



## Turning Back Pages Of Days Gone By At Meriden Fall Festival This Weekend



An old-fashioned steam engine will power the sawmill as one featured attraction Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25, for the 38th Fall Festival and Swap Meet, one mile east of Meriden, Kansas, on Highway K-4.

"All activities are at Cottonwood Station, a reproduction living history of an early day Kansas town," said Jess Noll, president of the Meriden Antique Engine And Threshers Association.



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Established in 1977, then developed and maintained by the group, Noll said, "Our purpose is to preserve, through living history, early farming techniques, the appreciation of antique engines, occupations and cultures in small towns and rural areas of early Kansas."

A special attraction is the stock antique garden tractor pull at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon at 12:30. "There'll be seven classes with trophies in each class," Noll said.

Dr. Cook's Medicine Show will entertain during an old-time barn dance Saturday evening, Sept. 24, starting at 7 o'clock.

A flea market, offering a wide array of arts and crafts and other items, and the making of sorghum, apple cider and apple butter, also are planned.

Advertised and promoted on WIBW, Country Legends, WibwNewsNow, and the Kansas Ag Network, "There will be plenty of good deals on engines, tractors, machinery, antiques tools and collectibles," said Noll, noting that Fairbanks Morse is the featured engine this year.



Fairbanks Morse is the 2016 featured engine for the Meriden Antique Engine Threshers Association's 38th Fall Festival and Swap Meet, September 24-25, at the living history town of Cottonwood Station, east of Meriden.

The general store, print shop, blacksmith shop, sawmill, flour mill, log cabin, gas engine building and Simms Garage will be open with working displays.

Services are planned Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, in the Bloomfield Church, and the chuck wagon is to be open for meals both days.

Camping hookups are available, but dogs without a leash and all-terrain vehicles aren't permitted on the grounds. Utility vehicles and golf carts can be used with a registration fee.

Complete details are available at [www.meridenthreshers.org](http://www.meridenthreshers.org).

## Holton Fair Complex Hosts Ranch Rodeo September 24

The seventh annual Jackson County Ranch Rodeo is planned Saturday, afternoon, Sept. 24, at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, south of Holton.

According to Deb Dillner of the Jackson County Fair Association, event sponsors, gates are to open at 10 'clock, with a rules meeting, prior to noon starting time.



Cable Wareham and Pat Winter will represent the Wareham Ranch team during the seventh annual Jackson County Ranch Rodeo, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24, at Holton.

"Competition will feature four member ranch teams exhibiting their skill in events similar to work done by cowboys for centuries," Dillner noted.

Events include team sorting, steer mugging, steer branding, and trailer loading. Goat roping for all ages is to follow the ranch rodeo



Riblen Ranch team members Tim Dillner, Jaron Riblen and Kyle Riblen are looking toward action at the seventh annual Jackson County Ranch Rodeo, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24, at Holton.

Advertised and promoted on WIBW, KTPK and The BIG 94.5 Country, the rodeo admission is free-will donation, with concessions on site. Information can be found on Facebook.

Dillner also announced that the Fritz' Mule Fun Day planned earlier was posted due to weather and arena conditions.

"It is re-scheduled for this Sunday, Sept. 25th, to start at 1 o'clock," Dillner said. "We will be at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex rain or shine. Outside if it is dry and inside if it is wet."

"This is a fundraiser for the Fritz Dillner Memorial Shelter House to be constructed at Banner Creek Reservoir near Holton," according to Dillner.

Additional information about the rodeo or fundraiser is available from Dillner at 785-250-4230, or [debd0505@gmail.com](mailto:debd0505@gmail.com).

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