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Meet Your New Town Clerk: Ms. Debbie Smith

Please join the Sharpsburg Town Crier in welcoming our new Town Clerk, Ms. Debbie Smith. She has been our neighbor all along, originally from Fairplay and graduated from Williamsport High School.

Her career prior to this posting has been in Town Management, both in nearby Smithburg and Boonsboro. She thought she was retired, but Mayor Weaver approached her with an attractive offer.

She calls this a “perfect retirement job”, peaceful, casual, low stress, and she can pick her hours. She especially enjoys working with the town residents and the Mayor and Council.

Debbie has two adult children and three grandchildren, with whom she enjoys spending time. She enjoys antiques, thrifting, crocheting, and refinishing furniture.

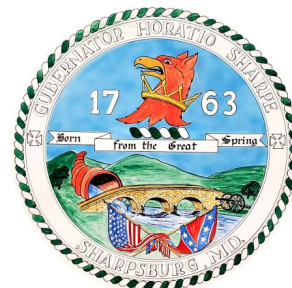
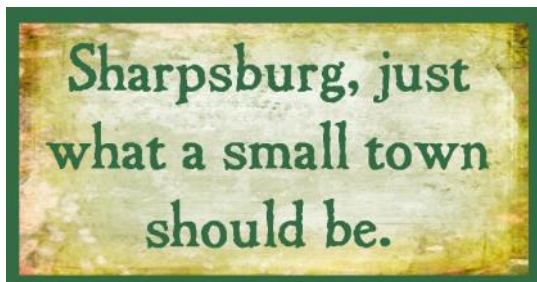
You can contact her on town business at 301-432-4428, townofsharpsburg@comcast.net, and 106 E. Main Street/PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

We wish her every success in this job and we are confident that she will come to love this small place as much as we do.

- Editor



Town Clerk Ms. Debbie Smith (seated) takes over the desk from Ms. Carrie Estell.



Model Railroad Museum Open for Visitors: A Nice Surprise!

The Editor recently visited an open house event at our Antietam Station, just outside town on Rt. 34 West. What an experience! If you're a model railroader, train buff, or simply want to experience an important part of Sharpsburg's history, please go out and see this. They have come a long way.



Ms. Kathleen Bielicki,
President

They have running model train sets in lots of different gauges (sizes), two of which are extensive. They have restored some inside spaces to the way they were when the station was central to the town's freight and passenger



transportation needs. They have an extensive collection of railroad artifacts. AND, you can stand on the platform and watch Norfolk and Southern freight trains rumble by.

Ms. Kathleen Bielicki, President of the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum, provided the Editor with a tour of the station and an introduction to the Museum members who were operating the trains and explaining the

exhibits. She invites you all to come and share in this experience.

Their next open house is September 16 from 11AM to 2PM. Admission is always free, but donations are gladly accepted. You can check out their website at <http://www.antietamstation.com> or on Facebook at "Antietam Station". They are located at 17230 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782. Call them at 301-606-6302 for inquiries or 301-800-9829 to leave a message.

- Editor



Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department Searches for Its History

The Reverend Delancy Catlett requests your help in collecting pictures, stories, and memorabilia of the Fire Department's history. They are celebrating their 80 years of service, operating since June of 1943. Please contact the Reverend at delancyc@live.com or 301-582-1728.



Sharpsburg Cheddar Wins Two Top Awards

For the second year in a row, Pennland Pure's Sharpsburg Cheddar won top place, this time in two categories. This year over 1,400 cheeses were anonymously submitted in the competition. They were graded by an esteemed panel at the American Cheese Society Annual Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa on July 19.

This annual event is a competition that allows cheesemakers to showcase their talents and establish themselves as leaders in the industry. The competition is the largest event of its kind for American made cheese.



Kurt Williams, Pennland's general manager, adds "This achievement is a testament to our incredibly dedicated staff. The passion to produce excellence can be found in all our products and every employee contributes to these achievements."

You can find Sharpsburg Cheddar at The Battlevue Market where ALSO, for two years in a row, Ms. Alyssa (Bubbles) Griffith showcases it for us! These make great Sharpsburg-themed gifts!

- Editor



Artifact of the Month

The Sharpsburgh Museum of History has this interesting piece, a Civil War caisson wheel, complete with embedded Minie ball. According to local narrative, the wheel was recovered by the Roulette family on their property after the action at the Sunken Road. After numerous changes of hand, it was donated to our Museum.

- Editor



Renovation and Rededication of Antietam National Park Visitors Center

Take a few moments and visit the recently renovated Visitors Center just north of town. The project retains the overall structure with its low pro-



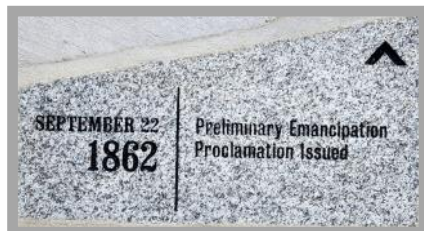
file and native limestone on a critical spot of the battle. It does not visually intrude on the outdoor aspect and experience.

You will appreciate the granite blocks embedded in the sidewalk that portray the Civil War

timeline as you make your way from the parking lot to the entrance. Don't miss the new sculpture out front that captures the essence of the conflict. Be sure to see the highly detailed video.

The Rededication Ceremony will be at 11AM on September 8, 2023, at the Visitors Center.

- Editor



Embedded Civil War Timeline Block

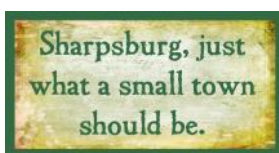
Community Calendar

August 30 at 7PM: **John Schildt, "The Life Henry Kyd Douglas"**
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

September 2 at 2PM: **Brigades of Antietam Series, Lucas Cade – Alfred Colquitt's Brigade**
Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org

September 11th at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**
Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

September 14 at 6PM: **29th Blue and Gray Division, by John W. Schildt**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825



September 14 at 7PM: **Lions Club Dinner Program, "Struggle for Freedom" Jess Rowley.** See Poster, page 9
RSVP Lions Club
sharpsburglions@gmail.com

September 14 at 1PM: **Homeschool Book Club, Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 15-16: **Antietam Anniversary Weekend, Exhibits, Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion, and Sharpsburg Citizens During and After the Battle of Antietam**
Sharpsburg Museum of History
Sharpsburg Town Hall
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

September 16 at 2PM: **Brigades of Antietam Series, Laura Marfut – Truman Seymour's Brigade**
Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org

September 16 from 11 AM to 2 PM
Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum Visitation
17230 Shepherdstown Pike
301-606-6302 / 301-800-9829

September 21 at 3:30: **Community Story Times**
Meet at the Sharpsburg Pond, Bring a blanket.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825



October 3 at 6PM: **Ghostly Escape Room**

Registration Required
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 4 through 18: **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** Pick up your pumpkin any time after October 4 (While supplies last) and return it decorated by October 18, age categories/prizes awarded. Winners will be determined by popular vote and announced October 26th.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 7 at 2PM: **Brigades of Antietam Series, Jim Smith – Max Weber's Brigade**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org

October 7 Starting at 9AM: **Sharpsburg Days**

Various Venues, Stay Tuned
Town of Sharpsburg
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>
301-432-4428

October 7 from 11AM to 1PM:
Sharpsburg Days at the Library, Spinning Demonstration
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 7 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM:
Come All Who Are Thirsty Veterans, Group Quarterly Breakfast & Meeting

Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Road, Sharpsburg

comeallwhoarethirsty.org (also on Facebook page)

October 12 at 1:30PM: **Discussion, Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 14: **Museum's Sixth Anniversary – Exhibit/Public Celebration for Volunteers**

Sharpsburg Museum of History
Sharpsburg Town Hall
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

October 19 at 3:30: **(Library Event) Meet at Green Hill**, Reading in the barn and on the meadow. Bring a blanket.

5329 Mondell Rd
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 21 at 12Noon: **Crab Feed**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company
Cochran's Auction Complex
433-398-4510 / sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com

October 21 at 2PM: **Brigades of Antietam Series, Marty Pritchett – George Gordon's Brigade**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org

October 26 at 3:30: **Special Story Times, Halloween Party!**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825



November 11 at the Eleventh Hour:
Veterans Day Wreath Laying

Town Square
Town of Sharpsburg
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>
301-432-4428

November 18 from 10AM to 2PM:
Native American Artifacts

Sharpsburg Museum of History
Sharpsburg Town Hall
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 18 – **Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion**

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Sharpsburg Town Hall
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December 1 at 7PM: **Sharpsburg Christmas Tree Lighting**

Town Square
Town of Sharpsburg
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>
301-432-4428

December 16 (time to be determined): **Wreaths Across America:**

Antietam National Cemetery
Town of Sharpsburg
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>
301-432-4428
See poster on Page 9

Recurring Events

Thursdays @ 3:30PM: **Themed Story Time**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Anytime the Library's Open: **Sign up for the Summer Reading Club.**
Birth to Adult. Earn prizes for reading!

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

April through October, First Saturdays, Noon to 4PM: **Tolson's Chapel and School Open House**

111 E. High St., Sharpsburg
Friends of Tolson's Chapel
Contact: tolsons.chapel@gmail.com
Website: www.tolsonschapel.org

Fourth Wednesday of the Month from 11AM to 1PM: **Community Action Council Assistance**

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Annex
301-791-4161

First and Third Sundays, April through October from 10AM to 2PM: **Farmer's Market**

Battleview Market Property
Twilight Homestead LLC
twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com

Third Wednesdays of the Month from 10AM to 11:30AM: **Sharpsburg Writers Club**

(For details and location, please contact Ms. Heidi Vertrees by personal message)



Any Time the Library's Open: **Art of the Month**

(Each month a different art form will be displayed along with books pertaining to that art.)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

First Wednesdays of the month at 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
sharpsburglions@gmail.com

First Saturdays at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Local 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

(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)

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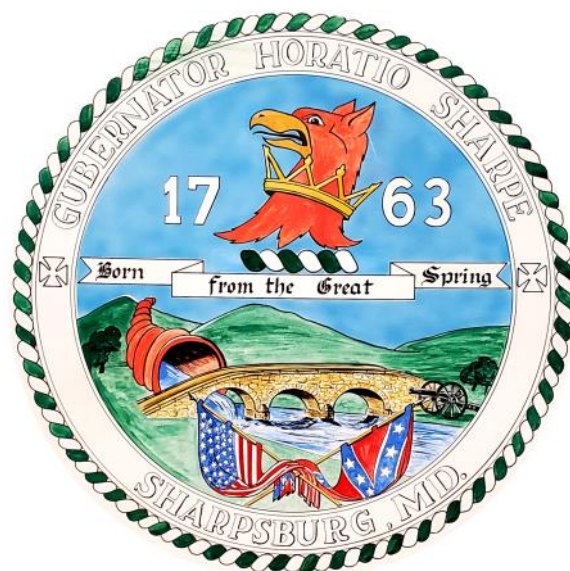
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[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg)

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Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com



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ATTACHMENTS:



Sharpsburg Lions Club Dinner Program

The Sharpsburg Lions Club is hosting a dinner program for only \$10.00.

September 14 Struggle for Freedom

The Battle of Antietam, fought amongst the hills surrounding Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862, provided President Abraham Lincoln with the victory he needed to issue the Preliminary Emancipation

Proclamation. What had led Lincoln to that moment? Perhaps more important - what did the issuing of the Proclamation achieve?



This talk will look at the events leading up to the Emancipation, the short and long-term effects of the document, and place the Emancipation into the greater American story - the long struggle for freedom.

Jess Rowley was born and raised in Arizona. After serving in the Marine Corps Reserves from 2003 to 2009, he graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a B.A. in History in 2011. He began his NPS career in 2012 at Zion National Park, in southern Utah, before moving to Antietam with his wife and three children in 2015. Jess has now worked at Antietam for over eight years in the Interpretive Division.

Dinner Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked corn, assorted salads and dessert.


The dinner program will start at 7:00pm and is held at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street in the parish hall at the back of the church.

Please **RSVP** by Sept. 7th to sharpsburglions@gmail.com



Support Leathernecks Nation MC, Peleliu Chapter

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



PLEASE HELP US REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH

Antietam National Battlefield, 302 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD
Contact us with questions: lmcpelleliu@gmail.com

**YOUR HELP IS ALSO APPRECIATED TO GATHER
THE WREATHS WE LAY TOGETHER**
Clean up: TBD

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