

BUSINESS

paign County during the next 18 months.

Linder was an English teacher at University Laboratory High School, Urbana, for 17 years. She has also been a University of Illinois Writing Project teacher consultant for the past two years, coordinating professional development conferences for local teachers.



ROBINSON



SEIFERT

ter, Champaign, as group exercise instructors.

Seifert is certified in Yoga Alliance RYT200.

Walters made Pixo developer.

Brian Walters has joined Pixo, Urbana, as a front-end developer. He studied digital media at Parkland College, focusing on three-dimensional animation, and worked at 2way for five years after that.



BRIAN WALTERS

Re/Max 2000 adds King.

Kent King has joined the staff of Re/Max 2000, Danville. He has 10 years of real estate experience.



KING

Achievements

Birnbaum receives foundation award. Peter J. Birnbaum has received the Illinois Bar Foundation's 16th annual Distinguished Award for Excellence, recognizing an attorney who has made a major contribution to law and society.



BIRNBAUM

Birnbaum is the president and CEO of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, with offices in Champaign, Chicago and other locations. He joined the organization in 1981 and was named president and CEO in 1991. Attorneys' Title Guaranty has evolved into

a family of companies offering services to more than 4,000 lawyers in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana.

Birnbaum is a laureate in the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, has been recognized by the Illinois Legislature for his work with children's charities, has served on the board of directors of the Jesse White Foundation, is treasurer of the American Land Title Association board and is a judge on the seven-member Illinois Court of Claims.

A gala honoring Birnbaum will be Oct. 17 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago.

Grunhagen named president of franchising board.

Marko Grunhagen has been named president of the International Society of Franchising, which focuses on the promotion of franchising through research. The group has members in more than 25 countries.



GRUNHAGEN

Grunhagen is an Eastern Illinois University marketing professor and franchising expert.

Bean cited as 'community champion.' Courtney Bean of Urbana has received one of three statewide Community Champions Awards from Molina Healthcare of Illinois.



BEAN

Bean is a volunteer for SmileHealthy, a program of Promise Healthcare, which provides primary health, mental health and dental care for the underserved in Champaign County.

She provides administrative support on a voluntary basis one full day a week. She is the youngest member of the Promise

Healthcare board of directors and also serves as a patient representative.

Walters receives National Radio Award. Bayard H. "Bud" Walters received the National Radio Award during a 2014 Radio Show luncheon Sept. 12 in Indianapolis. The event was sponsored by the Radio Advertising Bureau and the National Association of Broadcasters.



BUD WALTERS

Walters, founder and president of The Cromwell Group, formed the business in 1972. He owns and operates 28 radio stations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Those stations include WMCI-FM, WCBH-FM and WWGO-FM in Mattoon, as well as several stations in the Decatur and Effingham areas.

Aquascape honors area contractor. Chris' Water Gardens, Homer, has received a Top Frog Award from Aquascape as the 12th-highest retailer and 20th-highest contractor of all certified Aquascape contractors in North America.

Legion salutes Kemper Industrial Equipment. Kemper Industrial Equipment, 1314 W. Anthony Drive, C, has received Champaign American Legion Post 24's September certificate of appreciation for proper display of the U.S. flag.

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SPROULS



MEYER

Dallas team adds buyer specialists.

Three buyer specialists have joined the Ryan Dallas team at Keller Williams Realty, Champaign.



ONDREJA

Brandis Sprouls, Jeff Meyer and Kaitlynn Ondreja are licensed real estate professionals who specialize in representing individuals and families through the homebuying process.

Quigg joins Christie Clinic. Registered nurse Melissa Quigg has joined the department of nutrition education at the Christie Clinic location at 1801 W. Windsor Road, C.



QUIGG

Her background is in exercise science and nursing. She received a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in nursing from DePaul University, Chicago.

Mettler Center hires two.

Laura Robinson and Melissa Seifert have joined the staff of Mettler Cen-