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Beacon Technologies Quarterly Newsletter



Employee Success Story

Rebecca Paulson, IT Technologist, American Family Insurance

Rebecca entered the IT field quite by accident. In college, her focus was on psychology and social work, but after providing tech support around the office, she entered the IT field in 2004. Working her way up from an entry level position, she obtained the title of a Senior Systems Administrator. During this time, she also went back to school and achieved her master's degree in Project Management. In searching for a position that would allow her to leverage her IT and project management knowledge, Beacon Technologies found her a home at American Family. As part of the Communication & Collaboration Technology team, she can put both her technical skills to use as well as provide needed project management structure for the team.

Favorite Project

A favorite project of Rebecca's is one that she is currently executing right now. It is an enterprise-wide pilot for the optimal end-user experience for web conferencing. "It is a great blend of interacting with people at all levels within multiple operating partners, as well as really focusing on great customer service for the users." The end goal of this project is to find an intuitive web conferencing solution with standardized hardware and software. "This is just another great example that American Family has provided me to use soft skills, technical skills, and project management skills. There is never a dull moment!"

Family

Rebecca lives in Waunakee with her two sons, JT (11) and Jakob (8) who keep life interesting at home.

Hobbies

My favorite pastime by far is to train for triathlons. I competed in my first one this past summer and loved it. I also enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends. My latest trips include Australia to watch my niece compete in the ITU World Triathlon competition and to Winter Park, CO for a family skiing trip.

Interesting Fact

"When I was selecting my degree for undergraduate school, my dad suggested computer science. I told him that computers were boring. He laughed quite a bit when I transitioned into IT. Now I can't imagine being in a different field!"



Trivia

In our last newsletter we asked how many billable consultants Beacon had in it's first month of business. No one guessed! The answer was 9. Let's get some responses to this quarter's question. What client's tagline is "World's Greatest Aviation Celebration?" Respond to Keegan O'Brien at kobrien@beacontechinc.com and one person with the correct answer will win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

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News & Reminders



Madison College IT Fair

Beacon will have a booth at the Madison College IT Fairs on October 9th and October 16th. We are excited to meet students studying infrastructure and software development on those days!



Appleton Holiday Parade

Beacon will host employees and their families again this year on Tuesday, November 26th at our workspace on College Ave in Appleton for the Annual Holiday Parade. More details will come out in early November.

Annual Holiday Party

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 12th for our annual Holiday Party in Middleton at Capital Brewery. It will take place from 5 PM - 9 PM. Formal invites will be sent out in the near future.



McGMO Charity Golf Event

Beacon was proud to sponsor the 22nd Annual McGMO Charity Golf Event this summer at Delbrook Golf Course in Delavan, WI. Proceeds of the event support the patients at the Aurora Cancer Care Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic. Over \$40,000 was raised this year!



Some shots from our team that took part in the McGMO. See more photos on the Employee Portal or Facebook!

Madison Team - Best Vacation Spots

We asked our team in the Madison area to share the favorite place they travel to and why? Here's how some of our team responded!

Scott Wanless, Consultant

My favorite travel destination is any Big Water shoreline. Can be an ocean, sea, major river, etc. The reason is that it is the fastest way for a human to touch infinity in an immediate, visceral way. A key example is the Straits of Mackinac, where three of the five Great Lakes come together.

David Bebeau, Recruiter

The Napa Valley. My wife and I visited in June of last year and it remains my favorite vacation. Napa combines some of the best wines in the world with a natural splendor often associated with protected national parks. The cottage industry of vineyards and Eno tourism has attracted top notch restaurants that feel very similar to the small-but-upscale offerings in Door County. The weather in June hovered around 65-80 degrees and the layout of the region encourages exploration, so very little upfront planning was needed. We had reserved two tastings but stopped wherever looked inviting along the way.

Kelsey Kelley, Office Manager

My favorite place to travel to is northern Wisconsin (Minocqua area). I grew up as a kid going all the time and my family still goes up every summer for a week

Patrick Tsai, Consultant

My favorite place to travel is not so much a destination, but rather is a way of travelling. My favorite way of travelling is with my family and/or friends to new places I haven't yet explored. Some examples are cruise shipping it to Alaska, touring my parents' old stomping grounds in Taiwan, journeying through South Dakota following the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and visiting our parents at their house where we all can get spoiled like the when we were kids :)

Employee Anniversaries

October

William Sherman - 12 years
June Fox - 6 years
Venkata Ramiseti - 5 years
Xueming Huang - 2 years
Tim Fendt - 1 year

Prathit Bondre - 1 year
Srimaye Shastry - 1 year
Stewart Sweet - 1 year
Anthony Smith - 1 year

November

Todd Meier - 21 years
Jay Velugubantla - 2 years
Scott Remich - 1 year

December

Raj Kamal - 11 years
Tom Brey - 4 years
Jaime Schmitt - 2 years
Zach Zoeller - 1 year
Joshua Guldán - 1 year
Jacob Parma - 1 year

Andre Vinson - 1 year
Ashwini Devarapalli - 1 year
Tenzin Tsephe - 1 year
Hannah Cruckson - 1 year
Brian Kind - 1 year

Upcoming Events

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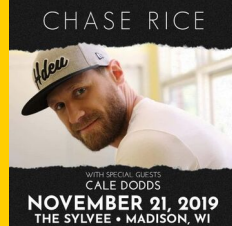
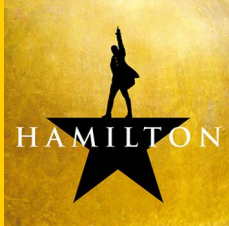
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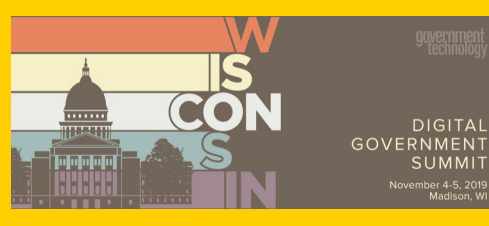
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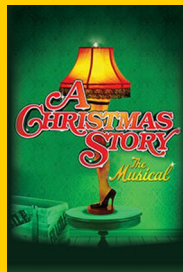
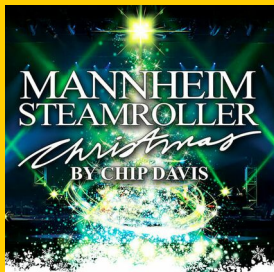
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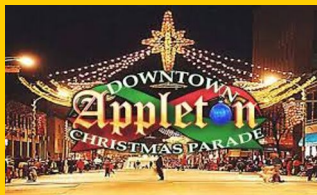


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