

## Register now for GO-WV Sports Weekend

Register [online here](#), or use the forms on pages 16 and 17, to join the fun at the 2025 GO-WV Sports Weekend beginning on Friday, September 26, at Bridgeport Country Club. Activities begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. followed by breakfast.

The four-person scramble golf tournament features a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Your golf foursome fee includes registration at \$800 for members and \$900 for nonmembers.

Lunch will be served following golf at the Bridgeport Country Club. Skill prizes will be

awarded to the golfers, plus door prizes galore for all to win!

GO-WV will NOT have tickets for Saturday's football game against Utah and we will NOT have a tailgate party; you need to make your own arrangements for tickets.

The game time is currently to be determined.



*Craig Colombo  
GO-WV Vice Chair  
& Program Chair*

## Clay Perkins to be honored as WV Oil & Gas Person of the Year at WV Oil & Gas Festival

The Board of the West Virginia Oil and Gas Festival is excited to announce that the 57th annual event will take place in Sistersville, WV, at the City Park on September 10-13, 2025.

This year's event will continue several changes made to last year's Festival, while maintaining the traditions that the Festival has offered over the past 56 years. Traditions to take in at the Festival include the queen's pageant, the oil and gas exhibits, various entertainment venues, craft booths and children's events and games. Other events and attractions remain in the planning stages.

The 2025 Oil and Gas Person of the Year, Clay Perkins, will be honored at an invitation-only dinner co-hosted by the Festival Board and the Gas and Oil Association of WV on Friday, September 12 at 4:30pm at the First Baptist Church in Sistersville. Perkins will serve as grand marshal of the traditional festival parade that begins at 12:00pm. on Saturday.

Clay Perkins, a fourth-generation oilman, has worked in the oil and gas industry for most of his life. Clay's grandpa, Carl D. Perkins, started

in the oil business in 1947 and founded Perkins Oil and Gas with his son Deryl in the 1970s. Some of Clay's earliest memories are of working in the oilfields beside his dad and grandpa starting as young as age four, and he loved every moment of it! The family still



operates wells that were drilled as far back as the 1800s.

After graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1994, Clay attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas graduating in 1997 with a double major in Human Resource Management and Psychology. After graduating from college, he immediately went back to work for Perkins Oil and Gas beginning as a rig hand, rig operator, and later a tool pusher. Clay is thankful for the example and knowledge he gained from both his dad and grandpa as well as numerous mentors over the years.

**Clay Perkins**

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# Sorry, New York: West Virginia won't clean up your climate mess

West Virginians mined the coal that forged the steel that built New York City.

The Empire State Building, the Brooklyn Bridge, even the subway — none of these iconic landmarks would exist without the blood and sweat of West Virginia coal miners.

West Virginia still powers the nation, supplementing its coal production with oil and natural gas.

But New York elites want to punish West Virginians for doing the very jobs that provide them so much comfort in their ivory towers.

The [Climate Change Superfund Act](#), which the Democrat-run state Legislature passed and Gov. Kathy Hochul signed into law in December, imposes liability on energy producers for doing just that — producing energy.

It declares that carbon emissions cause climate change, and are therefore to blame for any and every undesirable weather condition the state faces.

New York's state government has bungled disaster response time and again. Its politicians want someone to blame, and they chose the energy industry.

They chose wrong.

West Virginians don't back down.

And we won't allow political elites to serve as judge, jury and executioner against the industry that employs thousands of West Virginia coal miners and gas and oil technicians and operators.

New York's law imposes [strict liability on any company producing a certain](#), arbitrary amount of carbon emissions, to be determined by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Worse, the law targets past emissions, punishing producers retroactively for lawfully running their businesses.

The DEC doesn't have to find fault. It doesn't have to file a lawsuit and convince a judge or jury that a [particular energy producer caused specific harm](#) to New York.

No, the law declares energy producers to be automatically "responsible" just because politicians say so.

That's not justice, and it's not the rule of law.

That's authoritarian bureaucrats picking winners and losers.

And the losers will be many.

The statute requires energy producers to pay \$75 billion to the state of New York — money that could be spent on salaries and



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Charlie Burd *GO-WV President*

## From the Burd's Nest: Hanging up the cleats

It's highly likely that most of you who routinely read this column have grown tired of my constant writings that include references to baseball. For that I apologize, but inspiration from my son Nathan has led me, one more time, to compare a baseball or sports career analogy to one of working in the oil and natural gas industry!

By now, you have received my July 18 "open letter to the members" announcing my retirement.

It informs everyone my retirement is in the works and will occur after a GO-WV President-Elect has been hired and trained. Even though this may take twelve months or more, between now and then, I will stay very busy with my existing duties as well as working with the person who will become GO-WV's new President.

Soon after my letter announcement was sent to the entire GO-WV membership, I forwarded the Action Alert to my wife Leone, my two sons, Charlie and Nathan, and other close family members. While my potential retirement had been discussed on numerous occasions around our family dinner table over the past several months, it was a decision left undecided until recently.

Almost immediately after emailing my family, it was this text message that I received from Nathan that convinced me I had made the right decision. It read, "Dad, congrats on one hell of a career. Finally, time to hang up the cleats and frame the jersey. What an illustrious journey it has been; thank you for always including us when you could! Excited about the next chapter."

Sons can certainly make fathers proud. Nathan's short text message summed it up perfectly: Great career, it is time, it's been a great ride, thanks for including us, and let's move on. And he placed his remarks in the context of sports.

Deciding when to "hang up the cleats" can be a difficult and deeply personal decision. No

two individuals may approach it the same. In sports there can be obvious signs such as a level of diminished performance due to an injury that is impossible to overcome, mental burnout, or maybe just a lack or loss of enthusiasm for the game. In business these same factors can also be part of that decision-making process, but you can also include such things as a major life change, the accomplishment of personal goals or aspirations, financial considerations, or input from family members.

Several years ago, the Association initiated its public energy education outreach programs. As part of that, we traveled to high schools across the state to tell students of the great job opportunities the oil and natural gas industry had to offer them. My message to them was simple, "Find your passion and be passionate about it." That was an easy message for me to proclaim, because if you ask my family, they will tell you that I work 24-7-365 because I love what I do and love the people I work with—and **YOU**—the GO-WV members.

Everyone has a different level of commitment, and everyone must also accept the reality that the game cannot be played forever. For everything there is a season (baseball again!).

There's no playbook for how we are supposed to feel when our playing time is done. You take it in stride and look forward to the next challenge, or you hang on to the past, thinking about the good, bad and memorable times that have led to this moment. There is no right or wrong answer. When you are done playing, you will learn the difference between the work side and retirement side of the coin.

For me, that will be devoting more long overdue time to my family—after framing my "GO-WV Team Jersey"!



## Upcoming events for your review

September 10-13, 2025

**WV Oil & Gas Festival**  
*Sistersville, WV*

September 12, 2025

**WV O&G Festival Person of the Year  
Ceremony**  
*First Baptist Church, Sistersville, WV*

September 15, 2025

**BHE GT&S Golf Outing**  
*Pete Dye Golf Course, Clarksburg, WV*

September 16-18, 2026

**Shale Insight Conference**  
*Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA*

September 22-24, 2025

**IOGCC Annual Conference**  
*Anchorage, AK*  
Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc)

September 26-27, 2025

**GO-WV Sports Weekend**  
*Bridgeport Country Club and Mountaineer Field*  
Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

October 2, 2025

**SOOGA Fall Trade Show**  
*Towers Conference Center, Marietta, OH*  
Info: [sooga.org](http://sooga.org)

October 21-23, 2025

**SPE Appalachian Chapter Annual Meeting**  
*Charleston, WV*

February 5, 2026

**Gas & Oil Day at the Legislature**  
*State Capitol, Charleston, WV*

January 21-22, 2026

**GO-WV Winter Meeting**  
*Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, WV*

August 2-4, 2026

**GO-WV Summer Meeting**  
*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*

# Oil & Gas Museum

The Oil, Gas and Industrial Historical Association, West Virginia's only multi-site museum, highlights the history and present day impact of oil and gas in the Appalachian Basin.



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Start exploring the Oil and Gas Museum and travel back in time with us.



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# A letter from the WV Oil & Gas Festival Board

Dear Friend of the WV Oil and Gas Festival,

The WV Oil & Gas Festival has been a staple in the Tyler County Community for 57 years and this year we are looking for your support to continue to develop the festival! Last year we put on a remarkable event and look to make this year the largest WV Oil & Gas Festival to date!

The Board of Directors would like to welcome you as a sponsor for the 57th Annual WV Oil & Gas Festival. This event will take place September 10-13, 2025 at the City Park in downtown Sistersville, WV. We are excited to announce our new sponsorship packages while continuing to offer our traditional ad packages that helps support us while promoting your business.

Please consider helping us grow through one of the packages below...

## **Wildcatter Business Package - \$500 - \$999**

Two (2) tickets to our 2nd Annual Dinner Ferry Boat River Cruise, advertisement on our Facebook page, Certificate of Recognition to be displayed in your business, visual and vocal advertisement at our festival grounds, and printed advertisement in the festival's program book.

## **Gusher Business Package - \$1,000 - \$1,499**

Two (2) tickets to the special viewing area for the fireworks show on September 13th, radio advertisement, PLUS the Wildcatter Business Package.

## **Big Moses Sponsorship - \$1,500 - \$2,000**

Two (2) tickets to the WV Oil & Gas Person of the Year Dinner on September 12th, PLUS the Wildcatter and Gusher Business Packages.

## **Other Sponsorship Opportunities - \$2,000 +**

We also have larger sponsorship opportunities such as our Entertainment, Queen's Pageant, Free Carnival Rides, Fireworks, Propane for our engine show, and much, much, more.

## **Program Ad Packages**

We offer Program Ads in our yearly program, that include your business logo advertised on the festival grounds.

Full Page	7.5x10 in	\$500.00
Half Page	7.5x5 in	\$250.00
Quarter Page	3.5x5 in	\$125.00
One Eighth Page	3.5x2.5 in	\$ 75.00

Should you be willing to join in our efforts in honoring the past, present, and future of the Oil & Gas Industry in West Virginia, please complete the form on page 7. If you have any questions, please reach out to the contact information below. We look forward to this partnership as we continue to grow the WV Oil & Gas Festival into an event that every supporter can be proud of.

Regards,

John Roop

Chairman of the Board

WV Oil & Gas Festival

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# WV Oil & Gas Festival Sponsorship Form



Checks and art work can be mailed to:

WV Oil and Gas Festival

PO Box 25, Sistersville, WV 26175

Digital copies of art work is preferred and can sent to [Wvoilandgasfestival@gmail.com](mailto:Wvoilandgasfestival@gmail.com) by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Selection	Sponsorship	Dollar Range	Amount
_____	Wildcatter Package	\$500.00 - \$999.00	\$ _____
_____	Gusher Package	\$1,000.00 - \$1,499.00	\$ _____
_____	Big Moses Package	\$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00	\$ _____
_____	Custom Package	\$2,000.00 +	\$ _____
_____	Full Page Ad	\$500.00	\$ _____
_____	Half Page Ad	\$250.00	\$ _____
_____	Quarter Page Ad	\$125.00	\$ _____
_____	One Either Page Ad	\$75.00	\$ _____
_____	Friends of the Pageant		\$ _____
_____	Donation Dollar		\$ _____
	Total Amount		\$ _____

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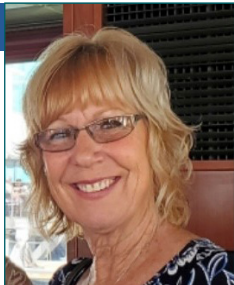
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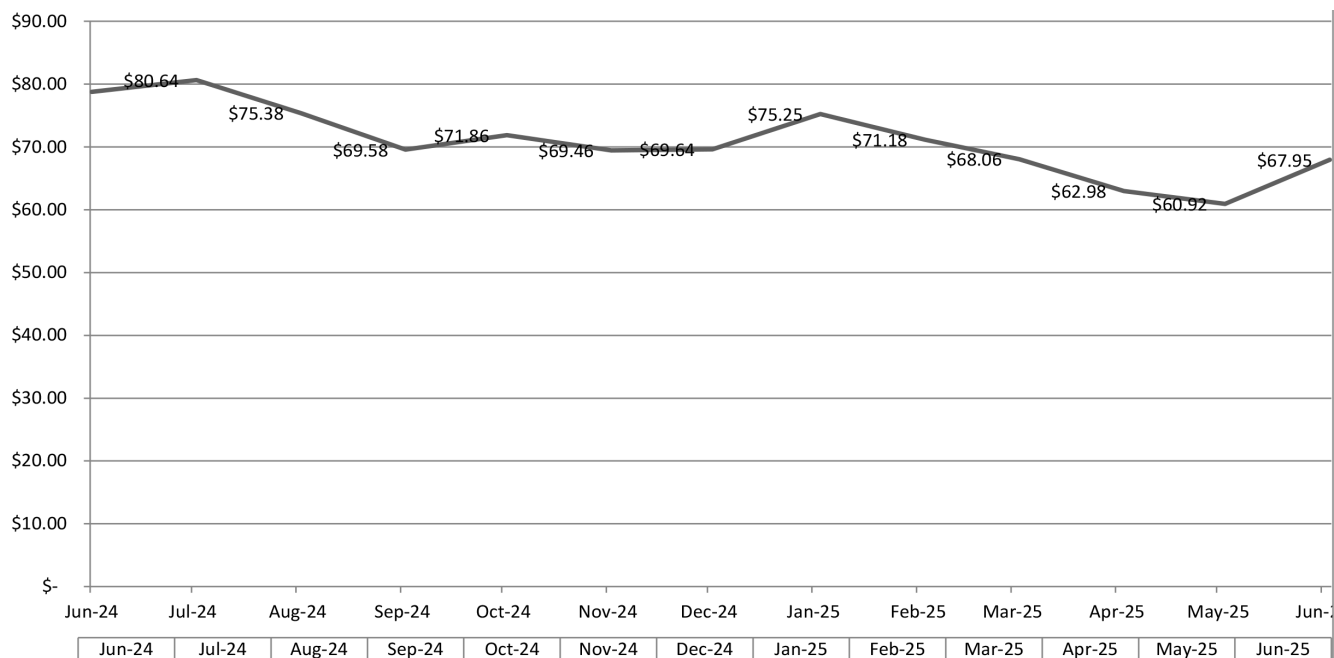


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# WeatherBELL: Hurricane Season Forecast



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The hurricane season forecast update is based on the overall cooling of SSTs in the Atlantic and the pressure patterns forecasted for the heart of the season. The Main Development Region remains cooler than last year at this time and we have a totally different pattern setup.

Named Storms: 14-18 (U.S. Impacts 4-6)

Total Hurricanes: 6-8 (U.S. Impacts 2-3)

Major Hurricanes: 2-3 (U.S. Impacts 1-2)

Based on the analogs for similar patterns to this year, we are expecting higher than normal activity near the East Coast of the U.S. and eastern Gulf Coast with lower than normal activity in the Caribbean. The greatest threat to the U.S. will be from "homegrown" storms rather than long-tracked systems.



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## Facts tell, passion sells

A few years ago, at an industry conference, my closing story was running my first half-marathon with our daughter, Dannielle. The audience needed to know they have the ability to do great things if they believe and do the work. I've told the story over a hundred times. This audience was hearing it for the first time. To keep it fresh, I re-live the events, telling it with the same passion as if it happened yesterday.

This week, Lynnda and I are in Phoenix at Influence, the National Speakers Association's Annual Conference. Professional speakers know two things:

- #1 It's all about the audience, not about us or our message. What can we do to make a positive difference in their lives?
- #2 People won't always remember what we say. They will always remember how we made them feel.

A year later I was back at the same conference as an attendee. A young lady approached me to say, "Mr. Kozera, I wanted to let you know that you and Dannielle inspired me to run the Pittsburgh Half-Marathon." Then she added, "I figured if an old guy like you could run a half-marathon, so could I." Facts alone weren't enough, my passion and the story made it memorable and motivating.

My goal here is to avoid politics and giving opinion. Readers need facts, sound science and basic engineering principals. This example may be helpful. I challenge you to forget anything you have heard or believe. Keep an open mind. Bury emotion. Be like Mr. Spock in Star Trek who makes decisions based on logic. Just understand the facts with no emotion or passion.

We live on a hill top and get a lot of rain. Water NEVER runs up the hill. It always runs downhill or pools in a flat area. I prefer to run on flat ground or downhill. It's easier. I hate running uphill. Imagine a gallon of brine pumped down a well into a rock formation a mile deep. (Similar to where it was before coming out of the ground

with natural gas.) Where will the gallon of water naturally want to go? The water will stay a mile deep or go deeper if it finds a crack. That's the law of gravity we all have to live with on earth. How can that gallon of water defy gravity and make its way through a mile of solid rock UP to where our drinking water is at around 100 feet? The law of gravity says it can't. That's why we don't see ground water contamination from below. We can get emotional, pass new regulations or get a court to rule the law of gravity is void and water can defy gravity. Doesn't matter. The water will still remain deep underground.

As a professional engineer, I have been involved with hundreds of contaminated water wells. 100% of the time contamination came from ABOVE, typically, a septic tank or drain field. One farmer drilled an uncemented water well next to his pigpen so he didn't have to haul water. Guess why his water well was contaminated? It wasn't from brine 4,000+ feet below. In some cases, people dumped or buried waste, like a service station that dumped antifreeze and oil behind their station. It was proved "fracking" wasn't the problem. All wells, production or injection, have multiple strings of cemented casing. Lynnda and I have lived among gas and oil wells for 50 years. Neither we nor our neighbors ever had a water contamination problem. Injection wells have additional regulations to protect drinking water.

Facts are important but people usually make decisions based on emotion and try to justify them with logic. Technical people are at a disadvantage if they can't connect with people emotionally. The facts won't matter. Passion and emotion in messaging and sales is powerful whether a product or an idea is being sold. Our passion and emotion can show if we believe in what we are selling. It's hard to hide how we feel. All three of our children left West Virginia because there weren't jobs here at the time. Lynnda tells me, "You are consumed

**Passion sells**

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# Protecting people and projects: Combating human trafficking in the energy sector

When someone mentions human trafficking, you may have thoughts of children being kidnapped into a white van, never to be seen again. Or you may even think it simply doesn't happen "here," not in my town, not in MY backyard. And you may wonder how this heinous crime is even a concern of the energy industry and why it applies to your everyday job.

TAT addresses these myths, and, once you train with TAT materials, there is simply no denying how the energy industry can make a huge impact in fighting this crime.

Established in 2009, TAT's mission is to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of key industries and agencies to combat human trafficking. With a mobile workforce often housed away from home for the duration of a job, to complex supply chains of goods and services, the energy industry is one of those key industries and plays a significant role in spotting and reporting human trafficking.

## Myths of human trafficking

The first step in human trafficking awareness is debunking the myths and offering education on what this crime actually looks like. Human trafficking is the exploitation of another human being for profit using force, fraud or coercion. Traffickers are criminal business people, who take advantage of individuals' vulnerabilities to sell them, most often for labor or commercial sex. Kidnapping is rare in human trafficking, and survivors of this crime often know their trafficker prior to their exploitation. Human trafficking happens everywhere, in both rural and urban settings, with reports of it in all 50 states.

## Intersections with the energy industry

While the energy sector may not be the first industry that comes to mind when discussing human trafficking, employees may come into contact with it in a variety of ways, and unless they are trained to know the red flags, they may not even realize it.

Human traffickers actively seek opportunities to sell their victims, paying close attention, for example, when energy companies launch new

operations or temporarily relocate workers. With sex trafficking, they search for places where they hope to find large groups of men, and this makes the energy industry a prime target.

Additionally, the significant influx of temporary workers at rural job sites could lead to an increase of labor trafficking, as businesses may respond to the new demand with unethical employment practices. Consider how hotels, restaurants, laundry and dry cleaning services, or other local businesses might supply their own temporary workforce for the duration of a job.

## Training with TAT

Knowing that the energy industry is a target for traffickers can be incredibly frustrating, but the good news is that members of this industry are also key players in fighting this crime. When trained to know what human trafficking is, how to spot red flag indicators and how to effectively report it, your employees can combat human trafficking and truly make a difference in the communities where they live and work.

TAT offers industry-specific training free of charge. Begin by training employees with the energy video, easily incorporated into onboarding or internal learning systems. After training, distribute wallet cards and hard hat stickers to reinforce the message. Additionally, encourage all employees to download the TAT app, so they have resources available at their fingertips.

To ensure human trafficking awareness becomes part of your company culture, make continuing education a priority by using TAT's safety moment guide in the field. Enforce your stance that human trafficking will not be tolerated at your company by adopting an anti-trafficking policy using TAT's sample language as a guide.

TAT makes it easy to add an anti-human trafficking initiative to your company's existing programs and procedures and will help you every step of the way. It's free training that could truly help save a life.

Learn more about TAT's energy program here: <https://tatnonprofit.org/energy/> or contact [Lindsey Mattson](#), Director of Industry Engagement.



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West Virginia Department of Transportation

## Division of Motor Vehicles

## Application for a Gas &amp; Oil Association of WV License Plate



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dmv.wv.gov

## PLATE SAMPLE



## A) Applicant/Owner(s) Information - Use Name(s) of Owner(s) as shown exactly on current registration card that you wish to register the license plate.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## B) Vehicle Information

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year    Title No.        VIN No.                 Current Plate No.        

## C) Insurance Information

Effective Dates of Policy From: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

NAIC Number     Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_

## D) Applicant Certification

I certify that all information on this application is true and correct and if I cease to be in good standing with the above organization, I will immediately return the special license plate to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

## E) Application Information

1. Anyone is eligible to apply for a Gas & Oil Association of WV license plate.
2. A vehicle must be Class A and have a West Virginia title and license plate in the name of the applicant before a special plate can be issued.
3. The current license plate must be returned to the Division of Motor Vehicles after the special plate is received. After issuance of the special plate, the exchanged plate is canceled and cannot be transferred to another vehicle. There are no refunds.
4. A \$91.50 fee will cover the cost of the license plate for the 1st year or a portion of the 1st year. This is a flat fee for all applicants and is not prorated. This plate will expire on July 1st every year and have a renewal fee of \$66.50.
5. Send the application and the \$91.50 check or money order payable to Gas & Oil Association of WV at the address listed below. Please include your personal property tax receipt or an affidavit from the assessor if your registration is expiring within 60 days of your application.

Gas & Oil Association of WV c/o Charlie Burd  
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by Shale Crescent.” I can’t hide my passion. I believe in the work we are doing to bring back high-wage jobs and raise the standard of living for people working in the Shale Crescent region. In a relationship, the words “I love you” are important. Non-verbal communication and HOW they are said will determine if they are believed. Passion helps.

When people in power lie, use half-truths or don’t understand basic science and engineering, poor decisions result based on emotion and fantasy, instead facts. In the 2010 movie *GasLand*, producer Josh Fox lights a flowing water faucet at Dimock, PA, enraging the public. Josh’s narrative was, the evil natural gas industry was destroying our water. At a showing in Virginia, I was an Association President and first speaker following the film. I was curious where Dimock is located. On a Pennsylvania map I noticed Salt Spring State Park nearby. The park name aroused my curiosity. Calling the park, I reached a ranger. She loved the park and excitedly told me all about it from the beginning adding, “In winter when the ponds freeze over, if you drill a hole in the ice you can light the water!” The Drake Well in 1859 was only 59 feet deep. Shallow oil and gas are common in Pennsylvania. The water Josh lit had nothing to do with “fracking.” People have been lighting water in Dimock for over 100 years. I told the audience that story with passion. The woman who set up the movie showing called the next day. “I don’t know what you did. Those people were mad at the oil and gas industry after the movie. But when they left they were mad at Josh Fox and Hollywood for fooling them.”

Passion sells. Technical people can learn to be memorable by adding story and passion to presentations. People make emotional decisions. It’s important to understand facts before buying ideas or products.



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benefits for workers, or for new infrastructure projects to make everyone's energy more affordable.

That \$75 billion loss will cause three things: job loss, higher prices at the pump and higher utility bills — hurting hardworking Americans across the board, New Yorkers included.

The only winners are the political elites who aim to bend America to their radical agenda, no matter the cost.

Fortunately, the United States Constitution has something to say about this lawlessness.

For starters, it prohibits any state from unduly regulating commerce in another state.

West Virginia can't tell Idaho potato farmers how to harvest their spuds — and New York can't tell West Virginia energy companies how to mine coal or extract gas and oil.

## Clay Perkins

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In 2001 Clay began serving as the Operations Manager of Perkins Oil and Gas. The Perkins Family opened Perkins Supply in Pennsboro, WV, in 2002. After the passing of his father Deryl in 2011, Clay began spending more time in the supply store and less in the fields. His brother Clint Perkins who works for Chevron as a Production Manager, has been indispensable with the work and operating of both Perkins Oil and Gas and Perkins Supply. In 2017 Clay was one of the co-founders of Mountain Gas Services which is active in supporting both conventional and Marcellus operators. Clay realizes his success would not be possible without the help of all the hard-working employees he has been fortunate to work with over the years. Clay has several hobbies including, hunting, ATV riding, and collecting engines and oil and gas memorabilia. Some of Clay's fondest memories include his participation in the Oil and Gas Festival which his wife complains he enjoys more than Christmas. Clay has been married to his wife, Rhonda, for 26 years and has three children. He is also an active member of the Dewey Avenue Church of Christ and is thankful to God each day for all the blessings in his life.

The Constitution also doesn't allow states to come up with their own regulatory schemes when the federal government has rules controlling specific conduct, especially in areas of unique federal interest.

The US Environmental Protection Agency regulates greenhouse-gas emissions; New York doesn't have that power.

So New York can't go back in time and penalize energy production in other states that the EPA said was lawful.

In fact, a federal appellate court ruled against New York City when it tried to do much the same thing just a few years ago.

On top of that, the law is simply unfair.

Our country was founded on the principle of due process of law.

Every citizen has the right to be heard, and every citizen has the right to conform their conduct to the law.

New York's law takes away those rights.

Imagine a state lowering the highway speed limit from 65 to 55 miles per hour — then ticketing you for going 65 last year.

That's what this law does to energy producers, slammed with a staggering \$75 billion fine by unelected backroom bureaucrats without any meaningful chance to defend themselves.

It blatantly offends the Constitution and the fundamental sense of fairness that has existed in our country for 250 years.

That's why I, along with 21 other state attorneys general, three energy trade associations and one energy company, have sued the New York politicians responsible for implementing the Climate Change Superfund Act.

Our coalition is asking a federal court to issue an injunction stopping this unconstitutional overreach that would wreck our nation's power grid and put thousands of Americans out of work.

New York's political elites may think they can seize control of America's energy industry, but we won't allow them to go unchecked.

This is a fight for America's energy independence, for American jobs and for the rule of law. West Virginia won't go quietly.





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