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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL BRIEFS

New jobs

Miller joins city. Shannon Miner was hired as a paralegal in the city of Champaign's legal department.



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New receptionist hired. Loving Paws Pet Clinic at 507 S. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, has hired Michelle Baker as a receptionist. She will be working the afternoons and some Saturdays.



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Baker has a long background in customer service and reception work. Most recently, she worked for Dr. Lawrence Karl, an optometrist in Champaign.

Doctor joins Christie Clinic. Christie Clinic recently added Dr. Jason Morris to the department of foot and ankle surgery at 1801 W. Windsor Road, C.

As a foot and ankle surgeon, Morris is a medically and surgically trained



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podiatrist available to treat patients of all ages. His skills include treating acute injuries, complete wound care, complex foot and ankle problems, diabetic foot reconstruction and total ankle replacements.

Pence joins law firm. Philip J. Pence of Urbana has joined Thomas, Mamer & Haughey LLP as an associate.

Pence had served as the Champaign firm's law clerk since 2015.

He concentrates his practice in the areas of workers' compensation and employment law. Additionally, Pence practices civil litigation broadly, including civil rights, insurance defense and professional malpractice defense.

Pence graduated in 2012 from the University of Illinois, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He then graduated from the UI College of Law in 2016.

Fehr Graham adds Alred. Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, recently added Emory Alred to its Champaign office.

Alred joined Fehr Graham as an associate engineering technician in the firm's engineering division. In this role, Alred will be a resident project representative, assisting engineers in projects by observing progress and quality of work. This includes field checks of materials and installed equipment, in addition to serving as the engineer's liaison with project contractors.

Alred has performed construction inspection and administration duties since 2006. His experience includes construction inspection for the Willow Pond pump station in Rantoul, the Westville-Belgium Sanitary District treatment plant improvements, and Lincoln Avenue and Church Street improvements for the city of Urbana, as well as various municipal infrastruc-



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ture projects.

Alred is a graduate of the Illinois Department of Transportation Engineering Technician Training Program.



CHALASANI

Carle hires three. Dr. Pratima Chalasani has joined Carle in oncology and hematology.

She received her bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery from Siddhartha Medical College, NTR University of Health Sciences, India. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, and her fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, Wis.

She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Wan Tan Chan has joined Carle in convenient care.

He received his bachelor's degree from Long Island University, Brooklyn, N.Y., and his doctor of medicine from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine, West Bay, Cayman Islands.

He is certified in advanced cardiac life support, neonatal resuscitation and advanced life support in obstetrics.

Dr. Bart Gastwirth has joined Carle in podiatric medicine and orthopedics.

He graduated the Uni-



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versity of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn., and received his doctor of podiatric medicine from Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine, Chicago.

He completed his residency in podiatric surgery at Monsignor Clement Kern Hospital for Special Surgery, Warren, Mich.

He is certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Achievements

License earned. Fehr Graham announced that Muhanad "Mo" Jawad recently received his structural engineering license from the state of Illinois. He joins six other structural engineers who are key to local and regional engineering projects.

Carle earns award for stroke care. The Carle Neuroscience Institute recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get with the Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get with the Guidelines-Stroke quality measures to receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

Award for McGrath. Wealth & Finance Magazine's 2016 Women in

Wealth Award winners include Mary McGrath of Champaign.

McGrath, executive vice president of Cozad Asset Management, was named "Best for Retirement Planning 2016-Illinois."

The 2016 Women in Wealth Awards were created to showcase the very best women from across the financial environment.

Rose recognized. LeadingAge Illinois announced

that state Sen. Chapin Rose has been named a 2016 LeadingAge Illinois Legislator of the Year.

Rose was chosen for his commitment to the advancement of quality older adult services in Illinois.

Anniversary for Birnbaum. Peter J. Birnbaum is celebrating 25 years as president and chief executive officer of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund Inc.

Birnbaum began his career at ATG as a law clerk in 1981 while a first-year student at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He advanced to positions of staff attorney, and vice president and counsel.

Birnbaum received the Justice John Paul Stevens Award for those who exemplify the justice's commitment to integrity



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and public service in the practice of law.

He has also received the Illinois Bar Foundation Distinguished Award for Excellence, the Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award for promoting diversity in the profession and the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Lend A Hand Foundation's Making a Difference Award.

Birnbaum is president of the Jesse White Foundation. He led the effort to build the Jesse White Community Center, which opened in fall 2014.

Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund Inc. is located at 2102 Windsor Place, C.

Recognition for Carle.

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy has recognized Carle Digestive Health Institute as part of its program dedicated to promoting quality in endoscopy in all settings where it is practiced.

To be recognized by ASGE, a unit, through a peer-reviewed application process, must attest to the continued competence of all staff, demonstrate the adoption of unit policies on ongoing assessment of performance and have an established infrastructure and personnel dedicated to infection control and prevention.

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