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ARTHUR CELEBRATES SESQUICENTENNIAL AND 50TH ANNUAL CHEESE FESTIVAL



FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST. Things started early on Saturday morning as the Arthur Volunteer Fire Department served 1,595 pancake and sausage breakfasts from 6 to 11 a.m. at the firehouse. Chief Chris Helton and the entire department are so very thankful to the community for constantly supporting them.



CEREMONIAL FIRST CUTTING. Founder of Arthur Michael H Warren (portrayed by actor Thomas MacMullen) and Village President Rod Randall along with other guests had the honor of opening the 50th Cheese Festival on Saturday, September 2 in downtown Arthur.



PARADE GRAND MARSHALS. The "Big Cheese" parade stepped-off at 3:50 this year and riding in a horse and buggy were this year's grand marshals Rob Fustin, Village President Rod Randall, Carol Randall, and Michael Hoblican Warren.



At the Founders' Day dinner, village board trustee Jim Fleming interviewed Michael Hoblican Warren, the founder of Arthur. Mr. Warren spoke of his family, his journey to Arthur and starting up the community. Several of Mr. Warren's descendants were in attendance at the dinner. Michael Warren was portrayed by Thomas MacMullen, an actor/portrayer.



A CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN HARMONY AND PRAISE. "How Great Thou Art" was just one of the special musical selections performed by Jeff Bowyer and accompanied by Karen Good at the Community's Sesquicentennial Worship Service on Sunday morning.



To celebrate Arthur's sesquicentennial a Founders' Day dinner was held at Penn Station on Saturday, September 2, the actual date that Arthur was founded. Dick Bradford, currently the resident living in Arthur the longest time, blew out the candle on the 150 year birthday cake.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:
September 8&9- Town Wide Garage Sales
September 16- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center
September 16- "Amish Country Tour" Bike Ride
September 18- Senior Citizens Luncheon @ Community Building
September 20- The Great Pumpkin Patch Opens
September 29&30- ALAH Homecoming
September 29- Toy Auction/Farm Memorabilia Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility
September 30- Semi-Annual Consignment Sale @ Tri-County Auction Facility

Prayer Meeting Set for September 9
 The Arthur Area Promise Keepers monthly Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 7:00 a.m. at Yoder's Kitchen. Our topic for prayer and discussion will be "Encouraging and Praying for the Lonely."
 All area men are encouraged to attend and join in this time of prayer and fellowship.

Youth Flag Football Sign Up
 Arthur Park District is offering Flag Football for the first time this year and is open to any boys or girls in first through sixth grades. There is no contact and the season runs the month of October only. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, September 11. For more information or a sign-up form contact Jeremy Hale at (217) 402-3351.



ARTHUR FOUNDER'S DAY SUNDAY. The Arthur Ministerial Association held a Community Sesquicentennial Worship Service at Penn Station on Sunday morning September 3 that was well attended from members of all of the Arthur churches. Special music, scripture readings, prayer, history of Arthur churches, and message from Reverend Michael Johnson was all part of the service. The offering from the service went to the Arthur Grade School Backpack Program. Pictured are John Stewart, Pastor, First Baptist Church; Glen Rhodes, Pastor, Arthur Mennonite Church; Reverend Michael Johnson, retired pastor, Vine Street Christian Church; Jill Bunker, Pastor, Arthur United Methodist Church; Leroy Allison, retired pastor, Arthur United Methodist Church; and Bob Silvanik, Pastor, Vine Street Christian Church.