wichita (KS), has established new Lansing - Kansas City oil production at their #1-3 Fortin new pool discovery in Decatur County, northwest Kansas. The wildcat well was drilled to a total depth of 3,944 ft at location in the SE/4 of section 3-T3s- R28W, about four miles east of the town of Oberlin. Completion details are confidential currently. The well was put on pump on June 29, 2023. Closest previous production near the new find lies almost two miles away in the Jon oil field (LKC, 1966 to present), which has produced over 1.267 million barrels of crude oil from 34 wells over the years. Cobalt's new pool has been named the "Fortin" pool. (Ref: API 15-039-21294)

5. Downing - Nelson Oil Company, Hays (KS), reports the discovery of two new oil fields in Rawlins County, north-west Kansas. First, the #1-7 Maggie's Farm was drilled in the NW/4 of section 7- T4s- R36W to a total depth of 4,965 ft by Duke Drilling Rig #5. The wildcat well found abundant oil deposits in the Cherokee formation. The new discovery lies over one mile southwest of the one-well Washman oil field, which also produced oil from the Cherokee formation in 1985. Completion details are confidential. The new "Maggie" pool is situated about five miles south and two miles west of McDonald, Kansas. (Ref: API 15-153-21308)

6. In the NE/4 of section 32- T4s- R36W, Downing - Nelson's #1-32 House Farms is producing an undisclosed amount of crude oil from the Marmaton (Pawnee) and Cherokee formations. Operator bottomed the well at a total depth of 4960 ft (4962 LTD). The well was completed in mid-July. Completion details are confidential. Wellsite is located over two miles northeast of multi-pay oil production (Lansing-Kansas City, Marmaton, and Cherokee) in the Little Beaver Creek pool, and is eight miles south of McDonald, Kansas. Downing - Nelson's new discovery has established the "House" oil field. (Ref: API 15-153-21309)

7. McGown Drilling, Inc., Mound City (KS), has established new Cherokee (Bartlesville Sand) oil production nearly two miles east of active wells in the Blue Mound Southeast in Linn County, eastern Kansas. The BB27 Wilson was drilled with company tools in the SE/4 of section 12- T23s- R22E, about two miles south and three miles east of Blue Mound, Kansas. Total depth is 750 ft. No completion details have been released. The well was placed on pump on May 26, 2023. The new oil field has been named "Yoro", based on a nearby railroad stop 130 years called Yoro Station. (Ref: API 15-107-25529)

8. Murfin Drilling Company, INC., Wichita (KS), has completed their #1-3 Waters A as a commercial oil well producing crude from both the Shawnee (Leavenworth) and Lansing - Kansas City limestone formations. The Cheyenne County wildcat well opens the "Devil's Canyon Southeast" pool eleven miles north and two miles west of Bird City, Kansas. Well Location is in the NW/4 of section 3- T2s- R38W. Company drilling tools bottomed the well at a total depth of 4,850 ft. No completion details are available. Closest recognized production in the vicinity of Murfin's new find lies almost two miles away in the Devil's Canyon oil field, which Murfin also discovered in 1988. (Ref: API 15-023-21599)

9. Merit Energy Company LLC, Dallas (TX), reports new oil discoveries in Finney County, southwestern Kansas. First, Merit Energy's #1 Wolverine in the NW/4 of section 26- T25s- R33W is producing crude from the Morrow and Mississippian (Chester Sand) formations effective March 15, 2023. Edge Services Rig #12 drilled the well to a total depth of 5,240 ft. Completion details are confidential. The new "Wolves Northwest" pool opener found reserves over three-quarters mile east of production in the Coyote Northeast Field, which Merit Energy also discovered in July 2015 in section 27. The #6 Drussel 'A' discovery well was completed for 46 BOPD with pay coming from the upper and lower Morrow and Mississippian (Chester) formations. The two oil fields lie about seven miles south and one mile west of Garden City, Kansas. (Ref: API 15-055-22576)

10. In section 28- T24s- R32W, **Merit Energy** has established new Mississippian (Chester) oil production at the #1-28 Napeste located about one mile southwest of Garden City, Kansas. The well was drilled to a total depth of 4,941 ft and was placed on pump on April 20, 2023. Completion details are confidential. Discovery of the new reserves was made about one and one-half miles northwest of recognized Morrow and Mississippian oil production in the Arkansas River pool in section 26, which Merit Energy established in 2016. The new pool discovery on the Napeste lease has been "Arkansas River West". (Ref: 15-055-22581)



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