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Badger Bank Holds Free Community ShredFests

FORT ATKINSON– (For Immediate Release) – Citizens from surrounding areas lined up with their boxes and bags of confidential papers on Saturday, April 17th, from 9am to 11am to watch it get destroyed! Badger Bank held another popular ShredFest. Shred-it Document Destruction Company brought their large shredding truck to Fort Atkinson and ran it almost continuously for 2 hours. Thousands of pieces of waste paper was shredded, protecting countless innocent people from identity theft. Margaret Wolf, Compliance and Security Officer of Badger Bank warns “Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. Many victims do not even know their identity has been compromised until it has gone on for months or even years. The best deterrent is the absolute destruction of all personal information and financial records. Events such as the community wide ShredFest demonstrates Badger Bank’s commitment to protecting our friends and neighbors very identity.”

Not all forms of shredding are the same. Incomplete methods such as strip, cross or pierce and tear shredding have all been reassembled – leaving your business and personal information at risk. But the shredding technology used by Shred-it literally pummels paper to bits, reducing documents to the smallest average shred size in the industry, with each piece averaging less than one inch. The resulting material has “dusty edges” within definable shred pieces, making it impossible to assemble again – even with reassembly programs.

This event is also extremely beneficial for the conservation of our earth’s resources. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and Waste Management, 6,200 pounds of recycled paper saves 51 mature trees, enough to produce more than 172,000 sheets of newspaper. Furthermore it saves 10.5 cubic yards of landfill space and 1,389 gallons of oil. Recycling this paper also contributes to the conservation of electricity, fresh water and gasoline. Protection of people’s identity combined with the earth wise benefits add up to a winning combination for all.

Future shred events are scheduled throughout 2021 at our Badger Bank locations. Cambridge, May 15th, Johnson Creek, August 21st, Jefferson, September 18th and Fort Atkinson, October 9th. Watch for further details on social media and in the bank and thank you to everyone who came out to shred!

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About Badger Bank

Badger Bank, locally owned and operated for over 130 years, continues as Southcentral Wisconsin's premier community bank - offering a full suite of personal, small business and commercial banking solutions with industry-leading mobile, online and in-branch products and services. Badger Bank remains dedicated to the communities they serve- Working Together, Achieving Success. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit BadgerBank.bank.

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