

Festival held Labor Day Weekend

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al Cheese Curling Championships. The "rink" is located in the intersection of Vine and Illinois streets. Teams wanting to participate should report to the area around 12:15 prior to register.

The 23rd annual Cheese Eating Nationals begin at 4:30 p.m. under the Cheese Tent at the corner of Vine and Illinois streets. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Those who want to participate can register throughout the day but definitely 15 minutes prior.

The "Big Cheese Parade" celebrating the 50th year of the Arthur Cheese Festival and Arthur's Sesquicentennial steps off at 3:50 p.m. from the old Progress Industries property along East Progress Street and proceeds west on Progress to Vine Street, south on Vine to Logan

Street, east on Logan to Pine Street, and north on Pine back to Progress where the units will be dismissed.

Following the 4:30 p.m. Cheese Eating Contest, vendors downtown remain open through 7 p.m.

Sunday Only Events

Sunday is traditionally Family Day at the Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival. Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a Community Worship Service to celebrate Arthur's Sesquicentennial. The services hosted by Arthur Ministerial Association and local churches will be held at Penn Station. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend regardless of church affiliation.

Merchant sidewalk sales; Artie's Party Zone attractions; Cheesy Hollow; and flea, craft, and food vendors open at 10.

Vine Street Christian Church

will be holding their Ice Cream Social, "Heavenly Dips of Homemade Ice Cream - A Taste of Heaven on Earth!", on Sunday, September 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church basement. They will be serving vanilla, chocolate and pineapple with a wide variety of toppings. This is sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship. All proceeds go to their Outreach Ministries.

Local dignitaries and politicians return for the Cheese Giveaways, at 2 p.m. at the Cheese Tent.

Creative minds will compete in the Tenth Annual Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival Cheese Carving Championships. Registration is at 12:30 p.m., and competition starts at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Cheese Tent, intersection of Vine and Illinois streets. The competition is limited to 10 participants who must be 16 years of age or older. The competition is sponsored by the Arthur Graphic-Clarion

Arcola Kiddie Tractor Pull Circuit returns to conduct the annual Cheese Festival Children's Tractor

Pull. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on East Illinois Street near the Cheese Tent. Competition starts at 1:30 p.m. at the intersection of Illinois and Hickory streets in Cheesy Hollow.

Cheese Festival closes at 5 p.m.

Monday Only Events

Arthur Lions Club opens the final day of the festival with breakfast from 6 to 10 a.m. at the Community Building, 120 East Progress Street, one block east of the Welcome Center.

Arthur Woman's Club will be up early conducting registration for their annual Rat Race. The event includes three races: a 10K run, 5K run, and 5K walk. Registration begins at 6 a.m. at the Welcome Center.

The 10K and 5K runners and 5K Walk start their races at 7:30 a.m. All races begin and end on Progress Street.

The awards ceremony for the Rat Race winners will be held at 9:15 in the Gazebo Parking Lot.

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