

## **MEGA Energy LLC**

After working for other natural gas producers in Gillette for 10 years, Paul McElvery wanted the freedom and flexibility that goes with owning his own business. So in 2013 he started MEGA Energy LLC.



MEGA Energy was the first tenant in the Energy Capital Enterprise Center. In fact, Paul rented space in the building even before Energy Capital Economic Development bought it in 2016.

Paul currently owns and operates eight natural gas wells and plans to drill 11 more wells this summer. These will be his first new wells in the last three years. He last drilled in 2014 and took over some orphan wells in 2015.

During his hiatus in drilling, Paul operated the wells he already owned and put together the deals for the wells he's about to drill, which "takes a while," he said. Paul does not employ regular staff but uses contractors for drilling.

"It's hit and miss with these wells," Paul said. "You can hit with one and then miss with another right next to it. It's pretty speculative."

The company name, MEGA, is a salute to his family. The "M" comes from his last name and the "EGA" from his daughters' names in birth order-Emily, Grace and Addison. He and his wife, Tracy, have since added a fourth daughter, Ava, so now "it's just a little drawn out on the end when we say it," Paul said.

Like Paul's family, MEGA Energy continues to grow and contribute to the Campbell County economy.