



Lion Gray Jones District Governor

"Leadership distilled down to three words: Make a difference." Robin Sharma

"Leadership is an action, not a position." Donald McGannon

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader... They set out to make a difference. It's never about the role – always about the goal." Lisa Haisha



What a wonderful Lions month it has been! It began with my home club in Berkeley Springs preparing for a Bike Rodeo on August 1st. We washed, repaired, and made bikes ready to be given away. Then I was privileged to go to the Romney Lions for a picnic on the 4th. What a great group of folks! On the 6th, my club and the Paw Paw club partnered the Bike Rodeo (and bike give-away). On the 8th I was at a delightful picnic with the Franklin Lions, and listened to them discuss who their first recipient of the Heart of Service coin and certificate would be. On the 9th my club heard from a young lady to whom we provided a scholarship for college.



With the Grafton Lions on the 11th I was honored to assist club President Rich Zukowski in presenting a Heart of Service coin and certificate to Danny Williams, a dedicated community leader.



On the 23rd, I was privileged to present dual Lion of the Year honors to Club President Brendan Byrne and Club Second Vice President Kathy Bohrer of the Berkeley Springs Lions Club.

On the 12th, our Club President, Brendan Byrne and I helped distribute school supplies to 546 Morgan County school children at the Back to School Bash. On the 22nd, I had the pleasure of visiting with the Tennerton Lions Club and found a wonderful tradition: Happy Dollars. Run by the Tail Twister, this is a one dollar contribution by

club members for sharing a minute of Happy News (kids/grandkids graduations, family members recovering from illness/injury, anniversary, birthdays, etc.



On the 24th I picniced with the Wardensville Lions Club where we met and listened to Exchange Student Sophia Weber (more on that in MD-29's Youth Exchange Chairperson Henry Krautwurst's article.) I was also privileged to assist club President Tom Austin present a Heart of Service coin and certificate to



community leader Steve Shook.



Here's a picture of the installation of the Board of Directors of the Wardensville Lions Club.



The members of the Wardensville Lions club at the picnic.

On the 25th I visited with the Central Upshur and Ireland Lions Clubs at their picnic and had a most wonderful visit. I ran out of celebratory pins for the 100th anniversary of Lionism in West Virginia because the Ireland club had five charter members present! (But I mailed the missing pin the following Monday to Lion Eddie Williams!)

On Friday, the 26th, I visited the Smithers, Cannelton, and Gauley Bridge communities which were impacted by the floods on August 15th. Lion Wayne Worth reports more on that in an article later in this edition.

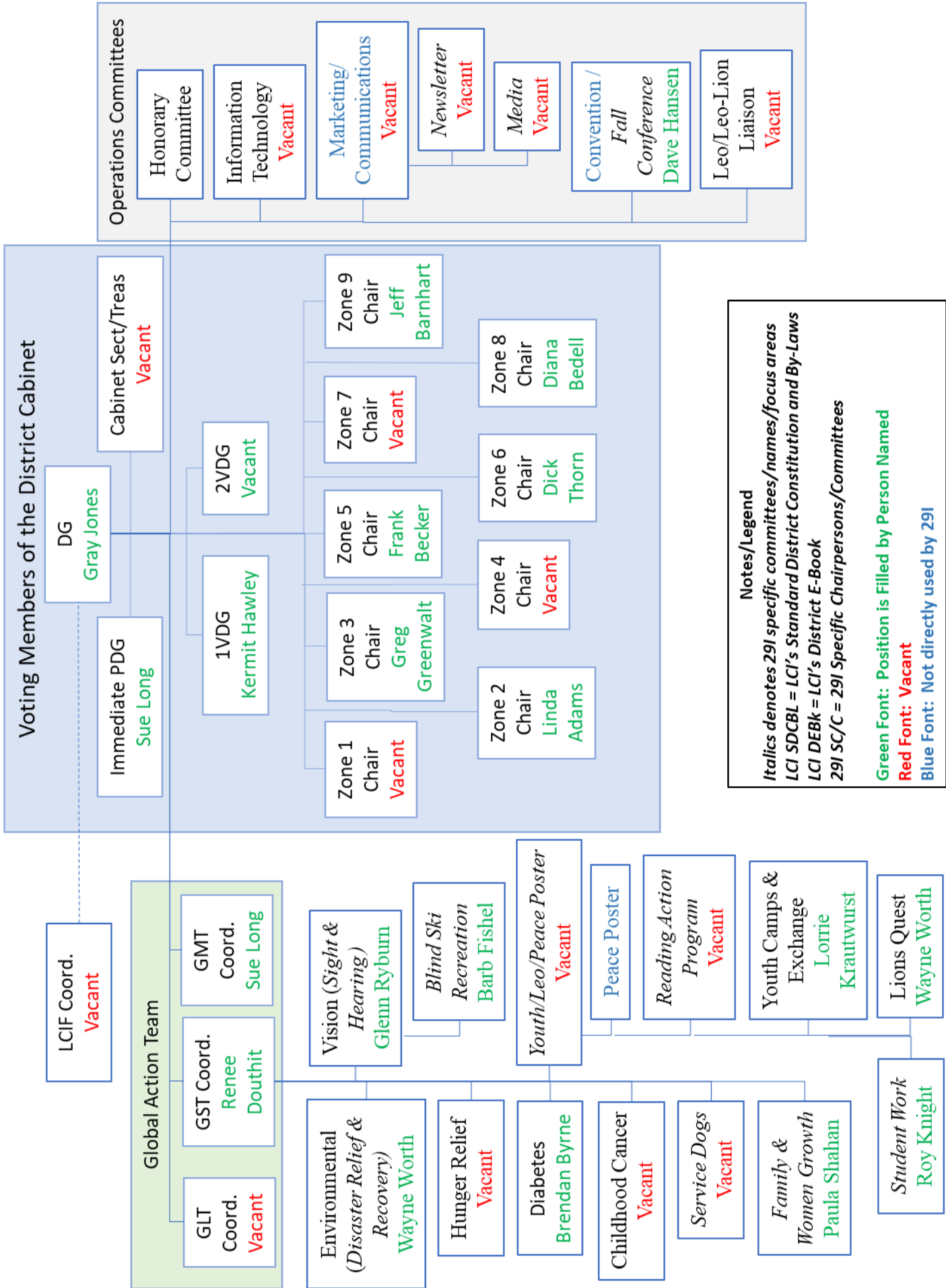
Then I was fortunate to be able to attend the West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat in Flatwoods on Friday and Saturday the 26th – 27th. What a great retreat! We had 24 first time attendees! PID Gwen White from NC and DG Daniel Elkins (currently of Delaware but a proud West Virginian by birth and heart) were keynote speakers.

We had very interesting and informative seminars covering topics for new Lions as well as those of us who may be more experienced in Lionism:

"Communication is a Two-Way Street" – Presenter PID Gwen White	"Together We Can...Serve" – Presenter PDG Bernice Pitcock
"The Diabetes Belt: Diabetes in West Virginia" – Presenter Lion Brendan Byrne	"Recruiting in a New Way: New Approaches to Yield New, Younger Members" – Presenter Lion Matt Rafa
"Developing the Leaders of the Future"- Presenter DG Daniel Marney Elkin	"Leading in Real Time: How to Drive Success in a Radically Changing World" – Presenter PDG Wendy Cain
"Zone Chair in Nine Easy Steps" – Presenter Lion Jim Slamick	"What Lies Just Beyond Your Comfort Zone" – Presenter PID Steve Glass
"Branding" – Presenter Eric Minor	"Future of Lionism" – Presenter Lion Eli Hughes

The next West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat is scheduled for January 2024! Make plans to attend!

The next page shows the current District 29-I Organization Chart. Note that there are a number of vacancies. We can use your help. If you would like to serve all 56 (and counting) clubs in the district by serving on the District Cabinet, please let me know. I'd love to have you!



District Governor Calendar 2022-2023



Schedule of Events

September

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Bridgeport Lions	Benedum Civic Center, Bridgeport, WV
11	11:00 AM	DG Visit with Fort Ashby Lions	
12	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Mt Storm Lions	Presbyterian Church, Mt Storm, WV
15 – 17		USA/Canada Forum	Calgary, Canada
27	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Lumberport Lions	Lumberport Community Center

October

Date	Time	Event	Location
3	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Buckhannon Kesling Mill Lions	Kesling Mill Community Center
6	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Mountain Lions	
10	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Paw Paw Lions	Paw Paw Elementary School Cafeteria
11	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Junior Lions	
12	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Lost Creek & Johnstown Lions	Lost Creek United Methodist Church
24	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Jane Lew Lions	Jane Lew United Methodist Church
26	MD 29 GAT	Meeting (Zoom)	
28-30		District 29I Fall Conference –	Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV

November

Date	Time	Event	Location
4-6		District 29C Conference	Country Inn & Suites, Beckley, WV
14	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Elkins Lions	
22	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Martinsburg Lions (tentative)	Hoss's Steak & Seafood Restaurant



Lion Kermit Hawley
First Vice District
Governor



SMILE



It costs nothing but creates much.
It enriches those who receive without
impoverishing those who give.
It happens in a flash and the memory of it
sometimes lasts forever.
None are so rich they can get along
without it,
and none are so poor but are richer for its
benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no earthly value to anyone until it is given away.

And if, in the course of the day, some of your friends should be too tired to give you a smile, why not give them one of yours? For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

The August Newsletter included a segment on how to access the Resource center and information on Orientation of new members. Hopefully, out of wanting to further your knowledge or just plain curiosity, you took a tour of the information available to you or your club. LCI also has a [Lions Learning Center](#) where you can take online courses. If you have not been into the Lions Club International web site, you will need to register to gain access to your lion account page. Now you will be able to go into the web site which will bring up a screen asking for your member log in information.. This will bring up your member portal page. On the right side of the page will be a screen picture called Learn. Click on the learn icon which will take you to a page called "Learn, Lead, grow". Scroll down to the online training. You will bring up a page called "My Training".

"Hello (your name) Welcome: Find assigned courses on your homepage or dashboard.
Browse available courses in the content library. Gain achievements by completing a course".
If you are a club officer or have a position which has assigned training, click on continue to my dashboard assigned courses. if no courses are assigned, click on content library and view online courses.

There are courses on Coaching, conflict resolution, decision making, delegation, Leo clubs, Leo club program learning, club officer training, club president responsibilities, club president learning path, club secretary learning path, club secretary responsibilities, club treasurer learning path, club treasurer responsibilities, effective listening, effective teams, goal setting, etc. This, combined with information in the resource center, will provide you with a wealth of information and the opportunity to grow as a Lion.

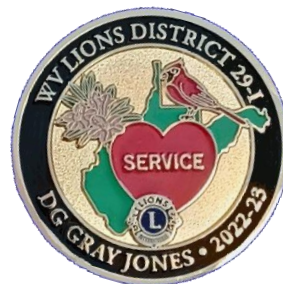
"If you find in your heart to care for someone else, you have succeeded." (Maya Angelou).

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We Serve

**District 29I Conference
October 28-29, 2022
Coolfont Resort
Berkeley Springs, WV**



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Events: Friday Evening – Dinner, Halloween Costume Contest, music, prizes, and refreshments.
Saturday – District 29I Cabinet Meeting, Seminars, Lunch with music, silent auction, service projects, Strides Walk, Dinner with International Director Jeff Gans, special recognitions, parade of checks.

Registration Fee (includes meals identified above)	Friday and Saturday	\$ 85.00
	Saturday Only	\$ 65.00

* If anyone has special dietary needs, please list them: _____

Is this your first conference: _____ How many years have you been a Lion? _____
Yes or No

Rooms or Cabins (cabins house two couples in separate bedrooms) at Coolfont Resort: \$159.99 - \$179.99 per night. More options will be sent out tomorrow in a separate email:

Make reservations by September 25th at The Coolfont Resort, (304) 500-0500 and ask for reservations. Be sure to mention that you're with the October Lions Club group to receive the discounted prices.

MAKE REGISTRATION FEE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE

We need to receive your registrations by September 25th. Send registrations to

**Lion Nancy Paugh
49 Dawson Lane
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

Disaster Relief & Recovery

During the morning hours of Monday August 15, 2022 up to 6 inches of rain fell in some parts of the Kanawha Valley. What ensued was major flooding in both the Campbells Creek (Kanawha County) and Smithers (Fayette County) areas, affecting infrastructure and over 100 homes.

In response, our volunteer Lions of 29-I disaster relief team teamed up with other organizations such as the University of Charleston's Womens' Basketball team, the Fayette County Day Report Center, and medical school students from the West Virginia School osteopathic medicine to help residents remove muck/mud and debris from their homes and property for the National Guard to load and haul away. The disaster relief team of the Lions of 29-I were vital in helping volunteers from these other organizations be equipped with the equipment and experience necessary to be effective in our joint relief efforts.

As the flood relief efforts shift from mud to recovery, we could definitely use more volunteer support (boots on the ground). I will stay in communication with 29-C district Governor Carla Finch, District Governor Gray Jones, and the cabinet of 29-I if there may be a need for cleaning supplies, tools/equipment for volunteers, and other resources necessary to aid in the flood relief and recovery efforts. If you would like to volunteer with us on future Saturdays I can be reached by email at wayneoworth@hotmail.com or by phone/text at 304-476-1710. Based on my experience in volunteering in floods, I would make a logical guess that there will be a need for volunteers for the next two months.



Thank you for all you do for Lions, people, and your community!

Wayne Worth
Disaster Relief Chairman - District 29-I
322 Point Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301



Lion Tracy Brady (Adamston), Lion James Malick (Clarksburg), and Lion Wayne Worth (Adamston and Disaster Relief Chairman 29-I) in Smithers, WV

Lions Wayne Worth and James Malick with Smithers, WV Mayor, Anne Cavalier at the Smithers flood relief donation center.





Lions teaming up with the University of Charleston's Women's Basketball team in Smithers, WV



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From an August 18th Facebook post of Wayne's:



I came home this evening and this was at my back door. A lady (*Thanks, Lion Jane Eye*) all the way from Franklin (Pendleton County) drove 5 hours round trip just to deliver 11 buckets (all filled with cleaning supplies by the Franklin United Methodist Church) and five Lions Club brooms from the Franklin Lions Club (on top of the 5 Lions Club brooms that the Bridgeport Lions donated this evening). All for the flood relief effort in the Smithers area. That is what I call WV STRONG!

And finally, a big **SHOUT OUT!** out to the Clarksburg Lions Club for their generous contribution to the District 29I Disaster Relief Fund!

Youth Exchange



Thursday August 18, 2022 - I would like to update our WV Lions who so generously support the Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program. We neither sent out from WV nor received incoming exchange students during 2020 and 2021. At the end of 2021 five WV students wanted to go on their exchanges. Unfortunately, they all dropped out for various reasons. We will be launching our program once again in September 2022 seeking students wishing to travel abroad and host families in WV who would like host a Youth Exchange student and learn about another culture.

However, this summer we have received one student from Germany. Her name is Sophia Weber and she is being hosted by Terry Lynn & Steve Bailes of North River Mills, WV (Hampshire County). This is the second Youth Exchange student they have hosted. Being who we are we wanted to meet Sophia and Steve had a meeting to attend on Thursday August 18, 2022 so Lorrie and I had the opportunity to spend the day with Sophia.



We started our day at 9:30 am meeting Steve and Sophia in Gore, VA. Our first stop was the Route 11 potato chip factory in Mt. Jackson, VA. Rather than driving south on Rt. 81 I chose Rt. 11 which would take us through all the small towns along the way. Now, this may not be the most exciting tour in the world but it does give an insight to what goes into making various flavored potato chips. After sampling ALL the various chips Sophie took home a 24oz bag of the Dill Pickle flavored chips and then we were off to Luray Caverns.



Sophie is a spelunker at home. While she explores wild caves, she has never been in a commercial cavern so this was a first for her. She and Steve Bailes discussed going to Luray so this was perfect for all of us.



When we left Luray our trip home to was to drive up Skyline Drive to Front Royal, VA. She thoroughly enjoyed riding up Skyline Drive. We stopped at every pull-off to take in the views and take pictures. We had a beautiful day for this part of our trip



I told Sophie we would be having dinner before taking her home. She told me she liked Asian food so we stopped in Front Royal at a Chinese restaurant. We finally got her home about 10:00 pm. We sat with Terry Lynn and Steve at their home just talking till about 11:30 pm and then we got on the road arriving home at 12:30 am.

At the time Lorrie and I had to decide whether or not to host a student I was just home from the hospital after having covid. I was in no shape to host and wasn't sure what my status would be come summer. Well, now I know. Thanks to Terry Lynn and Steve I got the opportunity to enjoy a day with Sophie. We both realized how much we miss having an exchange student with us.

Host families are the key to being able to have an exchange program. Our students come from many different countries and generally they have good English-speaking skills. I look for host families that have both parents in the home with one being able to be at home with the student. These are families known to our Lions, their friends and co-workers.

In September each year I place an article in newspapers across the state and contact every high school in the state about our program. Students submit an application and essay and are interviewed by a panel of Lions and educators. This year I will offer six \$1,500.00 travel scholarships for the summer of 2023. More details are available on our multiple district website: wvlions.org/programs.

Please consider being a host family and don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enrich your life!

Ukraine continues to need your help!

We're encouraging donations to the new LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons fund. Contributions made to this fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help families find the safety and security they desperately need. LCIF grants have been approved for Poland and other countries receiving Ukrainian refugees.

The Lions Clubs in Ukraine and the surrounding countries are doing all they can to help with the refugees and they need our assistance. **We have over 1500 Lions in our District and are asking for support from individual Lions and Clubs. No amount is too small and the need is great!**



How Can You Donate?

Please make your check payable to LCIF and on the memo line put your Lion membership number and Refugees & Displaced Persons Fund.

Donations made to this fund will qualify for your Melvin Jones Fellowship Credit and count towards Campaign 100 donations. All contributions are confidential.

You can send your contributions to either of the following:

LCIF

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

-or-

Al Cox

313 Worley Avenue

Clarksburg, WV 26301-3930

Thank You!

PCC Al Cox

LCIF District Coordinator

(304) 216-5251



Lions Clubs International
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Across the District



Reported in July 2022

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Kelly Kelly Exline	Lumberport	Thomas Exline
Loretta Graham Kissella	Lumberport	
Robert G. Class, Jr	Moorefield	Craig Hose
Terry L. Starr	Mountain	Darrell Douglas
Marian Pratt Anderson	Sugar Grove	Paula Mitchell
Navonda I. Tenney	Tennerton	Ann Slaughter

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DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

Designed by
Seventh
Grader
Ms. Madison
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(Buckhannon
-Upshur
Middle
School)



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

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