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Fort Bend Seniors Celebrates Independence Day and Talented Older Adults at Annual Event

Rosenberg, Texas (July 5, 2019) — On July 2, seniors from across Fort Bend and Waller Counties came together at the Bud O’Shieles Community Center for the annual Independence Day Celebration & Senior Talent Show. Nearly 200 seniors attended the event, and more than ten acts graced the stage.

The Fort Bend Seniors (FBS) talent show competition was fierce and included singing, patriotic readings, dancing, prayers, and instrumental acts. Three judges, including FBS CFO Liz Toomey, Volunteer & Outreach Manager Rick Branek, and Board Member Sandi McNeil, determined the winners. Coming in 3rd place was the Tri-City Crazy Band Group, which included a group of seniors from the Fifth Street Community Center in Stafford, whose instrumentals included pots and pans, kazoos, and even a rubber chicken. Our second-place winner was Barbara Castillo from the Rosenberg Senior Center, who inspired the judges with her prayer and poetry readings. Finally, our standout first place winner was Anna Wilkerson of Fulshear’s Irene Stern Community Center, a singer and pianist who wowed the audience with two gospel songs.

Joining the event was Sheriff Troy Nehls and Constable Trever Nehls (Pct. 4), who sponsored the BBQ lunch from Harlem Road Texas BBQ. Chef Ara Malekian volunteered his time prepping the food, while both the Nehls joined in serving the nearly 200 seniors present.

Fort Bend Seniors also took a few moments to recognize the Nehls’ service to the county and country. Director of Development Leah Ghobrial addressed the crowd, “We want to thank the Nehls for their longtime support of Fort Bend Seniors, and look forward to welcoming Constable Trever Nehls back after his nearly yearlong army deployment. We wish him the best of luck, and thank him for his service to our country. Today, we celebrate the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country and protect our freedoms.”

Fort Bend Seniors provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than 1,500 senior citizens daily, many of whom live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers meals at 12 congregate centers as well as transportation to and from the centers, health screenings, recreational activities, and more for older adults throughout the community.

Throughout the year, Fort Bend Seniors puts on large events for the 12 congregate centers to come together and celebrate. The next event on the FBS Calendar is Senior Prom, slated for August 2, 2019. For more information on FBS programs or events, visit www.fortbendseniors.org or call 281-633-7049.

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About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. FBS provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than 1,500 senior citizens daily, many who live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers older adults meals from 12 congregate sites – or community centers, transportation to and from the centers, health screenings and recreational activities.

Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit www.fortbendseniors.org.