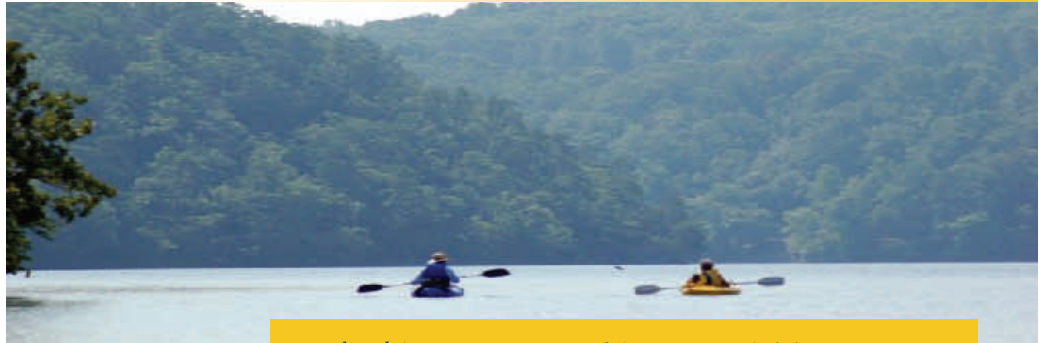




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The Badin Villager

Badin: A Small Town Main Street Community

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Through a competitive application process, Badin has been selected as just one of six towns in North Carolina as a Small Town Main Street Community. The program is for towns with 7,500 population or less. The program, with help from experts from the state's Department of Commerce, will enhance and revitalize Badin's main street with organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, and includes help with business recruitment and ad cam-

aigns. The program kicks off this month with a public meeting at **6 PM Thursday, September 27 at Badin School auditorium.**

"It is very important Badin residents turn out for this meeting," says Mayor Jim Harrison. "We need their input on this great opportunity to revitalize Badin's downtown."

A key to the success of the program is citizen participation, especially at this organizational kick-off meeting.

"This is a big deal for us," says Town Manager Todd Herms. "The program is very action-oriented."

Monthly meetings will be held after the town's needs are identified. A downtown committee will then help manage the progress and look for ways to make significant improvements at minimal expense.

Expenses will be covered several ways: by applying for grants, with help from the town and by willing property and business owners.

Best of Badin Festival: Sept. 14 and 15

Plans for the 13th annual Best of Badin Festival are more ambitious than ever. The festival committee under the chairmanship of Angela Miller has been working hard for months and this year the popular event is set to be one of the biggest and best yet. Thousands of tourists are drawn to Badin every year to enjoy

a variety of foods, rides and entertainment. Highlights this year will include an exhibition at the Firehouse Museum of pictures and artifacts from the Hardaway Site. The artifacts were donated to the University of North Carolina by Alcoa and this is the first viewing of an exhibit that will tour the state in the coming

months (see article P.4). Friday's popular street dance features The Entertainers Rock/Top 40 hits. There'll be hot air balloon rides and the All-American Lumberjack Show. Tours of the Narrows and Falls dams will be available and the festival will end with a spectacular fireworks display over Badin Lake.



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Around the Village:

Badin Volunteer Fire Department Solves Golf Course Crisis

The severity of the August drought was brought home to Badin as gardens, lawns and shrubs suffered through scorching heat and lack of rain. Perhaps the hardest hit of all was Badin Golf Course where recent improvements to the greens and fairways run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. An irrigation system depends on water from a reservoir fed by Little Mountain Creek. As the creek dried up, the reservoir level dropped alarmingly.

Unable to buy water from the county due to the unavailability of a meter for the hydrant through which county water would flow, the Badin Golf Course faced losing untold thousands of dollars.

In a last ditch effort, Badin Volunteer Fire Department came to the rescue. "We knew we had to do something to help," says Fireman Greg Caudle. "We brought in the pumper truck and pumped water from a lower pond that is almost certainly spring-fed into the higher reservoir." "This is why we invested in Badin," says Andy Kinnecom, owner with his wife Martha of the Badin Inn Golf Resort and Club "It has a wonderful community spirit." "This is why we're here," says Martha Kinnecom. "It's small town America at its best."



Groundskeeper Mel Lucas with Chief Dale Ward, Greg Caudle and Terry Eudy.



Badin Golf Course owner Andy Kinnecom checks the reservoir level.

Red Cross Blood Drive

A Red Cross blood drive will take place in Badin in September on a date to be announced shortly. The drive will be at the Badin Inn Golf Resort and Club. Residents are encouraged to donate blood. Call 704-422-3683, extn: 1017 for details.

Run the Valley 2007

The 10th annual Run the Valley 5K, 10K and half-marathon will be run on Saturday, September 15 in conjunction with the Best of Badin Festival. Proceeds will benefit Community Care Clinic, Girls on the Run and Cardiac Rehabilitation at the Stanly Regional Medical Center. Early registration and packet pick-up is at Vac and Dash, 704-983-3274. Race Day registration and packet pick-up is at 6:30 to 7:30 am at Badin Post Office. Half marathon starts at 7:30 am, 10K and 5K at 8 am and the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk at 9 am. Awards at 9:30 and 10 am.

Premier Federal Credit Union

Membership in Badin's Premier FCU is open to current and retired employees of approved select employee groups/sponsor companies and their immediate family members including spouses. Check with manager Jo Culp for eligibility at 704-422-3141.

Badin Town Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm
Tel: 704-422-3470
www.badin.org

Town News

Golf carts must be registered by 5 pm September 7. Stickers are now available at the Town Hall. The fee is \$10. The fine for an unregistered cart is \$25.

The Town of Badin will pick up limbs and brush on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Badin Police Department is

advertising for a full-time police officer. Applications are available at the Badin Police Department. Call 704-422-5386.

A public hearing on Sept. 11 will address a stop sign and parking issues at the Falls Road/Pine Street five-points intersection.

Calendar for Badin Town Hall:
Tuesday, September 11:
 6:45: Public hearing
 7 pm: Town Council
Monday September 10:
 7 pm: Better Badin
 Closed for Labor Day
 September 3, 2007

Hub: Badin School's Beloved Custodian

By Bridget Huckabee

They call him Mr. Hub or just plain Hub, a tall unassuming man with an aura of genuine kindness about him that attracts children to him like bees to honey. He is Badin School custodian and his real name is Gary Peoples. He is an integral part of the school, so much so that when the school board tried to replace school custodians with contracted services, the loudest outcry was heard from Badin where parents stated their school was unthinkable without Hub. The school board backed down.

I live cross the street from the school and write about this extraordinary man after observing him on an almost daily basis for over 12 years. To see Hub about his work among the children is to know all's well with our small community.

Out in the dusty school yard Hub is often found amidst a knot of laughing children. When the bell rings for the start and end of the school year, it's Hub who rings it, pulling on a rope that dangles in a closet beneath the cupola.

When my granddaughter visits from college she asks, "How's hub?" "Still here," and then for her the small world that is

Badin remains as it should be. Hub often gets letters or visits from former students. He is part of their growing-up memories, seen as an island of calm in the sometimes turbulent world of kindergarten through 8th grade.

Children adore him, teachers respect him, and the community, often a recipient of his



Hub rings the bell for the start of the 2007/2008 school year

volunteer services, needs him.

"He's the heart and soul of the school," says Principal Anne Faulkenberry.

It's not just what Hub does as

custodian, it's his presence, his positive air and the warmth of a smile he is seldom without. There's also a calmness about him that relays itself particularly to children who perhaps feel the insecurity of life at school. Just to see Hub going about his work gives reassurance.

"He has a wonderful disposition," says Literacy Facilitator, Barbara Overcash. "He always has a smile and hug for the children."

"He's a vital part of our community," says Mayor Jim Harrison. "He volunteers at the festival, the Christmas program and whenever we ask him, and always with that wonderfully positive attitude."

Gary Peoples was born and raised in Badin and attended Badin School. After graduating from North Stanly High School in 1978 he entered the military. Back in Badin he worked for Hoyle Boger at the old 740 grocery store before becoming Badin School custodian in

1988. His daddy's name was Hubert, shortened to Hub, and Gary found himself with the same nickname, and so Hub he is to all of us who know and love him.

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School's Back

Watch that Child!

Badin Library Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri:
1 pm to 5 pm.

Tues:
10 am to 2 pm.

Thurs:
3 pm to 7 pm.

704-422-3218

In Badin School news, new staff members for the 2007/2008 school year are Rebecca Stamper, 7th and 8th grade math; Linda Dennis, 3rd

grade math; Lauren Petrick, 5th grade math. Badin School is part of the Healthy Active Children Initia-

tive that encourages more physical education and healthier food. See ww.scs.k12.nc.us for more information.

Badin Inn Prepares for the Festival



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In anticipation of the 2007 Best of Badin Festival, the Badin Inn Golf Resort and Club has been working hard to renovate more of the Inn's second floor rooms and make them ready for occupancy.

"Many residents have family and friends come in for the Festival," says Melynn Morgan Stowman, Marketing and Membership Director. "For those who need rooms we hope they'll consider the Inn. It's convenient and priced to

compete with Albemarle motels."

Two rooms have recently been finished on the second floor making six now available. Guest suites include a king-size bed, a sofa sleeper in the living area, private bathroom, frig and microwave, coffee maker, cable TV, hi-speed Internet and daily housekeeping. Rooms include queen-size bed, oversized chair, private bathroom, frig and microwave, coffee maker, cable



The Adrien Badin Suite

TV, hi-speed Internet and daily housekeeping. There are also 4 fully furnished condominiums overlooking the golf course. Rooms include use of the pool, tennis courts, fitness center and business center. The Pine Circle Pub and Grille offers English pub fare and is fully licensed. Call 704-422-3683, extn: 1000 for reservations.



Badin Inn Pub and Grille

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North Carolina's First People

The first people to live in North Carolina arrived here more than 10,000 years ago. These people, known as Paleoindians, were nomadic hunters and gatherers who carried their possessions on their backs as they wandered through the mountains, the piedmont and the coastal plain. Because these people lived so long ago, there is little left to tell us their story. Only traces of them remain—a spear point here, a stone scraper there. By studying artifacts from the Hardaway Site, archeologists have been able to gain valuable clues about how these people lived. Understanding the type of spear points and stone tools these people made provides insight into how they hunted, while bone fragments offer clues about the type of animals they hunted and ate. The spear point served as the primary hunting tool for Paleoindians. It appears that the earliest style of spear point (known as a Clovis) was modified around 8,500 BC as these early settlers adapted to a new environment. The new spear point—formed by chipping stone flakes into a leaf-shaped form—is called a Hardaway point. Archeologists believe these distinctive spear points were first developed by Paleoindians at the Hardaway site.

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