



The City of Whitesboro will celebrate a very special birthday in 2023! The City was established in June of 1873, so the year 2023 will be its sesquicentennial, or 150th, birthday! Whitesboro Economic Development Director, Lynda Anderson said, "Planning is currently underway, and we can't wait to start sharing all of our ideas!" A committee of City Staff and volunteers are involved in the planning process and will oversee the festivities that weekend. They are brainstorming and organizing a two-day celebration for June 2nd and June 3rd of next year. There will be a variety of events taking place all around town, and the main event will culminate at Godwin Park next to the Jimmie O Rector Community Center and Pool.

Although planning is still underway, you can expect events like a Beard Contest and the World Serious Softball Game return from 1973, family games, delicious food, and even a fireworks exhibition! The committee is working on forming a time capsule to be buried to leave for future generations of Whitesboro citizens. There are plans to have different keepsake items, such as Christmas ornaments, available for purchase. There will also be prizes for participants in the events. Ms. Anderson said, "We hope to have a jam-packed, two days of events. Everyone will find something of interest! You will be able to learn more about our history, engage in friendly competition, and enjoy some tasty food. We hope to promote a sense of community and pride for our small town." Whitesboro Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Patterson said, "It is really important to celebrate these milestones, especially in a city like Whitesboro that has always been a welcoming community and a great place to live!" Many details are still in the works, and more information will follow. This will be the party of the decade for the City, so make sure you have it marked on your calendar!