



City of Denison

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### City of Denison Hosts Event to Celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Denison, Texas – The City of Denison will be commemorating their Sesquicentennial year, with a host of events this coming weekend. The celebration will begin Friday evening, and with the partnership of community organizations, will run through Sunday evening.

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Denison Independent School District's High School football game each player will proudly wear a Denison150 patch on their jersey to represent the city's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The weekly coin toss will be presented by Denison's current Mayor Janet Gott and former Mayor Jared Johnson. Denison Fire Rescue will be producing a three minute "finale like" fireworks show as the student athletes run onto the field to kick start the football game. Driving into Denison's historic downtown on Friday, you will notice the Sesquicentennial logo proudly presented on flags that are displayed on the viaduct.

"We are truly honored to partner with the school district to promote how meaningful this year is to us," said Director of Employee Services and Chair of the Denison150 Committee, Amy Lay, "this entire weekend is truly to say thank you to all our residents, city leaders, and city staff for getting us to where we are today and launching us into an exciting future. We can't wait to celebrate with all of you!"

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> festivities will kick off at 10:15 a.m. inside Munson Stadium. The city will host an Opening Ceremony to hear from leaders like Congressman Pat Fallon, Mayor Janet Gott, and former mayors who all have valuable insight to share regarding Denison's storied history and unprecedented future. At 11 a.m. free family games, rides, touch-a-truck, and activities will begin in Forest Park and run until 3 p.m.

Saturday evening, the Red River Railroad Museum will host a ticketed event called the 'Conductor's Ball'. Sunday evening, the Ministerial Alliance will host a community-wide worship service at Munson Stadium.

We will see you for a celebration 150 years in the making!

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**About Denison** Founded in 1872, the City of Denison is located 40 minutes North of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in Grayson County. The city comprises a population of approximately 25,000. The city offers an exemplary school district, a vibrant historic district, a robust housing market, excellent quality of life amenities, and an expanding business climate. Denison is moving forward and kicking back. For more information, visit us at [www.cityofdenison.com](http://www.cityofdenison.com).