

Arthur Cheese Festival & Sesquicentennial Celebration

Annual
Arthur
Amish
Country
Cheese
Festival

September
2, 3 & 4

Labor Day
Weekend

50th



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JB PRITZKER
GOVERNOR

July 27, 2023

Rod Randall
120 E Progress St.
Arthur, IL 61911

Dear Rod,

Congratulations, Arthur, on your sesquicentennial anniversary!

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for the village and our state; all that Arthur has accomplished during the past 150 years makes it even more special. The longevity is truly a testament to the impact and relationships fostered through the years. I have no doubt that Arthur will continue to thrive for years to come.

I commend the leadership of Arthur for their hard work, dedication, and passion; your leadership makes our state a better place. I also commend the residents of Arthur, past and present, for their continued support and commitment to their community.

It is my honor to commemorate this milestone for the Village of Arthur. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker

RICHARD J. DURBIN
ILLINOIS
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1304

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

September 2, 2023

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Village of Arthur's Founder's Day Dinner and Sesquicentennial Celebration. This gathering is a special opportunity to commemorate the founding of the Village on September 2, 1873.

For 150 years, Arthur has demonstrated the tenacity and resolve that is necessary to build a thriving community in Illinois. Whether it's the growth of vibrant local industries that bring people from all over the world, or the welcoming motto of "You're a Stranger Only Once," tonight is an opportunity to reflect on your shared love for this community. Among the many other facets and quirks of the deeply-rooted culture that give Arthur its charm, the area is also home to Illinois's oldest and largest Amish community. I applaud your commitment to observing Arthur's rich history in such a warm and memorable manner.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight's attendees for your dedication to the community of Arthur in gathering here to celebrate the historic founding. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and may there be many more years to come.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator