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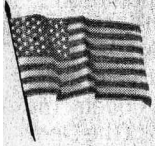
Arcola's Jamie Warren (far left) and Unity's Aaron Luesse had reason to be excited at Saturday's track and field state finals — *Sports*



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effective July 1.

He will replace **Robert Augustine**, who has been appointed to a two-year term as senior vice president of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Hendrickson is a professor of political science at EIU. He came to the university in 1999.

DeYoung to oversee special recreation.

Jessica DeYoung has been promoted to manager of Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation, overseeing programs and services.

DeYoung has been with the Champaign Park District since 2010. She most recently was the program's youth and teen coordinator for two years. Before that, she was the program's adult and senior coordinator for three years.

Fire department promotes Sherwood. Firefighter **Joshua Sherwood** has been promoted to lieutenant at the Carroll Fire Department.

Sherwood, who has served in the U.S. Air Force, will be the department's training officer.

Eshleman joins BSN Sports. **Trent Eshleman** of rural Loda has joined the sales staff at BSN Sports, Rantoul.

Eshleman has owned and operated **Denny's Sporting Goods** in downtown Onarga for the past two years. Before that, he served as principal of Paxton-Buck-



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Denny Eshleman, will close in June.

BSN, which started in 1972, is a major distributor of team sports apparel and equipment in the U.S. Its mission is to provide a one-stop place for schools to shop for sporting goods.

Moline moves to WILL Radio. **Brian Moline** will join the WILL Radio staff on Monday and will soon be on the air as "Morning Edition" host.

He replaces **Jim Meadows**, who will return to full-time reporting for WILL.

Moline has been a news and sports host at WDWS/WHMS/WKIO the past 15 years. He hosted and produced the weekday "WDWS News Hour," "SportsTalk" and post-game shows for University of Illinois football and men's basketball.

John George Salon adds Thilmony. **Kristina Thilmony** has joined **John George Salon**, Savoy, as a nail technician.

Thilmony, who formerly worked at Spa Envy and Salon, has five years of experience and performs manicures, pedicures, nail art and waxing.

Wolf takes ownership interest. Professional engineer **Jake Wolf** has become one of the majority owners of **Engineering Resource Associates**, with offices in Champaign, Warrentonville and Chicago.

Wolf and three other longtime project manag-



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ville — bought out the founding owner, **Rod Beadle**.

Engineering Resource Associates is a consulting firm providing civil engineering, structural engineering, environmental science and surveying services.

Wolf is responsible for all civil and structural engineering services at the Champaign office.

Birnbaum elevated on Court of Claims.

Peter J. Birnbaum, the president and chief executive officer of **Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund**, has been appointed chief justice of the Illinois Court of Claims, where Birnbaum has served as a judge since 2004.

He is one of seven judges on the Court of Claims, which renders decisions on monetary claims and lawsuits against the state.

Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund has offices in Champaign, Chicago and 16 other locations in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Achievements

Thies qualifies for conference. **Mark A. Thies** of Champaign was one of 944 **Edward Jones** advisers who qualified for the **Edward Jones' Financial Advisor Leaders Conference** in St. Louis.

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a Counselor of Real Estate, a credential given to only 1,100 members worldwide. The credential is awarded only to those invited by their peers.

Ruggieri also received the **Partnership Circle's Award** from **Sperry Van Ness**. Only 5 percent of the company's 1,200 advisers nationwide receive the award.

Bank marks anniversary with donations. **First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust** is celebrating its 150th anniversary by donating more than \$20,000 to area public schools.

First Mid's charter was established April 17, 1865, under the **First National Bank of Mattoon** name. The company has the distinction of being the first national bank in Illinois.

First Mid has 35 branches in 23 communities and recently agreed to acquire 12 banking centers in southern Illinois from **Old National Bancorp**.

Legion salutes church. **Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church**, Champaign, has been named the recipient of **Champaign American Legion Post 24's** June certificate of appreciation for proper display of the U.S. flag.

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