

**Milford Fun Days
Schedule
FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

4-7 PM Lion's Club Fish Fry
(Lions Club Pavilion - Park)

8-11 PM: Brat Pack (Rt. 1 Sales)
*Cover charge applies, must be 21+

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Ken Leonard Memorial 4.82K
6 a.m. Registration / 7 a.m. Race begins

Kids Dash to follow
(Milford Christian Church)

8:30-10 AM: Parade Registration
(Milford Police Station)

10:30 AM: Parade (Police Station to Park)

11 AM: Fireman's Pork Chop Dinner
(Milford Park Pavilion)

11 AM: Food Vendors in Park

1 AM-3 PM: Craft Vendor Show
(Park north of School)

11 AM-4 PM: Kids Zone (Park north of School)

**11:30 AM: Little Mr. & Miss Fun Days
Competition**

Milford Park Bandshell

11:30 AM-4 PM: Car Show

(registration 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Awards 4 p.m. (Downtown Milford)

2 PM: Karaoke Contest Registration 11 am
Milford Park Bandshell

**12-2 PM: Entertainment by 90's Daughter
Trio** (Milford Park Bandshell)

12-7 PM: Free Swim (Milford Pool)

8 PM: Shotguns and Shot Glasses Band
Town and Country Events

*Cover charge applies, must be 21+

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10 AM: Church Service by Milford Christian Church
Dinner to be served by HOT Committee

at MCC following service

Check Milford Fun Days - Milford II on Facebook for updates

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Thomas brings love of Hoopeston to work, volunteering, holidays

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by Vermilion Advantage, part of a series, I am, You are, We are Vermilion County! The series profiles residents throughout the county.

By: JODIE INGRAM

The grass is greener where you water it"

Neil Barringham

Chad Thomas has been taking care of lawns for as long as he can remember. Coming from a farming family, he has always loved to mow and work outdoors. After graduating high school, he worked at Bird's General Store, a lawn care and feed store business. When Bird's General Store sold their business, they handed their clients to Chad, which allowed him to start T&L Lawncare. Eventually Chad sold his portion of T&L Lawncare and opened his own business C&D Outdoor Improvement. In 2022 Chad would then open C&D Feed n Seed.

I was lucky enough to visit his C&D Feed n Seed store, at 329 W. Main St., in Hoopeston for our interview. It has an amazing selection of quality pet food; you can find dog food, cat food, chicken feed, cattle feed, bird food, grass seed, and if you can't find what you are looking for, you can always put in a request!

Fiona, the cat, made sure to welcome me as I entered the store, she really is the purrfect employee! I loved the hometown, family friendly atmosphere and I loved meeting Chad and his mother, Sandy, even more!

Chad loves his small-town community and has never had any desire to leave Hoopeston. He has built his busi-
See THOMAS on other side



Photos submitted
Chad Thomas and his dog, Mack, a blue heeler.

Dad would love a gift card from
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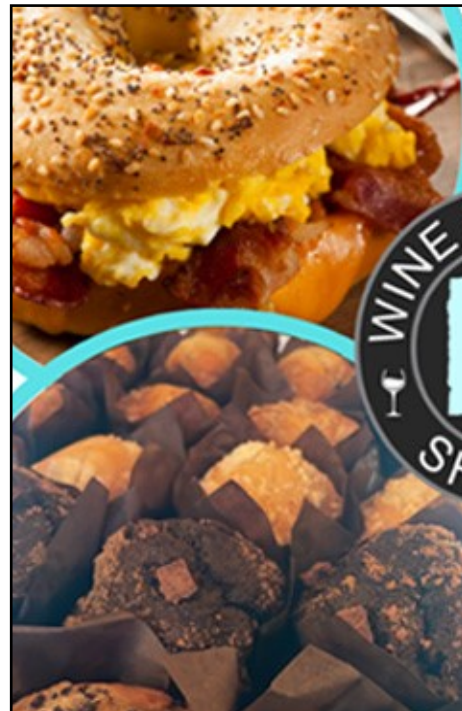
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Hours: Monday-Thursday 6am-8pm

Friday-Saturday 6am-10pm

Sunday 8am-2pm

Thomas continued from other side

ness and his family here. Chad married his wife, Robin, in 2000, and they have one son.

Chad's love for his family and tradition has transpired into a beautiful Christmas light display at 928 W. Penn.

When he was younger, his grandparents loved Christmas lights. Every year, he would help them decorate and every year they would add more lights.

Once Chad was grown and had a family of his own, he knew he wanted to keep the tradition alive. Every year, he added to his own light display, which currently consists of more than 140,000 lights, plus animation. Unfor-

tunately, Chad's grandma passed before seeing his first animated display in 2013, however he hopes she is proud. He continues to add lights every year for Grandma and for the community, of course! You can check out Chad's light show on his Facebook page, Thomas's Light Show.

When Chad is not running a business or working on his light show, he can be found volunteering for the Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service at Lincoln, Ill., as the Hoopeston Weather Observer. He is an avid model railroader and puts on a small Halloween display. Chad is grateful for his community and their support of his businesses. He loves living in a place where everybody knows everybody and passes with a wave.

Chad, the love you have for your small town is contagious, your dedication to creating a beautiful Christmas light display is admirable, and your small businesses are a valued and appreciated piece of Hoopeston. The grass is a little greener and the winter days are a little brighter because of you. Thank you, Chad Thomas, for watering your community with love and dedication.

From the Blotter

Kareem A. Summers, 32, of Danville, was arrested after police said he committed a stop sign violation at 4:24 a.m. Tuesday at Rtes. 1 and 9. Along with that charge, he was also cited for driving while license revoked and no proof of insurance.

Summers was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Briefly

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group will meet at 6 p.m. June 15 at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley.. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

Weather

Mostly sunny, slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 88. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 81, low 52.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to justthefacts.net/weather/.



Fiona, Chad Thomas' cat, welcomes people to C&D Feed n Seed.

Celebrate Father's Day
weekend with us at the
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