

The Centerline

I hope everyone had a great summer. The kids are back in school, football season is cranking up and summer weather will soon be giving way to fall, even though not fast enough for some. It also means that Chapter 8 is back from its summer hiatus. As your newly elected president, I feel honored to lead and work, along with my fellow officers and committee chairs, with what I feel is the greatest chapter membership in the IRWA. We have a full line up of meetings and speakers scheduled for the coming year so we hope to see everyone at the monthly meetings.

As evidence of the vitality of our chapter, I was honored to accept the Gene L. Land Award on behalf of Chapter 8 at the 62nd Annual International Education Conference held in Nashville this past June. This award is given to the chapter with the largest numerical gain in membership in the past year. Our young professionals were also well represented and recognized for their contributions at both the International and the Region level at the Annual Educational Refresher Seminar in College Station this past August. I look forward to the continued growth of our young professionals group. I would encourage our more experienced members to mentor and facilitate the transfer of knowledge to our young professionals. In return, our young professionals can introduce new ideas and new technologies to our more mature professionals. I feel it is imperative that we recognize that technology is an integral component in our profession and we must continue to grow and learn regardless of our age or degree of expertise. Working together, we can all benefit from everything we have to offer each other.

Ken Vacek, SR/WA



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IRWA Chapter 8 President*

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Harness the leading edge knowledge and skills to excel in your Right of Way career, earn your credential, and enhance your lifelong continuing education journey.

Choose from five categories of professional education that are customized to fit your unique learning needs and wishes! The five categories are:

- VEIT classes- online classes with a classroom feel
- Leadership Institute- online classes for emerging leaders
- On Demand Classes- online audio/ppt classes
- Education-to-Go- mini-enrichment online classes
- Classroom-based classes- traditional in person classes

[IRWA Education Link](#)

Calendar of Events

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 9 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

September 29 - Yo-Pro Social Networking Event 6pm-8pm

Mo's Irish Pub

CLASSES:



Calendar of Events

October 2016

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October 7 - Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon

Hess Club

October 20 - 3rd Annual SETXDPC Safety Day

Pasadena Municipal Fairgrounds

CLASSES:



Member Spotlight



Malcolm W. Willey

Malcolm Founder/President of Alliance Realty Advisors, a full-services appraisal firm with headquarters located in Conroe servicing all of Texas and Louisiana. He manages a team of commercial, residential and right of way appraisers. Nearing their 16 year anniversary, they are committed to providing quality valuations tailored to their client's specific needs.

How did you first get into the right of way business? In the mid 1970's I worked with a real estate company, owned by my brother, that acquired natural gas pipeline right of way for Moran Utilities. After attending several Special Commissioners Hearings I was first introduced to the right of way appraisal side of our industry.

What advice would you give to someone new in the industry? First off, join IRA and attend as many local chapter meetings, region seminars and national conventions as possible. Next, for long-term job security, specialize in a unique aspect of our profession.

Which of your accomplishments (career or personal) makes you the proudest? After obtaining a B.B.A. and M.B.A. from Sam Houston State University, I was offered a full-time faculty position with the College of Business when I was 22 years old. I am also proud to say that I have learned to truly trust God and believe his promises.

Who is the person or persons who have had the greatest influence on your life (again career or personal) and why? It really depends on the different stages of my career and personal life. As previously mentioned, I had the opportunity to be sponsored as a real estate salesperson and trained by my brother Marshall Willey. For the past twenty years I have been married to and business partners with Linda Willey. Linda has been the heart and soul of our family and business. She continues to provide love and support through all the ups and downs that life can throw at you.

What one word would you use to describe yourself? Blessed

What are you currently reading? I try to start each day with an emailed "Bible In One Year" by Nicky Gumbel with Alpha International. At the office, I typically have multiple ap-

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praisal reports to complete or review on a daily basis.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people. Some of my friends and family are not aware that I am a cancer survivor. Last year I was diagnosed with cancer and had a successful surgery in November 2015. Although the recovery has been problematic, thanks to the grace of God and M.D. Anderson I am cancer free.

If you could be any animal what would you be and why? My wife Linda has always said I look like a lion. I hope it is the Lion Kin type and not the one on the Wizard of Oz.

Do you have any personal life quotes that you use to aid you in the workplace or at home? “The words step and half are not spoken in our home, only family.”

What is your favorite past time? Hobby? Anything outdoors. Especially spending time boating or fishing with our grandkids ages 18, 16, 10 and 5.

What kinds of music do you listen to? Really depends on what I’m doing. Driving in the morning usually Contemporary Christian on 89.3 FM KSBJ or The Message XM Channel. While traveling Texas on ROW appraisal projects typically “old school” country. While I am working out you might catch me listening to classic Rock and Roll.

What are some qualities that you value in a friend? Coworker? For both, I would have to say honesty and loyalty.



Member Spotlight

Kirby Ewing



Kirby is an agent for Contract Land Staff's Client Response Team.

What advice would you give another Young Professional who is trying to "break into" the right of way industry? If you were able, field work is the greatest learning experience you will undertake, so I would advise doing field work initially if possible. Also, this is a tight knit industry, so take pride in what

you do and do it to the best of your ability because your name will follow you throughout your career.

What are some of your biggest challenges? Lingo is an example. There are many acronyms that become fluent with experience in this industry. Also, you will not always have training or a correct protocol for every situation due to the spontaneity of this business, so being educated in your field and being able to think on your feet is something that will go a long way.

How has being involved in the IRWA and in particular Yo Pro's benefited you thus far in your career? Being in the IRWA allows you to be among the most decorated professionals in ROW. This has enabled me to reach out to people I have worked with in the past, present, and hope to work with in the future. Being part of the YoPros has been great. It's always great to have a group of your peers, who can meet on a professional and social level, that can discuss the trials, successes, and possible hurdles that we all go through in this industry. The charity work alone is reason to be a part of this organization.

Which of your accomplishments (career or personal) makes you the proudest? On May 14, 2015 I became a father to my beautiful daughter, Austen Everly Ewing. While I have to give my wife all the credit as far as her being an accomplishment, I take absolute pride and joy in every minute I spend with her.

Who is the person or persons who have had the greatest influence in your life (again career or person) and why? My family have had the greatest influence on my life: My father was an inspiration to me. He was in the ROW business for 30 years, and I only hope to become half of the father, husband and ROW professional that he was. My mother has

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taught me strength as well as given me the ability to see the positives in all aspects of life. My wife and daughter have taught me that above all, love of your family is what makes everything worthwhile.

If you could be any animal what would you be and why? Maybe a sloth. Life with child and fulltime job is 100 miles a minute, which most can relate to, so sleeping 23 hours a day for a while sounds pretty appealing to me. Plus, they always look like they're smiling.

What one word would you use to describe yourself? Persistent.

What are you currently reading? I just finished reading Justin Cronin's City of Mirrors, and reread Dan Brown's Inferno.

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people. Before I was in ROW, I was a sales rep for a wine distributor.

Do you have any personal life quotes that you use to aid you in the workplace? My uncle once told me "you can't look back, ain't heading that way." In this industry, you definitely need your knowledge of past experiences, but I think this quote can apply to different hardships in the field, office or life in general.

What is your favorite past time? Hobby? Past time: being on the water with family and friends. I have many fond memories of water sports and fishing with family growing up. Hobby: playing basketball .This gets harder to do as life gets busier, and the proverbial teeth get longer.

What kinds of music do you listen to? I listen to a wide variety of music, but can listen to acoustic guitar all day.

What are some qualities that you value in a friend? Coworker? Honesty and loyalty above all. It is rare to find someone that holds true to themselves as well as their peers through any and all situations, so I find it comforting when these qualities present themselves in either a friend or coworker.



Chapter 8 Monthly Meeting Recap

IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting Recap – September 9, 2016 – by Teri Cameron

Speakers: Zabel Freeman Law Firm on Eminent Domain

On Friday, September 9, 2016 IRWA Chapter 8 had the pleasure hearing James Freeman speak to us about eminent domain. Although there have not been any significant changes recently, James did discuss some upcoming cases – one in particular, the Denbury case. In the first Denbury opinion, the Court held that a pipeline seeking to assert eminent domain authority had to make a showing that it was in fact a “common carrier.” The case went back to the trial court which again granted summary judgment for the pipeline company. But the court of appeals reversed, holding that fact issues existed on whether Denbury is a common carrier.



James also talked about determining fair-market value of land and that the general rule for determining fair-market value is the before-and-after rule, which requires measuring the difference in the value of the land immediately before and immediately after the taking....

BIO

James Freeman is a Partner in Zabel Freeman and has been practicing law since 1996. James has over twelve years of litigation experience and has been a partner in Zabel Freeman since its inception in June 2006. James' practice has focused and continues to focus primarily on cases involving energy, land, oil and gas, real estate, contractual disputes and eminent domain.

James' clients include major and independent gas utility and common carrier pipeline companies, trucking companies, oil and gas companies, service companies and individuals. James began his legal practice in Galveston, Texas, specializing in insurance defense litigation, including, personal injury, medical malpractice and environmental litigation. In 1998, James joined a small litigation firm in Houston, Texas, specializing in commercial and business litigation. In 2006, James and Tom Zabel formed Zabel Free-

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man. Since that time, James' primary focus has been on commercial litigation, including, eminent domain, real estate, oil and gas, toxic tort and environmental.

James has been selected as a 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Texas Rising Star, Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star Edition, in Energy & Natural Resources by Texas Monthly magazine.



Ken presenting Chapter 8, Region 2's Gene L Land Award—Highest Numerical Gain



Funds raised from the Dan Ewing Memorial Golf Tournament
\$26,000 for the Harris County Precinct One Street Olympics
\$26,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

In Remembrance

We Remember Alan Wurtz

Surrounded by family, Alan passed away on July 19, 2016 at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He was 69 years old.

Alan was born in a log cabin to Wesley William Wurtz and Ruth Merriman Wurtz on January 14, 1947 in Mound City, KS. He was a Kansas boy who loved to fish, hunt and get into mischief while working on his family farm. He was regularly tormented by his older brothers, Richard and Donny. After graduating from high school, he completed his Bachelors and Master's degree at Pittsburgh State University. Later he attained his Juris Doctorate at the University of Tulsa College of Law in Oklahoma.



He married Marcia E. Wurtz and had three daughters, Jennifer, Casandra and Allison. He was a devoted father. He taught his daughters girls don't cry, life's not fair, inside my house it is a benevolent dictatorship, and no matter what the hardship, this too shall pass.

Alan originally began his career as a junior high teacher and coach. After six years as a teacher, he started Wurtz Brothers Abstract and Real Estate Company with his brother Richard. Life events called for a change through the recommendation of a friend, he entered the right of way business with Coates Field Service as an agent. He continued his work as a manager with Williams Natural Gas and Williams Energy Services before joining Enterprise Products as Director, Land in 2003. Alan joined Percheron Acquisitions, LLC in 2009 and became President in 2011. With nearly 40 years of right of way experience, he played an instrumental role in expanding the company into new geographic markets.

He had a passion for the right of way profession and joined the

IRWA early in his new career. He became actively involved in the organization beginning at the Chapter level. After many years of service, he joined the International Executive Committee, serving as IRWA International President from 2001-2002. He also served as a member of the International Oil & Gas Pipeline Committee for more than 35 years.

For many years, IRWA's annual conferences served as family vacation destinations. And because Alan was an avid history buff, he often added side visits to historical sites and museums, much to the chagrin of his daughters. Not surprisingly, his passion for the right of way profession was passed on to the families of his three daughters. A member of each family has been or is currently active in right of way.

Alan married Gail Foster on June 2, 2007. Together, they enjoyed traveling, concerts, movies, and spending time with family and friends.

Alan was a rare kind of man, a true leader and gentleman. He was a giant in the industry and will be greatly missed. His legacy will be his faith, his family, and his service to others and the profession he loved.

Alan is survived by his wife Gail Wurtz, three daughters, Jennifer (Bart) Workman, Cassandra (Josh) Gaddis and Allison (Brent Bisgard) Wurtz, one grandson, Nicolaus Workman, and six granddaughters, Nicole Workman, Taylor Gaddis, Morgan Gaddis, Gabrielle Gaddis, Madison Gaddis and McCartney Bisgard.

If you wish to make a donation to the RWIEF in remembrance of Alan Wurtz, please follow the link below.

[Click Here](#)

Young Professionals

YP Education Luncheon Summary - August 31, 2016

As part of the Young Professional Luncheon Series, the Chapter 8 Young Professionals presented a panel of experts addressing issues related to right-of-way project management and budgeting. The panel, moderated by Leonard Thurmond, included well known figures in the right-of-way professions such as Pamela W. Alley with Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Eric C. Alley with Enterprise Products, Christopher Morgan with Energy Access Solutions, and Amy Owens with Fairway Energy. Several young professionals attended, almost filling the conference room to capacity. Amongst the general issues discussed, our panelists emphasized the importance of establishing a human connection with landowners and practicing the virtues of patience and empathy when addressing a landowner's concerns. Our discussion further explained that we can build stronger relationships with landowners by listening to them and respecting their concerns instead of simply treating landowners as a problem to fix or an obstacle to overcome.

The Young Professionals thank Kinder-Morgan for hosting the lunch, particularly Ramiro Roel and Dan Gredvig for coordinating with our group, and we thank all of our panelists, who took time out of their days to share their experiences and wisdom. We look forward to hosting similar a similar event in the future.



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2016 IRWA Chapter 8 YP School Supplies Drive

Every year, the IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professionals hold a school supplies drive for the children of Harris County Street Olympics. Please bring school supplies to every chapter luncheon from now until September! Even better, start a competition within your own organization!

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Give Back To Education Through
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

During Every Chapter 8 Monthly Luncheon From April - Sept.



Benefitting
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Please bring new school supplies
suitable for ages 6-18.

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- Backpacks • Paper Notebooks • Ruled Paper • Calculators
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- Highlighters • Construction Paper

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Young Professionals

Announcing The 2016-2017 IRWA Chapter 8 Young Professional's Committee

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Daniel Shaw, Pinnacle Group

Congratulations to our new IRWA C8 YPG Leadership!

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CHAPTER 8 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS **Social Networking Event**

WHERE: MO'S IRISH PUB*
138 VINTAGE PARK BLVD
HOUSTON, TX 77070

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPT. 29TH
6:00PM TO 7:30PM

RSVP: IRWAYPC8@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER [@IRWAYP_C8](https://twitter.com/IRWAYP_C8)

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*This event will be a Cash Bar

TARGETING our Attention

A communication strategy with high impact results

DEIDRE ALVES M.ED.

They say that inspiration can strike anywhere. As I recently discovered, “anywhere” can even mean a hospital emergency room!

Now going to a hospital is about the last thing anybody wants to do—especially on a holiday weekend. But that’s exactly where I found myself on the 4th of July, and where I experienced something unexpected, yet inspiring, that would change my life.

“Right now, you are the most important person in the world to me.”

These are the words my doctor said to assure me as I tried to describe my symptoms but feared I might be taking too much of his time. I was keenly aware of other people that needed his help and wanted to be respectful. His kind words immediately stopped my worry, and they caused me to feel valued and cared for. I was reassured that I was worth the time, and together we would get through this.

It got me thinking about how these words could be applied to our daily lives in right of way and infrastructure management. These words—which can be used during face-to-face contact with property owners, interactions with colleagues and even during educational classes and meetings—can change a life. Imagine if we let each property owner know that, right now they are the most important

person in the world to us. How different would the conversation be? How different would they feel, and how much better an outcome could result?

Now think about the impact we can have by giving our colleagues or direct reports that same level of attention. How might this affect the way they see and trust us? And if we were able to open up true and honest communication channels, how might this positively impact their personal life?

What if our instructors applied this in the classroom, letting their students know that they are the most important people in the world to them? How different might the learning experience be? How much better would a student feel about contributing and asking questions, taking risks in an effort to gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter? Just imagine how far reaching the effects could be, especially as it applies to their future professional growth and development.

Now think about how these words might impact our own work. What if we truly listened and were as intensely and urgently plugged in to another human being’s needs as my doctor was to me in that emergency room? How greatly would this enhance our leadership skills and our ability to transform lives?

Recently, I put this into action and tried it with a colleague. Initially, I had to actually say the words silently to myself, “right now you are the most important person in the world to me.” This really helped me to stay focused. I felt completely in tune with this person and what they were saying. It lasted all of 30 seconds before my mind wandered, and I realized that for this to work, I had to repeat those words over and over again in my mind. This finally did the trick and helped me to refocus. Clearly, it is not easy, but with practice and discipline, I have learned that it is a high impact tool that improves leadership, communication, compassion, understanding and outcome.

I encourage you to give it a try. And be prepared for some amazing results. ☺



Deidre is IRWA's Vice President of Professional Development.

C417—The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate

Start Date: 11/9/2016
End Date: 11/10/2016
No. of Days: 2 Days
Course Level: Advanced
CEU Credits: 16.00
Class Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Daily
Tuition: \$415.00 Member/\$520.00 Non-Member
Sponsored By: Chapter 8

Course Description: [C417 The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate](#)

INSTRUCTOR:

Orell Anderson, MAI specializes in real property damage economics and has consulted on some of the world's largest challenges such as Hurricane Katrina, the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Sites, the World Trade Center and Flight 93 Crash Site; the largest climate, environmental and terrorist cases in the history of today's world. Mr. Anderson recently founded Strategic Property Analytics, Inc. For 15 years prior to this he was a member of Bell Anderson Sanders LLC and before that he helped establish real estate damages practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Anderson is co-chair of the American Bar Association's Litigation Sub-Committee on Expert Witness Programming, and Co-chair of the ABA's Environmental Committees on Damages and Eminent Domain. He was the immediate past Chair of the International Right of Way Association's Valuation Community of Practice, and holds the MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute. As a qualified expert, Mr. Anderson has testified in Federal and state courts and volunteers on a special taskforce real estate fraud for the Los Angeles district attorney's office. He is dedicated to his practice in real property damage economics and strategic analytics. He is a frequent speaker, instructor and writer, as well as an enthusiastic artist. Mr. Anderson is the contributing author of Real Estate Damages and is also a developer and instructor of courses and continuing education offerings for the American Bar Association, the Appraisal Institute, the International Right of Way Association, and the American Society of Appraisers among others. The Ap-



praisal of Real Estate sites Mr. Anderson as the source for further reading of USPAP's Advisory Opinion 9: The Appraisal of Real Property That May Be Impacted By Environmental Contamination. Mr. Anderson was the recipient of the IRWA's Mark A. Green Award for Journalistic Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to Right of Way in 1999, was recognized as Southern California's first National Volunteer of Distinction by the Appraisal Institute in 2012. He is currently assembling a team of international experts to write a textbook on corridor valuation for the IRWA.

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Participants are responsible for their own accommodations



811 Excavation Safety Day 20 Oct 16

3RD ANNUAL SETXDPC SAFETY DAY

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM (CDT)

Pasadena Municipal Fairgrounds

7902 W Fairmont Pkwy

Pasadena, TX 77507

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New Requirements for Filing for SR/WA Candidacy

Transitioning Options Update

Transitioning your current certification from the old program to the new Industry Certification Program:

Pathway certification levels available under the new Industry Certification Program are:

Generalist	O&G Pipeline	Transportation	Electric-Utilities
RWA	RWA	RWA	RWA
RWP-GN	RWP-OG	RWP-TN	RWP-EU
SR/WA-GN	SR/WA-OG	SR/WA-TN	SR/WA-EU

Anyone who held an RWA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWA under the new Industry Certification Program in any of the -GN, -OG, -TN & EU pathways.

Anyone who held an RWP certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an RWP-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically an SR/WA-GN under the new Industry Certification Program.

Anyone who held an RWA, RWP or SR/WA certification prior to January 14, 2016 is automatically granted credit for RWA level coursework under all of the pathways (-GN, -OG, -TN & EU) within the new Industry Certification Program.

Transitioning options for those partially through the old program (the pre-2016 RWA, RWP or SR/WA program):

You will have until December 31, 2016 to earn 64 or more credits hours of IRWA course work to qualify for SR/WA candidacy

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You will have until December 31, 2016 to apply for SR/WA candidacy.

Approved candidates must complete the requirements within the 5-year candidacy time frame. Candidates who complete this certification under the pre-2016 program will be granted SR/WA-GN certification.

WHO SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH?

Chapter 8 Members,

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 member. (Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award Winning The Centerline.
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Fun & Games

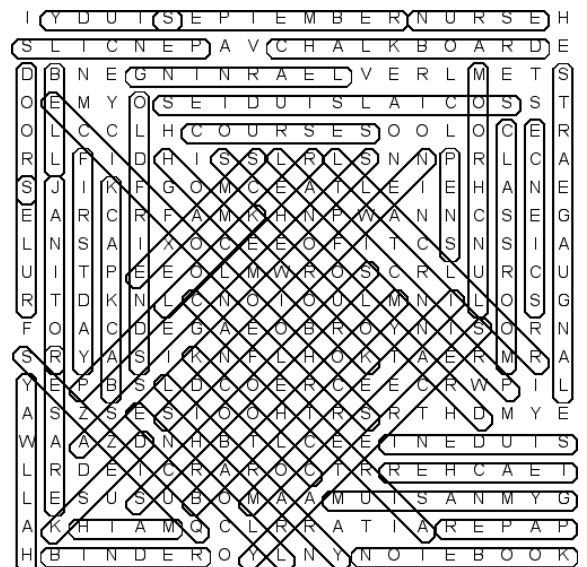
"Life is more fun if you play games." ~ Roald Dahl

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ASSIGNMENTS	DOORS	LEARNING	PENCILS	SEPTEMBER
BACKPACK	ENROLL	LIBRARY	PENS	SOCIAL STUDIES
BATHROOM	ERASER	LOCKER	PRINCIPAL	STUDENT STUDY
BELL	EXAMS	LUNCHROOM	QUIZZES	TEACHER
BINDER	FIRST DAY	MATH	ROLL CALL	
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Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

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