

# Military Day is Oct. 1 at Queen City Fair

Queen City Fair is making its way to Meridian and celebrating its 10th anniversary. The fair is set to run Sept. 27-Oct. 3 at the Lauderdale County Agri-Center, 1030 Highway 19 South.

Fair Organizer Len McRae said he's working to make sure this year is special and will include a Military Day on Friday, Oct. 1. Admission will be \$4 per person on this date only from 4 p.m.-midnight with valid military ID.

"Special gate admission to be given to all active duty, retired and national guardsmen," McRae said. "We love the military and want them to come out and bring their family."

McRae said he strives to achieve a good balance between old and new events at the fair.

"We try to do a lot of the same things every year at the fair," he said. "But we try to change things up at the same time so that it doesn't become boring."

Along with the midway, food vendors, and local entertainers that can be found at the fair every year, McRae is bringing in attractions that have never been at the Queen City Fair before. The one he's most excited about is the Rhinestone Roper show.

"It's the kind of thing that a family could go to and everyone be entertained," McRae said. "He does gun tricks, knife throw tricks, rope tricks, and his horse does tricks. It's pretty cool."

The show, featuring the Rhinestone Roper and his horse, Lucky Joe, will be held several times a day throughout the fair and has no extra charge above the cost of fair admission.

The Midway, which he said is expanded a little each year, will again feature favorite rides like the Zipper, the Himalaya, and the Giant Wheel. The petting zoo will be back, along with blacksmith demonstrations and the National Guard Rock Climbing Wall. Other entertainment will include Meridian's Most Talented contest, the Little Miss Queen City Fair pageant, and the Youth Night concerts featuring "Refuge" & "The Net Band."

Gate admission will be \$6 per person, and free to kids under 6, with different specials happening throughout the week. Parking will be \$2. For schedule details, contest applications, and more information, go to: [www.queencityfair.net](http://www.queencityfair.net).

## Schedule of Events

- **Monday, Sept. 27** (4 p.m.-10 p.m.)  
4 p.m.-5 p.m. - FREE GATE  
ADMISSION Coca-Cola presents School Day at the Fair (One free ride with Coca-Cola coupon)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 28** (4 p.m.-10 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 29** (4 p.m.-10 p.m.)
- **Thursday, Sept. 30** (4 p.m.-10 p.m.)
- **Friday, Oct. 1** "Military Day" (4 p.m.-midnight)
- **Saturday, Oct. 2** "Meridian Star Day" (Noon-midnight)
- **Sunday, Oct. 3** "Family Day" (Noon-8 p.m.)

