

## Patrick Balthazor, Geologist, Returns to Kansas

Independent geologist **Patrick Balthazor** has returned to Kansas and opened a consulting office at 1312 Main in Stockton, Kansas 67669. He worked in the Western Kansas oil fields until 1991 when he was offered a position by his friend Steve Dixon who had just joined a new company called Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

Mr. Dixon had received some oil field training under Balthazor prior to joining Chesapeake. Dixon rose to the rank of President / COO with Chesapeake and asked Pat to join the firm to oversee the drilling of horizontal wells in the "Austin Chalk" play in the Gulf Coast region. Pat accepted the position and supervised the drilling of horizontal wells not only in the Gulf Coast area, but also in Oklahoma, the Texas panhandle, Wyoming and Montana.

Pat earned his BS degree in Geology from Fort Hays State University in 1978. He did occasionally return to Kansas to provide his geological services on vertical wells being drilled and has watched over 450+ wells in the Kansas. You can reach Pat on cellular at 785-303-0677. For references, call Mr. Dixon at 405-935-9111.