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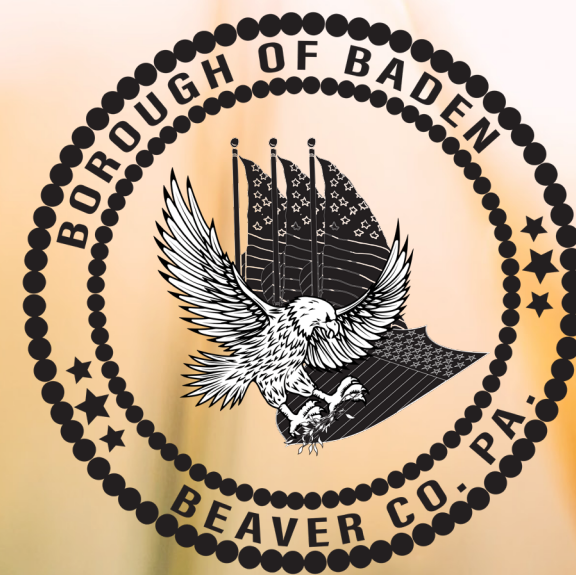
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OUR FUTURE.



BADEN BOROUGH'S
FRONT PORCH
NEWS

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the production of the Spring 2022 publication of this newsletter including the articles, photos, and advertisements. If you would like to purchase advertising space in the next issue, please contact the Borough office.

Baden Borough
149 State Street
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HONORING the NEW & PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVANTS of BADEN BOROUGH



MAYOR JUDI MONTELL

Life-long Baden resident ; First female Mayor

Among other things, she is actively involved with the Baden Garden Club, planting and taking care of the flowers at the Library. Judi, a Master Gardner since 2003, shared that if you have a green thumb or donations you'd like to provide, we always welcome help.

Married for 56 years, and having raised her three grown kids in Baden, she shares "I think it's one of the friendliest of towns and hope that it remains the great small town it is, to raise a family."



ELAINE KLAVIN RAKOVAN

Borough Manager

Graduate of Ambridge High School and The University of Pittsburgh (BS – Economics) and graduate studies in Human Resource Management at LaRoche College. This year she stands as the longest Borough Secretary. With the additional responsibilities that she has taken over the years, she is now given the title Borough Manager. She takes great pride in her job and truly enjoys serving the citizens of Baden.

CONTACTING BADEN BOROUGH:

Mayor: Judi Montell

President of Council: Dave Trzcianka

Council Members: Joe Bosh, John Jones, Doug Miller, Dawn Singleton, John Shelkons, and Michael Stuban (all featured on front pg.)

Office hours are M-F 8AM to 4PM.

For emergency call 911.

For non-emergency, including water breaks, road conditions... please call (724) 869-2813.

Borough Office: (724) 869-3700

Water Billing, Garbage Service and Municipal Authority: (724) 869-3701

Community Room Rental, Dye Tests, Liens, Accounts Payable: (724) 869-3702

Borough Manager: (724) 869-3703

Police Department: (724) 869-3705

Fire Department: (724) 869-3706

WELL WISHES FOR RETIRED MAYOR SAMUEL GAGLIARDI

After 24 years of service as an elected official – 4 years on council and 20 years as mayor - Samuel has retired from local government to enjoy life with his wife, Patricia. A devoted public servant to our community, he has lived on Prospect Street since 1973 and has called Baden Borough his home for many cherished decades. We honor and thank you for years of dedicated leadership. Some highlights of Retired Mayor Samuel Gagliardi's legacy include officiating a few marriages and overseeing the police department with great pride. Police Chief David Christner, Jr. honors him in this quote:

"On behalf of the Chief of Police and Baden Borough Police Department we would like to congratulate Mayor Samuel J. Gagliardi for his 24 years of service to our community. As the mayor, and former councilman, you have served our town with honesty, integrity, and probity. Please accept our sincere thanks for your service. May you and your family have a long and bright future together!"



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THANK YOU.

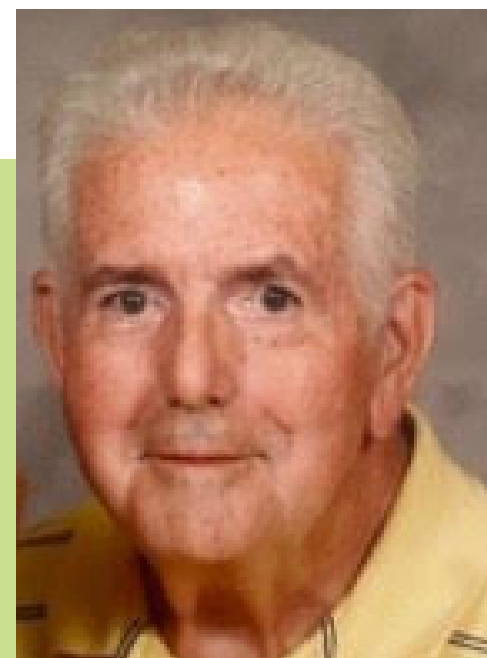


Photo submitted by family.

REMEMBERING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

The late Robert Norman Besong is honored as Baden Borough Council's longest serving member. We offer our deepest condolences to his family members in his passing last year. Our borough is so grateful for his many years of heartfelt service to the people of our community. Quoted below are portions of his obituary, written by his daughter:

"Bob "Pap" Besong was born in Leetsdale, PA and upon marrying his soulmate Lottie moved to his favorite place in the world, Baden...Bob received an award prior to his passing commemorating over 40 years of service to the Baden Borough Council. He took so much pride in his responsibilities for his beloved community and the people within it...Mr. Besong will never be forgotten, and his legacy of light and dedication to his town will live on forever."

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

Congratulations to the newly renovated **McDONALD'S on ROUTE 65** which successfully reopened in Baden this past November 2021.



Photo from beavercountyradio.com



Did you know we have a **DRUG-DROP OFF BOX** located inside of the Borough Office? You are welcome to dispose of your expired or unused medications as needed.

RIVER FRONT / TEVEBAUGH ROAD PROJECT

We had our riverfront property surveyed to ascertain what we own, if at some future date, we pursue building a boat access and small dock. We would probably try to replicate the facility we had many years ago. We are looking into grants and the viability of such a project.

The borough continues to monitor that public access is maintained on the Pinney Street Bridge. We ask that if you park your vehicle along the road, it should be done on the riverside shoulder ONLY. The paving of Tevebaugh Hollow Road is still pending funding sources and is the responsibility of the West View Water Authority. If you utilize the river front and the Pinney Street Bridge be safe, and respectful, and please take your refuse back out with you. Thank you for your cooperation!

Additionally, we are trying to gain information on William Fisher who took a motorized raft from Baden to New Orleans in 1964. Pictures of the old dock and boat launch would also be appreciated.

“BADEN IS A GREAT COMMUNITY. LET’S ALL TAKE PRIDE IN HELPING TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.”



DENNIS BAKER JR
PA UCC #006776

MEET YOUR NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF BADEN.

Dennis Baker Jr. is a life-long resident of Baden with 26 years as a firefighter with the Baden VFD, and currently in his 6th year as fire chief. He also performs part time code enforcement and inspections for another municipality. Mr. Baker plans to take a proactive approach regarding the program in Baden in performing code sweeps throughout the community and addressing items of concern.

Should anyone have concerns they would like to address, you can contact me at (412)785-6155 and/or email Dennis Baker, Jr. at dbaker@badenfirerescue.org.

FRIENDLY REMINDER OF BADEN BOROUGH ORDINANCES:

GRASS, WEEDS & VEGETATION

- Ordinance 105: No grass, weeds or vegetation not edible or planted for useful or ornamental purpose can exceed a height of 6 inches or throw off unpleasant or noxious odor. Minimum fine \$300.00.

NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

- Ordinance 57: Each and every owner of a house or structure must number it in a conspicuous place on or near the front door. It can be paint, metal or enamel at least 3 inches high and able to be seen from the opposite side of the street. Minimum fine \$300.00.

BUILDING/ZONING PERMITS

- Ordinances 55 & 193: Permits are required for all construction and development of buildings or structures, paving, filling, grading, excavation, mining, dredging, or drilling operations. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer on permit requirements.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

- Ordinance 163: No one can dig or disturb any street, lane or alley without applying to Council for the proper permit. All snow, ice, hail or sleet must be removed from a sidewalk within 24 hours after it has fallen. Nothing is to be thrown on any street or alley way and all fire hydrants are to be kept visible and accessible. Minimum fine \$300.00.

Living in a “SPRING CLEAN” State of Mind.

2022 GARBAGE RATES

Baden Borough bid out the 2022-2026 Garbage Contract in the summer of 2021. The contract was awarded to our current garbage contractor, Waste Management who was awarded their first service contract with Baden in 2011. In 2010 Baden residents were paying \$47 per quarter for trash service. Due to the contract with Waste Management the 2011 quarterly garbage fee was dropped to \$38.25 per quarter. The rate was then raised to \$42.75 per quarter in 2014 where it has stayed until January 2022. During this time Waste Management also added curbside pickup of electronics and house hold waste.

With the new 2022-2026 contract with Waste Management, the quarterly rate for garbage service has increased to \$56.25 per quarter effective January 1, 2022.



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WHAT CAN GO INTO MY CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN?

***Note: Rinse food debris and remove lids prior to recycling!**

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Clear, Brown and Green Glass food and beverage containers
- Natural and pigmented plastic narrow-neck containers with symbols: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, bleach bottles, etc.)
- Ferrous (Iron, steel, tin) cans
- Newsprint – black and white or pigmented. Not bound or placed in bags
- Construction paper, craft paper, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, or similar
- Printed paper, computer paper, copy paper
- Junk Mail, magazines, catalogs
- Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and cut, and can be no larger than 14”x14”.

REDUCING WASTE AT HOME

The best place to start making a difference is right in your own home. Learn how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle materials to decrease household waste. The tips below will help you get started.

Lawn and Garden

- Use food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic wastes to create a compost pile. Adding the compost you make to soil increases water retention, decreases erosion, and keeps organic materials out of landfills.
- Raise the cutting height of your lawnmower during hot summer months to keep grass roots shaded and cooler, reducing weed growth, browning, and the need for watering.
- If you need large lawn and garden equipment such as tillers and chainsaws, you can reduce waste (and save money) by setting up a sharing program with your neighbors.
- When you mow, “grasscycle” by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them. The clippings will return nutrients to the soil instead of taking up space in landfills.
- Donate healthy plants that you want to replace to community gardens, parks and schools.
- If you have a wood burning fireplace, save your ashes instead of throwing them away. Once cooled, wood ashes can be mixed into your compost heap and provide nutrients to your garden.

Home Improvement

- Use insulation made from recycled paper, glass, and other recovered materials.
- Clean and properly store tools, toys and outdoor furniture to protect them from damage and keep them out of landfills.
- Turn off or unplug lights during the day. Doing so will save energy and help your lights last longer.
- Storms can cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries for your flashlights. If you do use disposable batteries, reduce hazardous waste by buying ones with low mercury content.

Water Consumption

- Fix leaky pipes, faucets, and spouts in your home. Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day.



The FIRST RESPONDERS' CORNER

The ECONOMY AMBULANCE SERVICE

...is beginning their 47th year of service. They have been the designated provider of Emergency Medical Service to the town of Baden since 1997. While Economy Ambulance's Main Station is located in Economy, they have been housing an Ambulance at the Baden Fire Station with the permission of Baden Fire Department and Baden Borough Officials.

Economy Ambulance's project for 2022 is purchasing new Cardiac Monitors. The cost of purchasing four of these monitors was just shy of \$140,000. So far, they have raised \$31,217, of what is needed. Baden Residents should be proud to know that your Council stepped up and made a contribution of \$5000 toward Economy Ambulance's Monitor Project. During the first part of March, Economy Ambulance mailed out Capital Fund Drive forms. This year's Capital Drive is all going toward the Cardiac Monitor Purchase and any contributions would be appreciated.

Do you subscribe to Economy Ambulance? The cost for a family subscription is only \$60.00. Here is what you get with this subscription: Unlimited Emergency Ambulance Service; Professional Medical Evaluation at your home (5 per year); Professional Medical Treatment at your home without transport (1 per year); Reduced rate medically necessary non-emergency transport; Lifting Assistance (5 per year); Insurance Billing on your behalf; and your subscription with Economy is honored by Medic Rescue, Valley Ambulance, McCandless Franklin Park and Cranberry.

More information can be found about Economy Ambulance on Facebook at EconomyEMS or at www.Economyambulance.com.



The BADEN FIRE DEPT.

...had just wrapped up one of our busiest years. As we progress into 2022, our metrics seem to put us on a similar pace. Over the 2021 calendar year, our members were dispatched to 243 incidents. This was a 47% increase from 2020 having been dispatched to 165 incidents. Our membership has produced more than 3,910 man hours throughout 2021.

As we all know our daily lives face many challenges, and the volunteer fire service is no different! As many of our members have been in the emergency service industry for decades, the long term transformation is palpable. Less and less volunteers are joining their local fire departments, or community organizations to volunteer. Our youth unfortunately are often distracted by the mass transformation of entertainment and social media devices, as well as focusing on a future career path of successful employment. The term "volunteer" will someday be history!

While the volunteer fire service is facing many challenges, not only locally, but nationwide, the Baden Fire Department is taking steps to be proactive rather than reactive. Our mission to provide a committed and efficient service to the residents of Baden Borough as well as our neighboring communities into the future is



unwavering. Our membership still holds at 30 members. Our members are our most valuable asset, and their dedication 24 hours/day, 365 days/year, is commendable.

We all accept the challenge to dedicate our time to the needs of our community. Oftentimes, leaving the dinner table when the pager goes off, perhaps missing a family or child's birthday party, or even a holiday gathering when someone else has an emergency that they cannot control. Our members respond at all hours of the day, night, and in all weather elements.

While we are fortunate for our members and their commitment, our ability to work with our neighboring mutual aid departments almost daily is paramount. Over the previous few years, the local departments from Ambridge, Harmony Twp., Economy, and Baden have joined forces with a regular joint training schedule. In addition, our alarm boxes, or response cards often include 2, 3, or 4 departments automatically dispatched based on the incident type. This ensures an adequate response of trained personnel to mitigate whatever incident we may be faced with. Residents within these communities may often see these neighboring departments arriving on their incident, or accident scene. This response is very welcomed and is an indicator of the great relationships we have built over the years.

Our membership is excited to report that our QRS or Quick Response Service, for high priority medical incidents, as well as our Volunteer Rescue Service Recognition underwent recertification by the PA Department of Health this past Fall. Our department still maintains its participating department recognition through the Office of the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner with 75% of our members being Pro-Board certified to the national professional standard. These programs ensure we maintain high standards and ensure a commitment to our community.

Our department is always looking to recruit young men and women within the community to serve as a volunteer amongst our ranks. Anyone interested can contact our department leadership via our Facebook page, or stop down throughout the week. We often have staffed crews on station during evening hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays performing equipment maintenance and training. Our door is always open while our members are there if you'd like to come take a tour or bring a child/grandchild down to tour some fire equipment.

Our membership is proud to serve this community, we take pride in our community and our organization, and we look forward to interacting with each of you over time, whether it be mitigating your emergency, through our open house, or when we are out in the community! Stay Safe. Sincerely, the BFD

REGIONALIZATION IS NOT A “BAD WORD”

Andrew J. Gall Chief of Detectives Beaver Co DA’s Office (724) 773-8574

In the near future the citizens of Baden might be hearing the words regionalization of police being talked about in town. Please don’t confuse that word with some others you have heard. Let me explain the difference.

My name is Andy Gall. I am a guy who was born and raised in Baden, owns a home here and who has lived here most of his life. I have also been in law enforcement for almost 50 years and spent five of those years as a Baden patrolman. You may know me, or my late parents Rita and Andy, or my sisters, or my brother Chuck. Chuck was also a Baden Police officer who moved to Arizona and retired from there as a detective.

I have watched policework change and become more difficult and demanding over those 47 years that I have worn a badge. I have watched mills close and the population in Baden and the other “river towns” shrink. I remember the uproar when the state made the Ambridge, Highland and Baden-Economy school districts merge into one.

....and now I am seeing a crisis in the law enforcement community. Police departments all over the country are having a hard time staffing their departments. It is extremely difficult to find people to work part time for the police department and there are no longer a large group of candidates to choose from for full time jobs. This is NOT the type of job for just anybody. Police officers see good people at their worst and make decisions that affect people’s lives every day. A community like Baden can not just put a body in a police car and call him or her a police officer.

Baden is at a deciding point with it’s police department right now. They have four choices:

- Leave it as it is and watch the problem get worse
- Disband the police department and ask the Pennsylvania State Police to respond to emergencies
- Disband the police department and “contract” with a neighboring town to handle the calls
- “Regionalize” or merge with similar, neighboring towns who are facing the same problems

Based on my experience the most logical and clearly the best choice is regionalization. The

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Baden Police Department keeps one officer on duty in town 24 hours a day. The towns that Baden relies on to assist them when more than one officer needs to respond to a call are usually Harmony Township and Conway. If the police have responded to a serious call in your neighborhood or you have driven past a car accident on Route 65 you have probably seen those police cars assisting. Many of you reading this probably are not aware that if you fill up your

car at Sheetz you are in Baden but if you buy gas at Speedway you are in Harmony Township. Few people besides the police and fireman know where the actual line between the two towns sits. Freedom had their own police department until recently. It now “contracts” Conway to provide police services. Freedom seems very happy with the service and the Conway Police. With a contract though, the Freedom people have little say in what is done and the cost will change when the contract expires. In a regionalization, each member town has appointed representatives on the Regional Police Board. Each town decides on that representative. The regional police board is NOT elected separately and “At Large” like a school board. The Regional Police Board chooses the Chief of Police and sets the budget.

A year or so ago there was a rumor spreading like wildfire that Baden was going to disband their department and be contracted by the New Sewickley Township Police Department. I attended the Council meeting where that idea was discussed and I am still not sure what was being considered.

Since 1988 I have worked for the District Attorney’s Office and I am currently the Chief of Detectives. I discussed regionalization with District Attorney David Lozier – not just in the Baden area but in similar sections throughout Beaver County. He has tasked me with trying to help these efforts in anyway possible because he also believes changes need to be made. Before I even brought this idea to the Baden Council and the surrounding towns I met with all of the full time police officers. They all see the plan as workable

and are willing to see if it can be implemented. They know that a regional police department will be run more professionally, will give the officers more chance to specialize in the parts of the job they do best and be better trained, will make the department run more efficiently, and make the department operate more economically. The police officers are supporting the study and appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the planning.

If you have questions or concerns about regional policing please feel free to call me at my office and I will try to answer them. If I am not at my desk I will return your call as soon as possible.



Photo from beavercountyradio.com

BADEN BOROUGH RESPONSE TO THE AWA WATER INCIDENT.

Matt Loftus Baden Borough EMC (Emergency Management)

Having been born and raised in Baden Borough or an adjacent local community, we often did not recognize how fortunate we are to get such high quality water from Ambridge Water Authority (AWA). Having had water from outside AWA, I think anyone can relate that our water is actually exceptional. On Thursday February 24th, however, the unfortunate circumstances that the AWA encountered placed us all into a state of uncertainty.

In the early morning hours community department heads received notification of the water issue affecting Ambridge, Harmony Twp., Baden Borough, and Economy Borough. Our Public Works Department was quick to assess holding tank levels, and confirmed that no inflow of water was being received. Baden Borough was running solely on our storage supply, without a known time of ability to sustain on such. Baden Fire Department officials quickly modified response cards to ensure adequate water in the event of a fire incident by adding the Beaver County Tanker Task Force for working incidents. The Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator received notification at the same time. Numerous calls were placed and plans were placed into action anticipating needs for a prolonged event.

Unfortunately we had to reach out to local car washes to cease their operations during this time under the water conservation order. Calls placed to the Beaver County Emergency Operations Center occurred throughout the morning to keep updated on the situation as details unfolded and to get mitigation efforts into motion. Water buffalos for Non-potable or Non-drinkable

water were requested from Beaver County Emergency Management and delivered to the borough complex. Additional calls were placed to procure Bottled water for residents to supply as we anticipated the boil water advisory moving forward. Our relationships with local businesses have proven to be imperative to our effort to provide for the residents of Baden Borough and surrounding communities. Joint phone discussions among the municipality EMC's, occurred throughout the day on Thursday, and ongoing during the incident. Early Thursday morning, through collaboration of the Baden Borough EMC, Mayor of Baden, and Council Officials, a Disaster Emergency Declaration had been filed with the county.

In the early phase, Baden Borough was able to secure several pallets of bottled water to have on hand. Our Drinking water distribution site was set up at the Baden Fire department and commenced on Thursday.

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Throughout the day on Friday, Baden was fortunate to procure a large cache of bottled water along with the adjacent communities. Drinking water Distribution sites were continued from Friday through the following Tuesday. Throughout the course of the event, the Baden

FD Distribution site distributed nearly 1900 cases of water to Borough residents as well as those from adjacent communities under the same circumstances.

The Baden Borough Council & Baden Borough EMC, want to extend exceptional gratitude and appreciation to the following agencies for their support, donations, and participation to see this event through successfully:

- **Shop 'N Save / Safran Family:** assistance with procurement of pallets of water.
- **Monte Cello's of Baden:** donation of a pallet of water and donation of food for volunteers.
- **Paul Davis Restoration Services:** donation of a pallet of water.
- **Harvey's Auto-body & Towing:** use of forklift and manpower.
- **Economy Plumbing & Heating:** use of forklift, pallet jack, and manpower.
- **Baden Borough Department of Public Works:** use of dump-trucks and manpower.
- **Baden Borough Municipal Authority:** pallet fork and equipment usage.
- **Baden Borough Police Dept:** assistance with distribution.
- **Baden Borough Fire Department:** facility and assistance with distribution.
- **Baden Borough Office Staff Officials:** assistance with public notifications and processing.
- **Beaver County Democratic Committee:** donation of food for volunteers.
- **Crescent Twp. Fire Department:** refilling non-potable water tote.
- **Numerous Borough Residents:** assistance with distribution site.

These efforts are evidence that during an event that affects so many, communities come together in solidarity for one another. We'd also like to thank the staff of the AWA for their tireless work and effort to get the system back online, our volunteers for your commitment, and to the community for your cooperation. Thank you!



ANNUAL WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2021 water testing will be available at the end of July online at <https://badenborough.com/services/water-quality-report/> or you could pick up a copy at the Baden Borough Building, 149 State Street Baden PA 15005.

The COMMUNITY BOARD

The GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF BADEN...

has placed little, free libraries at the corner of 1st and Virginia, at the Borough Park below State Street School, and at the steps to Memorial Park below the little-league ball fields. These are free to everyone in the community, whether you want to take a book home or donate one to add to a little libraries' shelves. The Woman's Club is committed to keeping them restocked with books for readers of all ages. We hope you and your family take advantage of this amazing opportunity. Happy Reading!



THE BADEN LIONS...

meets the 1st Tuesday of the month and all new members are invited and welcome to attend. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM. Also, please keep an eye out for our monthly advertisement on Facebook for our, **Oram's Donut Sale (takes place on Saturdays)**. Donuts will be available for pick-up 8 AM to 9:30 PM at Lions Park (1124 Harmony Road, Baden, PA). **To pre-order donuts, call (724) 622-4499. Additionally, for any upcoming hall rentals, please call (724) 318-2717.** Lastly, we have brooms for sale at Economy Plumbing, WesBanco, and First Nation Bank. Regular brooms are \$11 and heavy duty varieties are sold for \$14.

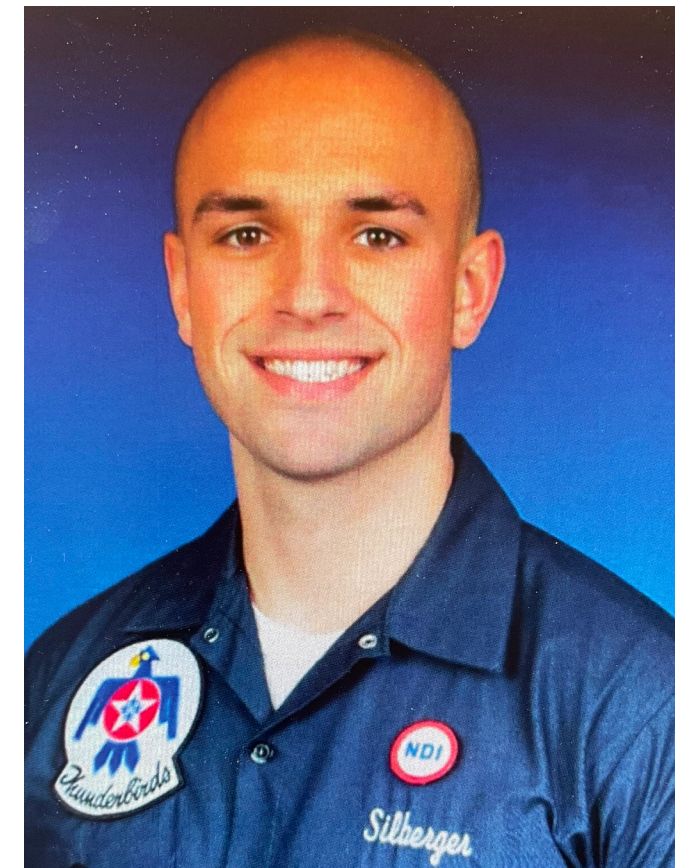
DREAM COME TRUE FOR BADEN AIRMAN SELECTED FOR THE ELITE U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRD TEAM

Becoming a member of the elite United States Air Force Thunderbird Team was a dream come true for Sr. Airman Drake Michael Silberger. Born and raised by a hardworking single mom in Baden, PA, Drake began his journey after attending a local airshow as a young teenager with his grandmother. The memory was etched permanently in his mind; a dream was born.

Drake, an Ambridge High School graduate, enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2018 as an NDI (Non-Destructive Inspector). Shortly after being stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, he initiated the ardent task of achieving his dream to become a member of the Thunderbirds. The challenging application process scrutinized his service records, capabilities in the field and his overall commitment to excellence, he was rewarded with acceptance.

From 2022 - 2025, Sr. Airman Drake Michael Silberger will serve our country in the capacity of "Ambassador in Blue" as a member of the prestigious Thunderbird team.

The hard work, success and dedication of Sr. Airman Drake Michael Silberger of the Thunderbirds brings pride to his family, his mom Kristy Mason, his grandparents Rick and Michelle Sovich Lapinski, and honor to his home community.



AMY BECK FODOR TAX COLLECTOR...

is grateful for opportunity to serve Baden Borough as your new Tax Collector. The required training and certifications have been completed. Since starting my term of service, I have attended continuing training as well as networking with other local tax collectors in an effort to increase efficiency.

The Tax Collector office is located in the Baden Borough Municipal building. In person hours are Monday from 4-8pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-2pm and the last Saturday of the month from 9am-1pm. You may also drop off your payment in the black secure mailbox at 406 Ehman Avenue. **May 31, 2022 is the last day to pay without penalty (+10%).**

Please feel free to contact me at 724-480-6717 or badenborotaxcollector@gmail.com to schedule an appointment or ask any questions. I appreciate all the support I have received and look forward to serving Baden Borough taxpayers with outstanding customer service.





living faith IN BADEN

Photo by Chris Nemeth on Unsplash.com

Pastor Jill McGregor

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

A sunflower not only pivots to face the sun as it moves across the sky, but it also rotates 180 degrees during the night so they can greet the morning sun! As our world endured the disease of COVID-19 declared to be a pandemic in March 2020, we at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church planted a few sunflowers on our campus along State Street (across from the U.S. Post Office). The sunflowers became a visual reminder that faith in Christ remains our sure hope even in the uncertainty of a pandemic.

We are joined by the entire body of Christ living as a family of redeemed sinners who follow the Son of God. By faith through grace, churches following the way of the cross of Christ, persisted through the journey of sorrow and found hope in new joy. In Baden, four faith communities have followed the true light of life providing spiritual care in times of need for more than hundred years! The oldest Christ Evangelical Lutheran and Baden United Methodist were founded one hundred and sixty-four years ago, in 1858. One hundred and fifty-six years ago, in 1866, St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish was established as a mission of St. James Catholic Church, Sewickley. The Sisters of St. Joseph became a part of the Borough of Baden one hundred and twenty-three

years ago in 1899. Each faith community has witnessed hope to Baden in the best and worst of times. This was and continues to be a gift to the citizens of Baden and beyond. Each faith community continued to practice worship that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as engaging ministries that provides for the needs of others.

These years of faith, under the power of the Holy Spirit has led and continues to lead us through COVID-19 pandemic into the future life together. We thank God for the gift of faith by grace that serves for the sake of others in need. People of faith prayed for and supported our first responders, those working in the medical field, educators, as well as employers and employees. Additionally, families and individuals received supportive care, including foodstuffs.

Every person of faith engaged in supportive care safely and to the best of their ability. No church community exercised faith perfectly. That's impossible because only Jesus is perfect while living on earth! Those bound to flesh certainly got things wrong will continue to be fallible. Yet, like the sunflower we continued to persevere knowing that the true light is our compass through every trial and fear.

If the effects of this pandemic have created a heavy burden or broken your spirit, be assured that the faith communities living in relationship with Jesus are here to shine the light of hope as they have shined for more than a century. We are thankful to God for each person, each church community and their unique contribution living faith together during the pandemic. You are sunflowers that sow seeds for future sunflowers!

Let us pray... O Lord, our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the communities in which they lived. We commend the Borough of Baden and surrounding communities to your care, that they might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHECK IT OUT!

BADEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Fun & interesting programs for all ages coming up soon:

- **Free Comic Book Day:** Saturday, May 7th
- **Mom and Me Tea Party:** Saturday, May 7th at 1pm.
- **Summer Reading Program Kickoff!** : Saturday, June 18th at 1pm. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities".
- **Jamie Ford:** Thursday, June 23rd from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. Author Jamie Ford will be at the *CCBC Library*.
- **Stuffed Animal Workshop:** Saturday, July 9th at 1pm.
- **End of Summer Reading Program:** Saturday, August 13th – always a fun day!

Our monthly calendar has many regular programs to check out, too:

- **Veteran's Outreach:** 10am to 1pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- **Bilingual Story Time:** 1pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- **Monday Mystery Book Club:** 1pm on 3RD Monday of each month.
- **Preschool Story Time:** 12pm, Biweekly on Thursdays, (4/21, 5/5, etc.)
- **Family Story Time:** 5pm, Bi.weekly on Thursdays, (4/21, 5/5, etc.).
- **STEM Club:** 5pm, Biweekly on Tuesdays, (4/26, 5/10, etc.).
- **Movie Monday:** 10am every Monday for a family-friendly movie.
- **Book to Movie:** 5pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month to watch a movie and discuss differences.

Check out our **Soup Sale on Election Day, May 17th** – at the Baden Polls. Quarts of Soup will be available to purchase, and all proceeds benefit the library! What a delicious way to vote!

There's always something going on at our Library – We invite everyone to come have a soft drink or coffee, check out the latest additions to the collection, our audio and large-print books, and be sure to ask for a Calendar of Events so you can **CHECK IT OUT!** for yourself.

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BADEN BOROUGH UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Community Yard Sale:** September 17, 2022 from 9 AM to 2 PM.
- **Harvest Festival and Car Cruise:** October 8, 2022 from 10 AM to 5 PM; located at the Borough Building and State Street.
- **Trick or Treat:** October 22, 2022 from 6 to 8 PM; located in the park across from the Borough Building.
- **Light up Night:** December 3, 2022; located in the park across from the Borough Building.
- **Santa on the Fire Truck:** December 17, 2022 from 6 to 8 PM.