

THE BEACON

Beacon Technologies Quarterly Newsletter

Employee Success Story

Matt Schmidt, Software Engineer

Matt grew up in the Fox Valley and graduated from UW-Oshkosh in 2008 with a Computer Science degree. Directly out of school, he started working for Shopko as a junior software developer working with COBOL, PL/SQL, and Unix Scripting; none of which you will find on my resume. Fast forward past his years of Java development and the torture of Eclipse, he started his consulting career with Omni, which fortunately helped him build the connections he has today with the team at Beacon.

Favorite Project

Matt's favorite project he has worked on would probably be when he was at Rexnord as a Lead Software Engineer. They had an interesting idea of monitoring the bearings and gearboxes that they produced through a series of sensors. They would monitor simple things like temperature, humidity, and oil level along with more complicated things like oil quality and vibration frequencies to know when to change the oil or exactly pinpoint the bearing issue before failure. Matt says, "it used a ton of math and was super fun to test your code with a physical piece of equipment."

Matt Schmidt,
Software Engineer



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Did You Know?

Almost 1/3 of all Americans live within a 500 mile radius of Wisconsin.



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YEAR END NOTES FROM JEAN BURKE

Verify Information

Please take a moment to verify that your general information (address, SSN, etc.) is accurate in your ADP account. If changes are needed, you can update much of your general information by yourself, but please let us know as well because there are places outside of ADP that also need to be updated.

2021 Form W-2 for Employees

You will receive a hard copy of your W-2 in the mail by 1/31/22. You can obtain an electronic copy in your ADP/Workforce Now account. If you have any questions, please let us know.

2021 Form 1099 for C2C's

Form 1099 will be provided to you by 1/31/2022. If possible, forms will be provided electronically, but it is likely that some will be mailed. Please let me know if you have questions.

Social Security

The social security wage base has been increased to \$147,000 for 2022. There is no limit for Medicare Tax withholdings. Rates remain the same at 6.2% for Social Security and 1.45% for Medicare. Wages in excess of \$200,000 will be subject to an extra .9% Medicare Tax withholding.

401k

The 401k deferral limit for 2022 has been increased to \$20,500. Catch-up contributions for individuals over age 50 remains the same at \$6,500. Please let us know if you want to adjust your 401k deferral amounts for 2021.

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Health, Dental, and Vision will be coming in 2022. Look for more information at the start of the new year that will come from HR Director, Kristen Suttle-Ebert.

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Family/Hobbies

Matt lives with his girlfriend, Jen, and their 3 dogs on their hobby farm in Larsen. He really enjoys building and tinker/fixing things, so after work he spends most of his free time working around the farm. They have chickens, honeybees, and an orchard consisting of apple, pear, peach, plum, cherry, and apricot trees.

Interesting Fact

Matt built his barn and post frame (barndominium) home.



Matt and his girlfriend, Jen



Matt working from the Beacon office in Appleton

Employee Anniversaries

January

- Denise Olson - 14 years
- Delight Oelerich - 5 years
- Adam Gruszynski - 5 years
- Srujan Reddy Pindi - 3 years
- Kimberly Suchla - 3 years
- Thomas Nelson - 2 years
- Evan Adams - 1 year
- Jon Beckett-Schreiber - 1 year
- Alyson lott - 1 year
- Nischal Panwala - 1 year
- Thomas Sullivan - 1 year
- Kevin Wu - 1 year

February

- William Sweeney - 6 years
- Paul Collen - 2 years
- Sai Sindhuja Reddy - 2 years
- Michael Rukunda - 1 year

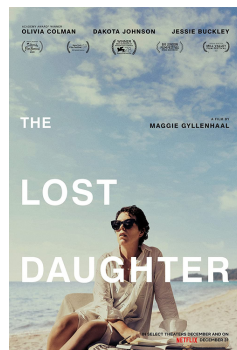
March

- Shakeel Mohammed - 9 years
- Mark Schilling - 7 years
- Mathew Gutschow - 4 years
- Matthew Nelson - 4 years
- Angelito Dominguez - 3 years
- David Bryant - 2 years
- Sreenath Pillai - 2 years
- Aaron Rosenthal - 2 years
- Michael Alt - 1 year
- Imran Khan - 1 year
- Chris Ruggiero - 1 year
- Logan Withers - 1 year
- Taylor Worley - 1 year

Best Movies of 2021 According to Wired

JANUARY 3, 2022

(click on each movie poster for more info)



Spring Cleaning To Do's

- Create a plan or schedule for this deep clean
- Use two doormats - one outside and one inside
- Wash the windows on an overcast day to avoid window streaks from direct sunlight
- Run a couple of lemon rind slivers through the garbage disposal
- Clean "permanent" marks on your cutting board with the cut side of a lemon (try salt and baking soda too)
- Remove your fridge's shelving and drawers - wash with warm, soapy water
- Use Parker & Bailey Kitchen Cabinet Cream to clean your kitchen cabinets
- Get a drawer organizer and a nonslip liner for your junk drawer
- Wash your plastic or vinyl shower curtains along with a few bath towels on gentle cycle
- Get rid of expired or old makeup - start to mark on each when you open them with sharpie
- Clean grout with CLR Brilliant Bath
- Pull your furniture away from the walls and vacuum behind and underneath - make sure to do the woodwork and air vents there while you are at it
- Clean the ceiling fans - you know they need it
- Clean your pillows and comforters (but read the care instructions first)
- Clean out your closets - get rid of anything you have outworn, is stained, no longer fits
- Take everything out of your purse, toss trash and organize your items
- Wipe down your lawn furniture with soapy water and rinse off
- Always work top to bottom (DUST!)
- Vacuum your mattress
- Wipe down your baseboards
- Store your winter items
- Coffee filters work great as a tv or computer screen cleaner when used gently

Upcoming Events - Things To Do

Click the images to be taken to more information on each.

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