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The Fabulous 50's is this Saturday – Armed Forces Day

Cleveland, Georgia (May 11, 2009) – Get out your poodle skirts and dust off your dancing shoes, Cleveland Better Home Town will be hosting the Fabulous 50's this Saturday. This year's event is a tribute to the many volunteers that have supported the downtown revitalization and the Cleveland Better Home Town projects over the past year. Saturday is also Armed Forces Day, so the Military will receive special recognition.

In its 5th year, the Fabulous 50's has become a community supported event that brings families together for an afternoon of fun. The music begins at 5:00pm with a performance by the White County Middle School Jazz Band at 5:30pm. This year Cleveland Better Home Town is bringing back Elvis! That's right; the King himself will take the stage at 6:15pm for a 45 minute performance that is sure to bring back memories. "Last year Elvis was so popular that he literally stopped traffic on the Square," said Maria Jurado-Flynn, Executive Director for Cleveland Better Home Town. "This year we are giving Elvis a little more time to perform and a little more room by moving the music stage and kids activities to the White County Courthouse Parking lot. We are also having an Elvis look-a-like contest with cash prizes for the winner. Wear your favorite poodle skirt and you could win some cash too.

In honor of Armed Forces Day, Cleveland Better Home Town has asked the White County Honor Guard to present the colors at 6:00pm. A special tribute will take place in front of the Freedom Vigil and the entire community is invited to attend. The White County Board of Commissioners and the City Council have both designated May as "Cleveland Better Home Town Tribute to Volunteer Service Month." Volunteers who have supported the organization over the past year will be honored that evening. The City of Cleveland and the White County Board of Commissioners will also receive special recognition for their support of the downtown revitalization.

The Mount Yonah Cruisers will be set up on the Cleveland Square this year. The Fabulous 50's and Classic Car Show begin at 5:00pm and run until 9:00pm. The event has lots for the kids, a bungee jump, giant slide and bounce house. The Boy Scouts Troop 689 will be doing face painting with proceed going to the downtown flowerpot program. WRWH 1350AM will have a hula-hoop contest with great prizes for the winners. The White County Chamber of Commerce is doing a "cupcake walk." The Bridge Church will have a kid's tattoo booth set up. The White County High School Cheerleaders will be selling water and the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia will have, you guessed it, cookies plus a craft booth. These community partners are what make this event so special. It's an opportunity for the community to come together to support one another.

Don't forget to bring your appetite because we'll have some great food. Carnival Eatery will be selling hot dogs & hamburgers and will be dressed in 50's costumes. Rib Country will have pulled pork sandwiches and baby back ribs, A & L Shaved Ice will have some great cold refreshments and Nadine's Catering will have that famous chicken salad and last but not least, United Community Bank will be selling old fashioned coke floats. So pack up the family, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the 50's music with your better home town family. We'll be dancing the night away under the stars on the courthouse parking lot.

Sponsors of the Fabulous 50's include Community Bank & Trust, United Community Bank, WRWH 1350AM, Georgia 105, White County News, The Bridge Church, White County Board of Commissioners, City of Cleveland and Cleveland Better Home Town. For more information call 706-969-3336 or visit: www.clevelandbetterhometown.org

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