

Today, this four-day event attracts more than one million people, spans an eightblock space down Cermak Road, and can be seen from miles around in Chicago because of its Ferris wheel and bright lights. Fiesta del Sol also raises funds to provide scholarships for young people needing assistance as they enter colleges and universities.

In its more than 100 booths you will find some of the best Mexican food in town, as well as artists and artisans who come to showcase their talent. Fiesta also is an opportunity for the community to get information about health care, immigration, environmental justice and college readiness. And while it features popular talent, it has also created opportunities for up-and-coming performers.

Fiesta del Sol has become such a significant event for the Latino community, that a promotional poster for the festival, created by artist Alejandro Romero, is now part of the Smithsonian American Art collection.

As the Mexican community in Chicago has grown and evolved, so has Fiesta del Sol. Organizations like the Pilsen Neighborhood Community Council have expanded their reach, continuing to engage and activate people to address the community needs, training organizers, and neighbors to advocate for themselves, their families and for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Fiesta del Sol reminds us of the rich history of the Mexican community and the remarkable cultural and economic contributions we have brought to Chicago and the Midwest. Let's celebrate its 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMLINE CHURCH DINING HALL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the congregation of Hamline Church on the momentous occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Hamline Church Dining Hall at the Minnesota State Fair. The dining hall is the oldest continuous food concession at what we like to call "The Great Minnesota Get-Together."

Back in 1897, a small group of women from the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society decided to try selling cold drinks and sandwiches at the fair to raise money for the church. This humble fundraising effort quickly grew into a dining hall with a full menu that is a staple of the Minnesota State Fair. Unlike those early days, the Hamline Church Dining Hall at 1667 Dan Patch Avenue is now owned by the church and boasts modern conveniences of plumbing and electricity, which are appreciated by patrons and volunteers alike.

Over the years, there have been a few other changes. In 1935, for a dinner of meat or ham loaf, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, beet pickles; pie, ice cream and a beverage, plus free second helpings, a patron at the Hamline Dining Hall paid only 35 cents. This value and the homegrown hospitality helped the hall survive the Great Depression when many others closed down. World War II food rationing forced more flexibility and adaptation. As the

menu has grown and changed over the many years, a perennial favorite is ham loaf topped with honey-mustard sauce. In 2012 they partnered with local small business Izzy's Ice Cream and began selling ice cream and other take-away items, including their very own flavor of Church Elderberry Ice Cream. An adaptation of their traditional Swedish meatballs to Cranberry Wild Rice Meatballs served with lingonberry sauce earned them a spot on the highly acclaimed New Foods list for the fair in 2017.

With more than 300 food vendors at the Minnesota State Fair, the Hamline Church Dining Hall remains popular for its high-quality food and generous hospitality. During each of the past 125 years, the Dining Hall has been largely volunteer-run, 25 of whom have been specially recognized by the fair for 50 years of service. Their hospitality extends well beyond fairgoers—a portion of each year's proceeds goes to provide meals for organizations like The Sheridan Story, Emma Norton Services and Feed My Starving Children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the congregation and many incredible volunteers of the Hamline Church Dining Hall as they celebrate 125 years of serving up delicious homecooked meals and generous hospitality to hungry Minnesota State Fairgoers.

HONORING MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the half-century of service Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula has provided to the community of Monterey County. This organization has worked for the last fifty years to enhance the health and well-being and provide a sense of community for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans on the central coast of California.

Ms. Sally Judd Griffin, Ms. Vivica Lohr, and Ms. Christine Winge have admirably led Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula and contributed to the last 50 years of the organization's development, growth, and progress. These community leaders have positively impacted the lives of countless local community members and enhanced the social fabric of Monterey Peninsula communities by paving the way for other agencies to provide services for seniors.

More than 10 million older Americans face hunger each year, and nearly 970,000 of those senior citizens reside in California, all of whom may be at a greater risk for developing a number of debilitating chronic health conditions if they experience persistent malnourishment and isolation. Powered by the commitment and expertise of its staff members and the dedication and magnanimity of its approximately 525 active volunteers, Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula demonstrated its inestimable value for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021 and in the midst of the pandemic, the Home Delivered Meals program provided 110,800 meals and its corps of volunteers

generously contributed 21,800 hours for the purpose of delivering meals, providing a daily wellness check, and connecting with clients through shared moments of compassion and understanding.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere appreciation to the Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula for its fifty years of vital service to our community members in need.

HONORING GRETCHEN EVANS

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize a courageous veteran, a resilient leader, and a selfless Mainer. Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans of Brunswick, Maine is one of the most decorated female veterans in American history serving in the United States Army for 27 years. Since enlisting at age 19, CSM Evans has served in tours of Kosovo, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, where she was responsible for more than 30,000 ground troops. Ms. Evans' honorable dedication to defending our country earned her the position of Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned officer rank in the military.

In 2006, Command Sergeant Major Evans survived a barrage of mortar fire in Afghanistan which rendered her deaf and wounded. After her combat injury, she quickly found renewed vitality by learning to lip read, forging relationships with her "hearing dogs," Aura and Rusty, and by proactively reaching out to fellow veterans with similar lived experience.

Today, in Maine, CSM Evans continues to give back as an active fundraiser and ambassador for local nonprofits which provide support services to disabled veterans and which seek to prevent veteran experienced social isolation and depression. Additionally, CSM Evans is a distinguished public speaker who advocates for the importance of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork, as a part of "Women Veterans Speak," a national speaker's bureau.

When she is not inspiring others to serve, CSM Evans pursues her passion for extreme sports, running 40 marathons. CSM Evans also led UNBROKEN, the first all-mixed abilities team to complete in "The World's Toughest Race," a 670-kilometer, week-long endurance race held in Fiji. This achievement recently earned her the Pat Tillman Award for Service at the 2022 ESPYs, which honors individuals with both strong connections to sports and community leadership. This fall, CSM Evans will also be inducted into the U.S. Veteran's Hall of Fame in recognition for her outstanding meritorious service to our country.

I thank Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans, for her selfless acts of duty to keep this Nation safe. The people of Maine are incredibly lucky to have her as an advocate, a leader, and a community member. I wish her the very best and I look forward to seeing her continue to thrive.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2022
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the 2022 Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame inductees. This year's class of sports superstars and coaching legends includes a famed sports field technician, collegiate standouts, high school MVPs, and a two-time Olympian.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors. The John Louis Popple Chapter is one of the 31 sanctioned chapters in Pennsylvania and has inducted over 600 members from their five-county region over the past three decades.

This year's inductees include:

Amy Mantush Filanowski, athlete and coach—track and field and cross country.

Dr. Pamela A. Hughes, DO, athlete—volleyball, basketball, and track and field.

Edward S. Kopec, Jr., athlete and coach—cross country and track and field.

Megan Krebs Kriso, athlete—field hockey, soccer, basketball; coach—field hockey.

Shelley Black Leap, athlete—track and field.

Timothy M. McGinley, coach and official—wrestling.

Linda Messner, athlete—track and field, basketball, and golf; coach—volleyball, softball, and swimming.

Rosalyn Polacek, athlete—basketball, soccer, and field hockey; coach—field hockey.

Joshua M. Richmond SFC, athlete and two-time Olympian—shooting.

Brea Lynn Seabrook, athlete—basketball, field hockey, track, soccer, and softball.

Christopher J. Shovlin, athlete and coach—basketball.

Charles Robert Suppon, Jr., athlete—basketball, track and field, and football.

George P. Toma, sports turf manager.

Dr. Gary Thomas Verazin, MD, athlete—basketball, baseball, and track and field.

Each person honored has made local sports history, through their outstanding feats of athletic achievement or by leading their teams to victory as coaches. They have left an indelible mark on regional athletics, and I am pleased to celebrate their contributions to sports.

It is an honor to recognize these 14 talented individuals on their induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May their stories and impressive careers inspire the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING ANNA MARIE COLE

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations and birthday wishes to one of my constituents, Anna Marie Cole, who celebrated her 102th birthday on Friday, July 1, 2022.

Anna Marie Cole served our country as a Navy Nurse during World War II. As the representative of a region that is home to many active-duty families and veterans, I am tremendously grateful for the dedication of our service members. I thank Ms. Cole for her dedication to serving our country.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate Anna Marie Cole on her 102th birthday, whose love for her community has never wavered and whose service to her country and community is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

HONORING PEMBROKE HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 ON THEIR
50TH CLASS REUNION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pembroke High School Class of 1972 which will be holding its 50th reunion next week.

Located in the City of Hampton in Virginia's 3rd District, Pembroke High School, originally named the George P. Phenix High School, was opened in 1940 to educate African Americans living in the area. In 1954, the Supreme Court issued its landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling which struck down segregation in public education. The high school was moved to a new building in 1962 but was not fully integrated until 1967.

In 1968, George P. Phenix High School was renamed Pembroke High School as part of the Hampton School Board's efforts to integrate all public schools. The school would continue to serve the Hampton area, including students from Fort Monroe and Langley Air Force Base, until 1980 when Pembroke High School would be forced to close its doors due to low enrollment and low capacity.

Now, the former Pembroke High School building continues to serve the Hampton community by housing the Hampton City Social Services office as well as the Hampton Family YMCA.

Madam Speaker, as the Pembroke High School Class of 1972 gathers to celebrate a truly momentous anniversary, I want to congratulate the members of this historic class and the work they have done to serve the City of Hampton and the 3rd District of Virginia. I thank Pembroke High School Class of 1972 for their service, and congratulate them on their 50-year reunion.

HONORING HARRY BAUMGARTEN
AND DEEPIKA MURALA

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. Harry William Baumgarten and Dr. Deepika Kennedy Murala on their wedding on June 10, 2022. This special day is worthy of recognition and commendation.

A former voting rights litigator, Mr. Baumgarten spent three years working in my

office, where he served as an advisor on foreign policy, judiciary, as well as a plethora of other matters. Serving in roles as Legislative Counsel and Legislative Director, Mr. Baumgarten showed great skill in leading our team to best serve the interests of the people in New York's Ninth Congressional District. His dedication to serving this country is worthy of praise, and our team is exceptionally grateful for his work and contributions.

Dr. Deepika Murala is a pediatric critical care doctor from Southern India. She has been committed to providing health care to underserved communities, both in India and the United States. She has shown great dedication to this cause, and continues to work tirelessly supporting this effort. Her current contributions help fill a critical doctor shortage in Lewes, Delaware.

Dr. Murala and Mr. Baumgarten met on June 14, 2020, while living in Philadelphia. They share a mutual love for traveling and cooking, and serve as an example of the character, capability and professionalism that serves our Nation well. Mr. Baumgarten proposed in front of Independence Hall in December of 2021. Independence Hall serves as the founding site of this country and additionally, the founding site of their marriage.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Deepika and Harry. I join with the couple's family and friends in extending my best wishes to them and celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish them happiness and blessings in the years to come.

4-H FOUNDATION

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the 2022 Cape May County Fair, which is a major fundraising effort for the 4-H Foundation, the largest youth development program in America. The 4-H Foundation in South Jersey supports young people from elementary school through high school by providing programs that are designed to shape leadership and innovation skills. This foundation collects donations and contributions, as well as operates and supervises various fundraising and business enterprises. The 4-H Foundation truly creates wonderful opportunities and community-wide benefits for our nation's youth. Everyone involved in this organization should be proud of their contributions to South Jersey, and it was my honor to attend the Cape May County 4-H Fair. God Bless the 4-H Foundation, and God Bless our America.

HONORING DR. NORMAN ARTHUR
JOHANSON

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Norman Arthur Johanson, a gifted and esteemed surgeon, with over 44 years of experience in the field of medicine, specializing in orthopedic surgery in Philadelphia, PA.