

## YMCA director speaks to Taylorville Optimist Club

TAYLORVILLE — The Taylorville Optimist Club held its regular Thursday meeting on July 16th in the TMH Auditorium. The meeting was called to order, and invocation provided by Pastor Ted Marrinan. Business discussed included the club's participation in the annual Chilifest celebration. The Optimist will once again occupy their familiar spot on the northeast corner of the square with their food trailer. All proceeds derived from the sales at the trailer go to help fund the many youth oriented activities the club sponsors, including:

Christmas for Kids; youth appreciation; Scotty Canale scholarship; community 4th of July celebration; jr. golf, and many more.

The Illinois District Convention will be Aug. 7-9, in Decatur. This quarterly meeting of the clubs from all over the state, will set the stage for the new administration of Governor-Elect Steve Turner, of Taylorville. Turner will assume his duties as Governor on Oct. 1, 2015 when the optimist year begins. He will be charged with directing and growing Optimism throughout the district in the com-

ing year.

Speaker for the morning was YMCA executive director, Chris Weittenhiller. Weittenhiller gave a brief history of the founding of the YMCA in Christian County, which goes back to 1896 in Pana. The facility was first opened in Taylorville in 1980, with the current building being constructed in 1981 at a cost of \$750,000. Additions since then have included, an aquatic center in 2001, and the wellness center in 2002. Membership stands at 3600 with approximately 25 percent coming from outside the

Taylorville area.

Weittenhiller is the 4th executive director since the inception of the Christian County YMCA in 1980.

*RIGHT: Chris Weittenhiller (right), executive director Christian County YMCA, provided a history of the organization and local facilities, dating back to 1896, to the Optimist Club at their most recent meeting held July 16. Weittenhiller is pictured with Pastor Ted Marrinan (left).*

*Submitted photo*



## SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD DRIVE



TAYLORVILLE — Marketing Alternatives, Inc. (MAI) recently collected food donations at their Taylorville office to assist Taylorville Community Credit Union (TCCU) in the "Freedom Tree" food drive. Pictured are members of MAI's Human Resource Department (left to right) Aly Grigsby, Tara Decker, and Tracy Grundy with the donations received. MAI employees and management collected donations from June 19 to July 16, when donations were taken to TCCU for distribution to local food pantries. The food drive ended today, July 17th, 2015.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### Knox Joseph Morman

Knox Joseph Morman will turn three years old tomorrow, July 18th. He is the son of Ben and Cheryl Morman of Taylorville. He has one older brother, Jett, who is four. Knox is the grandson of Don and Karen Luttrell of Springfield and Cheryl and the late Dave Morman of Stonington. His great-grandparents are Glenn and Margaret Luttrell of Edinburg, Dale and Mary Brown of Decatur, Evan and Marjorie Morman of Edinburg, and Lyle and Anne Swigert of Stonington. Knox is celebrating on his birthday, tomorrow, with a dinosaur themed party.



### Zac Tanner Wright

Zac Tanner Wright turned five years old yesterday, Thursday, July 16. He is the son of Brad and Jeanie Wright. His grandparents are Rich and Carol Hille of Teutopolis, IL, the late Steve Albert of Casey, IL, and Marjorie Wright and the late Vic Wright of Casey, IL. Zac has one brother, Nic, who will be 20 on August 9.



### Holly Noel Kruse

Holly Noel Kruse is 5 years old today. She is the daughter of Bob and Kim Kruse of Taylorville. Holly has two older brothers, Nick and Jordan. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Kevin McLaughlin of Brynes Mill, Mo, Keith and Heather Gowdy of Edinburg, the late Delbert and Janice Kruse of Virginia, and the great-granddaughter of Peggy Ayers of Virginia, IL. Holly celebrated her birthday last Sunday at her own birthday carnival complete with a clown, face painting, bounce house and train. Holly collected toys at her party and will be delivering them to children in need. She is active in swimming, tumbling, dance, soccer and t-ball.



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