



# Sharpshurg Town Crier

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### Meet Your Neighbors: The Owner and Crew at Little Brick Coffee



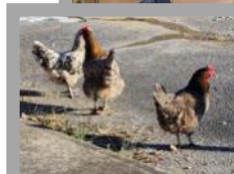
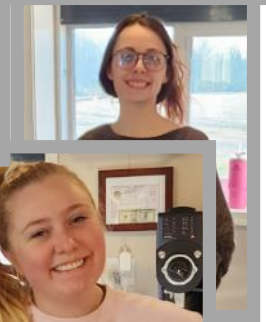
**Ms. Dorrie Pilot, Co-  
Owner**

Recently the Editor and son Joshua had the unexpected pleasure of visiting a new nearby business, Little Brick Coffee. It's in...well... the little brick building that has sat idle by the road for decades three miles west of town on Rt. 34. The coffee is great, the cappuccino, too!

I spoke to one of the owners, Dorrie Pilot, who along with her husband are standing up a craft beer brew pub on the same property. Their intent is to, in Dorrie's words, "marry craft coffee and craft beer".

Look for news about the craft beer pub as it develops. The Crier wishes them great success in their new business.

- Editor



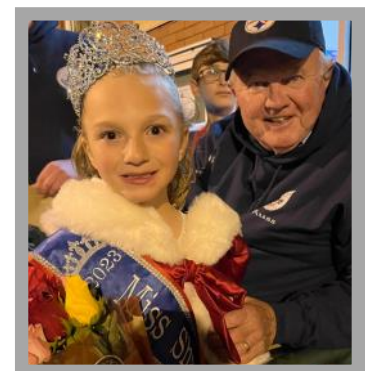
**The Crew: Clockwise top left:  
Ms. Gillie Conley, Ms. Faith  
Webb, Ms. Avery Pilot, and The  
Girls.**

### Miss Sharpshurg 2023

The Town of Sharpshurg is pleased to announce the coronation of Miss Sharpshurg 2023, Miss Georgia Kneessi. She just celebrated her birthday and is now 9 years old. She loves cats. She is a cheerleader for Boonsboro Warriors "Boonsboro Area Athletic Association" and is working towards becoming a competitive cheerleader with Fierce Allstars, an organization that promotes physical fitness and athleticism in a fun, safe, and clean environment.

Please join the Mayor, Council, and Sharpshurg Town Crier in supporting her. May she reign over our town in a time of peace, prosperity, and goodwill.

- Editor



**Miss Georgia Kneessi and  
Mayor Russ Weaver**

## From the Town Council

The Mayor and Council is proud to provide this list of their accomplishments for 2022.



- Distributed water rebates totaling \$490 over 2 years
- Gained agreement with Washington County to drill wells and sell water to county making rebates permanent
- Ensured no increase in property taxes
- Increased the number of people involved with town government (more inclusive)
- Organized the best Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade in last several decades
- Leveraged Town dollars to obtain over \$250,000 in grant money (a 10-to-1 return on town investment)
- Obtained ground where old BP Station was located to be used for a new park (the property could no longer be developed with structures)
- Contracted to increase playground equipment at community park for kids 2 to 5
- Recruited experience planning and zoning expert to review and revise our zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan
- Worked with Maryland Department of Transportation to establish ownership of historic walls on Cemetery Hill (Rt.34) and obtained agreement for repairs and update next year
- Expanded the Sharpsburgh Museum of History thru added volunteerism, activities, and visitation hours
- Expanded Sharpsburgh Museum of History's artifact collection and historical presentations
- Added street banners, updated the town homepage, and The Town Crier to improve communications

- Installed security systems to safeguard Town investments
- Established significant improvements in overall Town maintenance
- Purchased the Big Spring making certain it will be accessible for future generations

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## About the Town

### **Antietam Institute**

Announcing Antietam Institute Spring Symposium, Saturday, April 23, 2023

*"Commanders, Civilians, and Casualties: New Research on the Maryland Campaign"*

For this year's Symposium we are excited to welcome five dynamic speakers: Steven Cowie, Zachery Fry, Brian Matthew Jordan, Michael Lang, and Darin Wipperman.

Our symposium will conclude with a panel comprised of our speakers enabling further free-wheeling conversations on these issues and discussions with our audience.

There will be ample opportunities for interactions with the speakers, scholars/experts, and other participants during the presentations, at lunch, and during the panel discussion. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

An optional battlefield excursion will also be offered the afternoon before the Symposium.

Join guides Chris Vincent and Steve Cowie for a look at the farms and farm families of 1862 Sharpsburg.

The Farmsteads of Antietam excursion is on Friday, April 21, 1:00p – 4:00p.

Registration will close on March 23, 2023 or earlier, if filled.



For more information and to register go to: <https://antietaminstitute.org/2023-spring-symposium/>

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## Sharpsburgh Museum of History

The Sharpsburgh Museum of History has just been designated a non-profit organization!

Perhaps you have seen our signs around the town. We would like to invite our visitors to experience

Sharpsburg's rich and unique history. We have a great variety of items to share that's related to



Sharpsburg and its surroundings throughout the years. From baseball to bands; from our section of the C&O Canal to the Boonsboro-Shepherdstown Turnpike; from photos of our streetscapes to photos of our founding families. From the French and Indian war through the Civil War through World War I and II. Our collection is diverse and includes items that are invaluable to Sharpsburg's history.

Many of our town's current and past residents have assisted us in collecting and telling these stories. Hardly a week passes when a new friend stops in and offers us "a piece" of Sharpsburg's heritage. We value these donations. Each object brings deeper meaning to our past, helping us understand how the events and people in history shaped our town, where we've been and who we are.

Our mission is to build pride in Sharpsburg by embracing and being proud of our Past!

Since our inception four years ago, through cooperation with the town, we've:

Involved local students and developed a student Internship program

Created interesting exhibits

Opened our doors to thousands of visitors

Encouraged local townspeople to donate valuable heirlooms

Established non-profit status with the IRS

Recruited an all-volunteer and enthusiastic board of directors

Our museum is building momentum and establishing a strong foundation.

We invite you to join us in this exciting venture.

- Ed Beeler - Executive Director Sharpsburgh Museum of History / Town Archivist

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## Town Crier in Review

The Editor invites you to look back on this year's feature articles. We live in an active town with cool people doing cool things, past and present. You can access these issues of the Crier on the town homepage at <https://sharpsburgmd.com/town-crier/>

- January: Roger Moore: A Civic Force in Our Town, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: The Long Goodbye,
- February: Max Gregg: Museum of History Intern, Rick Bishop: A New Minister in Town,
- March: The Daniel Marker American Long Rifle,
- April: Meet Your Neighbors: Sharpsburg Volunteer
- May: Meet Your Neighbors: Sharpsburg's Public Librarians and a Little Library History,
- June: Goodbye For Now: Ms. Vicki Winston Retires from Sharpsburg Elementary
- July: Giving It Away: Volunteering in Our Community,
- August: Meet Your Neighbor, Ms. Stephanie Gumm
- September: Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Cadets

- October: Meet Your Neighbor: Heather Morningstar, The Crossing Guard
- November: Thanksgiving Greetings from the Editor, Painting Exhibit: Garnet Jex

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### Community Calendar

#### January 7 12NOON to 3PM: **Open Cellar Saturday**

Antietam Creek Vineyards  
4835 Branch Avenue, Sharpsburg,  
MD 21782  
[https://  
www.antietamcreelevinyards.com/](https://www.antietamcreelevinyards.com/)  
240-490-2851

#### January 9 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**

Sharpsburg Town Hall  
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD  
21782  
301-432-4428

#### January 14 8AM to 11AM: **Scout Troop 51 Pulled Pork Omelet Fundraiser** (See poster on page 10.)

Keedysville Community Center  
19 South Main Street  
Keedysville, MD 21756

#### January 14 at 5PM: **South County Little League Cash Bonanza** (See poster on page 10)

Boonsboro American Legion  
17 North Main Street  
Boonsboro, MD 21713  
[Southcountylittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:Southcountylittleleague@gmail.com)

January 17 at 7PM: **"Antietam Memories"** with John W. Schildt  
(He has led tours and has participated in events and ceremonies at Antietam from 1951 to the present. Join us as he shares some of his

seventy years of Antietam memories.

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

#### April 23: **Antietam Institute Spring Symposium "Commanders, Civilians, and Casualties: New Research on the Maryland Campaign"**

(See also the above article in this month's Crier.)  
<https://antietaminstitute.org/2023-spring-symposium/>

#### April 29 9AM to 2PM: **Maryland Poultry Swap and Farmer's Market**

Green Hill Farm  
5329 Mondell Rd, Sharpsburg, MD  
21782  
240-329-6732  
<https://www.ghfarm.org/>

#### Any Time the Library's Open: **Winter Spice Club**, January is Lemon Grass

(Each month, come by and one pick up.) You get the history and info about the spice and recipes that use the spice.

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

#### Any Time the Library's Open: **Art of the Month**, January is Painting

(Each month a different art form will be displayed along with books pertaining to that art.)  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

### **Recurring Events 2022**

Thursdays 9AM to 3PM, February 2 to April 13:



## **Master Gardener Training Classes 2023**

Washington County Agricultural Education Center

7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

acormany@umd.edu / 301-791-1604

1st Wednesday of the month 1PM

### **Adults: Book Share**

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

**Kid's Zone:** Ages Eight and Up  
Sharpsburg Library anytime we are open Make a Mini Zen Garden! For tweens and teens!

301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime**

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, Lion's Club 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

First Saturdays at 10AM: **Lego Club**

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

## **Area Churches**

Christ Reformed Church

117 West Main Street

Sharpsburg

301-432-6182

Sundays: 9AM

United Christian Fellowship

18823 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756

301-432-0110

Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM Sunday School, 10AM Worship & Children's Church

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren

123 E Main St, Sharpsburg

Sundays at AM, Sunday School at 10:30AM

301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 West Main Street

Sharpsburg

301-432-7098

Sundays: 10AM, Sunday School (Second and Fourth Sundays starting September 25)

Burnside First Church of God

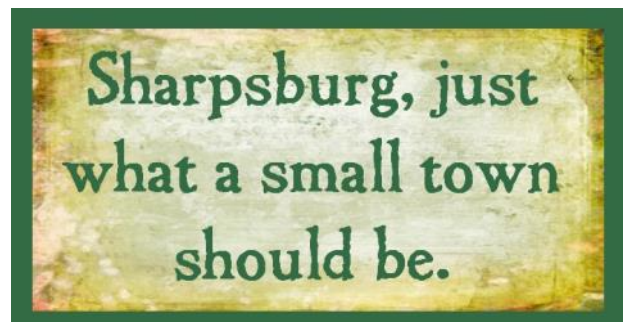
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg

Sharpsburg Bible Church

5134 General Stuart Court, Sharpsburg

301-432-5309

Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM



## Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor

Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor

Mia Parsons – Council

John Hammond – Council

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters – Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Carrie Estell – Town Clerk)

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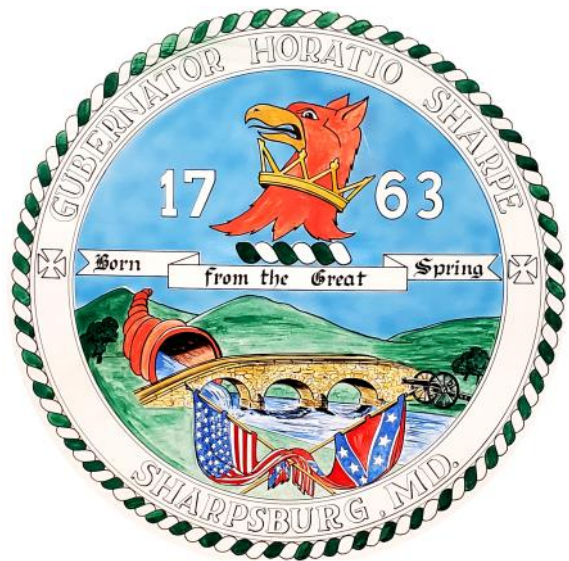
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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

[Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com](mailto:Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com)



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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, December 5, 2022**  
**6 PM**

- I. Call meeting to order and pledge-Ed started the pledge
- II. Minutes and November expenses approval, Ed motioned and Robbie seconded the meeting minutes for approval, all were in favor. Russ shared November expenses and highlighted some accounts that had large expenses, (building maintenance, outside electrical work, concrete removal for park...).

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Robbie Waters, Ed Beeler, Jacob Martz, Joseph Kudla, Tim Lung (via speaker phone), Perry Jamieson, Chris Vincent, Jen Bruni, Mark Zucca, Brent Toms and Carrie Estell

Russ opened the meeting congratulating all election winner; swearing in will be at the January meeting.

**Public Comments**

Mark Zucca-hosting a Level 2 electric vehicle charger in town presentation

Mr. Zucca provided the council and residents some background on the program, the program would require 2-3 parking spaces for a two-car charger station. This would be free to the town and all repair, maintenance and metering would be at the cost to the company. The program is currently in place in Boonsboro, Keedysville, Smithsburg, Clear Spring and Hagerstown. This pilot program ends in 2023 and would take 3-6 months to complete. Mr. Zucca will send Carrie his presentation and send out to all council members for their opinion.

Brent Toms-Atlantic Security, review the proposal for more security for playground park

Mr. Toms reviewed his meeting with Carrie and Jake, there's a need for extra camera surveillance due to not being able to view any wrong doing along the side of the park where the shed and port a pot is located. Jake was able to see a county truck dump blacktop and water pipe waste and that was cleaned up quickly. However, the camera's capacity was not able to focus in on a person's face who damaged the spot a pot. After consulting with Jake and Carrie, Mr. Toms provided an update on extra cameras. Mr. Toms went through the proposal and explained the added camera area and the need to change a camera from the pavilion to the light poles. Carrie asked CR Electric to take a look at the light poles and provided them with the list Atlantic Security would need for the waterproof boxes on the poles. Robbie motioned for the upgrade and additional security, Jake seconded and all were in favor.

**Zoning-Tim Lung (critical items)**

Assisting the mayor in compiling information regarding the proposed changes to the Town's water supply as discussed with the County Water Quality Dept and the County Commissioners.

Obtained updated information regarding the ability of municipalities to regulate and collect fees for the placement of "small cell" IE. 5 G equipment on public property. Per FCC regulations, absent a local ordinance, carriers may locate such facilities without any local oversight. Should have a report for the Planning Commission and M&C review complete in December.

Collecting information regarding the use of sea contains as both temporary and permanent storage facilities. Should have a report completed in December.

Researching options related to establishing guidelines for yard sales. Due to inquiries regarding a permanent/perpetual "yard sale" at a property along E. High St. near the Town pond. The number of days the sale is open could require a state business license. Tim will continue to research.

Meeting scheduled for Dec 1 with the Board of Education, the County and the complainant regarding an on-going drainage issue from the Sharpsburg Elementary school property. Update on meeting: one of the county's employees is new, (Matt Barton), to the situation and will conduct a TR55 that will run a storm drain model. Russ suggested that Matt Ryan share the video he has of rainstorms and their effects on the area in question. From a quick observation, it appears that the drainage is not going/diverted to the storm pond.

Due to a Washington County Government cyber security incident on November 24, on-line access to many of the County's services have been disrupted and unavailable. This includes access to mapping/GIS data, ordinances, policies, permits processing, etc. Building permit processing is being handled manually

**Mayor's Report-organizational announcement/discussion**

Russ understands that many on council work full-time and that projects can be done with the help of Carrie as a manager. She has taken on the playground park, while Jake has taken on the Historic Park. Any council member who needs help with any project, feel free to reach out for assistance. Council members will retain high level oversight of projects if they can; Russ, Jake and Carrie will maintain operational management. Projects that fall under responsibility of council members who cannot complete them will be assumed by operations. If necessary, projects may be outsourced or not be completed.

#### **Wells-**

County staff rejected our proposal for the County to drill a well on our property and pay us for the water in favor of drilling the well (s) on County property and keeping the savings for County use. They added that the wells being on site provides the County a chance to lever existing treatment capabilities at plant.

Commissioners Cline, Wagner and Burkhart, all of whom I had briefed before the meeting, questioned Mark Bradshaw if he was presenting the Town's version and if we agree. Of course, the answer was no and Mark reluctantly offered our proposal.

The B of CC has requested I present our proposal to them on 12/13 at a time to be determine. We need to fine tune our proposal and accept the fact that if we are to capture the savings locally, we will have to modernize our well. It would be great to have citizens testify during the open comment period on the 13<sup>th</sup> in support of our proposal. Carrie suggested as soon as Russ gets the time this Friday, he texts her and she will contact councilmembers and have them reach out to residents.

#### **Town Hall**

Outside wiring is complete

Lights inside the town hall frequently go out, CR Electric suggested bulbs that can withstand surges, Carrie ordered these from CN Robinson LTG Supply,

Clock needs to be set and sides synchronized

Furniture in meeting room installed – wiring pending

#### **Community Park/Playground Park**

Playground equipment age 2-5 ordered. Delivery in June/July

Trees and landscape plan pending

Pickle ball and basketball court painting to be completed in spring

Fence to be included with LL field fencing along High Street

#### **Historic Park**

Last design meeting with Rykiel complete

Construction estimates pending

Bid documentation due

Initiated grant proposal for Project Open Space POS

**Historic Walls**-Working with MDOT to make sure walls are part of their 2023 plan

#### **Big Spring**

Seeking contractor to perform prime contracting tasks with Gruber Lattimer as sub

Difficult finding someone experienced and willing to work with Maryland Department of Environment (MDE)

#### **Boyer House**

Need \$15k to SHAF as our part of acquisition

Further action pending engineering review-Jacob set Scheduled meeting for 12/9/22 to meet with engineer, architect and estimator at the Boyer House at no cost to the town. Russ asked the council for 15k to match the Save Historic Antietam Foundation (SHAF) contribution to facilitate the purchase of the house. State Delegate Bill Wivell spoke to Russ and said he put aside 140K in a bond issue for the preservation of the house. Jacob motioned and Joe seconded all were in favor. Chris Vincent asked what the long-range plans for the house were-Russ stated that the house could be used for historical representation of what happened to the town during the battle. The house still holds battle wounds and will help preserve the town's civilian experience during the battle.

#### **Streets & General Maintenance**

List of projects for rest of FY2022 provided by Joe to be worked off before 7/1/2023

Paving estimates on alleys and streets to be sought

Seeking estimates to replace fencing along High Street at LL Field

Alley way paving was discussed and their use; all decided to not pave alley ways as this would encourage more traffic

#### **Planning Committee requests**



Tim to please have committee meet in regards to sea container and yard sales; hoping for resolution/outcome by February's meeting for council to review/vote.

## **Council reports (written reports, need for: financial approval, council input or for council to know)**

### **Jacob Martz-**

Coordinated and participated in second park workshop with Mahan Rykiel

Oversaw electric installation and repair at town hall. Clock in town square still needs to be set.

Met with security company to discuss installation of additional cameras at park, as well new equipment at town hall to permit recording. Will have to schedule with an electrician to install additional outlets at camera mounting locations.

Purchased new microphone for improved audio quality during recording of town meetings

Addressed security issue in park area concerning unlawful dumping of asphalt.

Inspected area of sidewalk on W Main Street where an individual tripped, and which creates liability for town, for potential remediation.

Scheduled meeting for 12/9/22 to meet with engineer, architect and estimator at the Boyer House.

Next meeting of Memorial Day committee is Tuesday, 12/6/22 at 6:00 pm. The committee is getting participants and bands together

### **Ed Beeler-**

Attendance for November 2022: 147, Attendance for November 2021: 201, Total for 2022 so far is: 2245

Donations: Mort Kunstler Lithograph of Jackson at Antietam

As of last meeting the SMH board decided to give Sharpsburg Days and Miss Sharpsburg to the town under Special Events committee so the museum will concentrate on museum related events.

The museum will have a book sale to raise funds; the sale will be in Town Hall until the end of the calendar year.

### **Robbie Waters-**

Finished Story Walk trail and will install benches along the walkway, benches will require a concrete block for installation/deterrent to theft.

Robbie asked Tim about some complaints he's received about a neighbor who appears/smells as though they are burning household trash and construction materials. Carrie will share the address with Tim and he will write a letter. All residents are encouraged to call the fire department when someone is burning; this will also produce a paper trail of violations.

### **Joe Kudla-**

Street cleaning will be December 14<sup>th</sup> Flyers will be posted on Town Hall's front door, the Post Office, Facebook and the Library.

Parking meeting with Linda from MDOT will be held over ZOOM on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, Carrie has meeting info. This will be an opportunity for MDOT to present some ideas for parking near the Church Street/Main Street area that can be dangerous and some pedestrian options for the square.

Capstones that were back ordered are almost ready and Lattimer will finish the wall repair job.

Still waiting on the drawings of Antietam and Church Street to see the surveyor's ideas for water

## **Community Partners**

**Officer Tracey Peyton** (submitted electronically) All normal checks were done, the official report was unavailable due to the computer issues the county had last week. Officer Peyton also worked with the Fire Marshall on the port a pot bomb-er and visited the two boys who broke the shed's window. Both guardians said they would pay for the repair, Carrie will call to remind about the damage costs.

**Chris Vincent**-Antietam Advisory board, next meeting is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and the visitor center looks great inside; renovation is coming along nicely.

## **Old Business/ACTIONS:**

Community Park Funding-the money that was awarded to the town through Project Open Space covers the cost of the playground equipment. Russ is asking for additional funding to help with installation, trees and a possible walkway inside the fenced area. Hotel Motel funds have been under reported for a few years and there's a balance of almost 65k for use. Robbie motioned, Joe seconded and all were in favor of the additional funding.

Mr. Jamieson asked for an update on the Stone Creek property, they withdrew their request for zoning and will have to start the process over. Green Hill Farm was also mentioned and Tim will reach out to his contact with the county.

## **New Business**

# South County Little League CASH BONANZA

**JANUARY 14, 2023**



Boonsboro American Legion  
710 N. Main Street  
Boonsboro MD 21713

**DOORS OPEN @ 5pm, DINNER @ 6pm**

**GRAND PRIZE \$1000**

Every 10<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn Wins \$50  
Legion Milk, Tip Jars, Raffles & DJ

TICKETS \$50 – Admits 2 Adults Over 21  
No one under 21 Permitted



Tickets can be purchased through any broad member or @ Boonsboro American Legion.  
Please Reach out via Facebook or Email for Tickets - Southcountylittleleague@gmail.com

Come out support SCLL as we raise money for the players in our league. As we know everything has spiked in price and that includes baseballs, softballs, and equipment. Please consider supporting us so that we can provide the best for the players in our community!



## **Pulled pork omelet fundraiser**

**To benefit scout Troop 51 of  
Sharpsburg, MD**

**January 14, 2023 Sam-Ham**

**Keedysville Community Center  
19 S. Main Street  
Keedysville, MD 21756**

**\$9 per person includes omelet  
with pulled pork, your choice of  
toppings, toast, coffee, and  
orange juice**