

Arthur Cheese Festival & Sesquicentennial Celebration

Annual
Arthur
Amish
Country
Cheese
Festival

September
2, 3 & 4

Labor Day
Weekend

50th



September 2, 2023

Dear Progeny of Arthur,

Whether you are actual descendants of citizens living in Arthur today, or citizens who have made this their home since, warm greetings from the year 2023.

When we reflect upon what has occurred over the fifty years since this time capsule was first closed and sealed in 1973, we see that knowledge and technology has accelerated at an incredible rate. It is difficult to imagine the pace at which knowledge and technology will change the very fabric of life over the next fifty years.

We can only glimpse into a future that will be your present. Over the next fifty years, we sincerely hope you will have enjoyed continued success; that the foundation laid by us and our ancestors have allowed you to build an even stronger, more vibrant, community.

But in this year 2023, we have some anxiety about the future. We are now just trying to sort out the role Artificial Intelligence will play in our future lives. We are unsure of what we may encounter beyond the confines of this planet as we venture further into unfathomable space.

In this year 2023, we have not solved the tragedy of war, social and political division, violence in the streets, disease, and uncertain economic times. We hope this is not the legacy we leave you, for that is not all that is us.

In this year 2023, we still place value on helping those in need – the victims of war, the victims of natural disasters, those who are sick, those who are hungry and poor.

We still believe in justice. We still believe in guiding our young people into becoming happy and productive individuals. We still believe that good overcomes evil.

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So, beyond all our faults, we hope we have left you a valuable inheritance of human kindness toward one another. An inheritance of hope that all things work toward the good for humankind.

And, we hope that what we may be anxious about now, knowledge and technology in the future will have produced ways to inspire human imagination, resolve conflict, appreciate diversity, conquer disease, relieve hunger and suffering, and made the world a better place.

And, finally, we hope that in 2023 you still appreciate this community; that you have gathered together to celebrate its Bicentennial; that caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, accomplishing important things is still a way of life.

On behalf of the people of Arthur in 2023, I express encouragement and best wishes to you, the people of Arthur in 2073.

Rod Randall
Village President

