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Commissioner Grady Prestage's
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Commissioner Prestage Serves as Guest Speaker for the Missouri City Leadership Luncheon



**Commissioner Prestage delivering the keynote address
at the Leadership Luncheon**

Commissioner Prestage's historic public service record was highlighted at the monthly Missouri City Leadership Luncheon on June 12th. With over 100 people in attendance, Commissioner Prestage gave an inspiring keynote address on leadership and politics. Following his speech, Mayor Allen Owens of Missouri City presented Commissioner Prestage with an award thanking him for his service.

Fort Bend County Ranked 5th Healthiest County in Texas



Fort Bend County is the fifth healthiest county in Texas, according to the fifth annual *Health Rankings* released in March 2014, by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI).

"Fort Bend County is very pleased to see these positive health-related measures. We know that having a good job, achieving high educational levels, living in a healthy environment and having access to good health care all contribute to healthy outcomes," said Dr. M. desVignes-Kendrick, Fort Bend County Health & Human Services Director. She added, "We in Fort Bend County will continue to focus on providing a healthy environment for our residents by

Since 2012, the City of Missouri City has brought together executives, entrepreneurs and innovators from throughout the region and the county to discuss the trends and challenges facing business leaders today.

Walk with Pride Now Accepting Applications



Registration is now open for children of families wanting to take part in the “*Walk with Pride Shoe Program*.” For more than 20 years, Fort Bend Social Services has hosted this program in collaboration with various contributors including charitable organizations, private businesses, and individuals in the community. Each year before schools begins; children of low income families can register to receive a free pair of shoes from select Payless Shoe stores.

Applications for the program can be picked up and submitted at the Social Service office located at: Fort Bend County Missouri City Annex, 307 Texas Parkway, Suite 235, Missouri City, Texas 77459. **The deadline for application submission is August 1, 2014.** For

consistently paying close attention to the attributes that make for a healthy Fort Bend community. The *County Health Rankings* point to the interrelation of factors that improve health outcomes. Public health, medical providers, schools, businesses and many other organizations can all work together to ensure that the great strides made in Fort Bend County are applied to the entire spectrum of illness and to the entire population.

The 2014 *County Health Rankings* rank the overall health of nearly every county in all 50 states. The *Rankings* allow counties to determine how well they are doing on 29 factors that influence health including smoking, high school graduation rates, employment, physical inactivity, and access to healthy foods. Additional **Fort Bend County rankings** among 232 state counties include:

- Health Outcomes-5th
- Length of Life-6th
- Health Factors-4th
- Healthy Behaviors-2nd
- Social & Economic Factors-7th

The *Rankings* provide county-to-county comparisons within a state. Nationally, this year’s *Rankings* show that people living in the least healthy counties are twice as likely to have shorter lives as people living in the healthiest counties. Unhealthy counties also have twice as many children living in poverty and twice as many teen births as the healthiest counties. This year’s *Rankings* also feature several new measures including housing, transportation, and access to

more information on the program and eligibility requirements, contact Fort Bend County Social Services at **281.403.8050**.

***Save the Date**

Fondren Seventh-day Adventist Church Community Benefit Fair

When: August 3, 2014

Where: 7950 West Fuqua, Missouri City, Texas

Time: 12noon - 3pm

The fair will feature:

- Back to school give aways
- Dental and vision screenings
- Uniform and hair vouchers
- Career Development
- Job fair
- Food bank

For more information on the fair, call **281.835. 6216**.

mental health providers.

“*The County Health Rankings* show us how health is influenced by our everyday surroundings-where we live, learn, work, and play,” said Bridget Catlin, PhD, MHSA, Director of the *County Health Rankings*. “*The County Health Rankings* often provide the spark for businesses, community planners, policy-makers, public health, parents, and others to work together for better health.”

According to the *Rankings*, the five healthiest counties in Texas, starting with most healthy, are Presidio County, Williamson County, Collin County, Denton County, and Fort Bend County. The *Rankings* are available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

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