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JOIN THE FUN AT THE DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC AND HARVEST FAIR *Tickets on sale now for the September 22 – 25 event*

Majestic Draft Horse performances, breath-taking competitions, and seeing a Draft Horse “up close” are all part of the festivities at the 25th annual Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair, September 22 – 25, at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley. Whether it's the Draft Horses working farm equipment, pulling carriages, or working side by-side on a hitch - these amazing animals compete with elegance and power and always entertain.

Known as the premier Draft Horse event in the Western United States, this unique event features six majestic performances by the beautiful Draft Horses. In between classes, enjoy showcase specialty acts, including some returning favorites like Clay Maier and Ramon Becerra, as well as some new acts.

Tickets to this event are on-sale now. To celebrate our anniversary, we're offering discounted pricing on morning performances and children's tickets. Draft Horse Classic evening and late afternoon performance tickets are \$21 for reserved seating and \$18 for general admission. For morning performances, tickets are \$15 for reserved seating and \$12 for general

admission. For children (ages 12 and under), any performance ticket is \$13 for reserved seating and \$10 for general admission. Ticket order forms are available at www.NevadaCountyFair.com. You can order your tickets by FAX, mail, phone or walk-in. General admission tickets can also be ordered from our website. There is a small transaction fee if you order your tickets on-line. For all tickets purchased after September 21, there is an additional \$3 charge per ticket.

While at the Fairgrounds, take time to visit the many Harvest Fair activities. Featuring live musical entertainment, a clogging jamboree, Treat Street goodies, Art at the Classic, a chance to visit with the horses, and hundreds of community exhibits, the Harvest Fair is an experience that can be enjoyed by kids and adults! Although there is a fee for the Draft Horse performances, admission to the Fairgrounds and Harvest Fair activities are free.

Once again, guided barn tours will be available this year. For these tours, reservations are required and are limited to 20 people. New this year is the Classic Rib Cook-Off. Whether you want to show off your cooking skills or simply join the fun and taste the treats – we’ve got it all in one place. The Classic Rib Cook-Off will take place on Sunday, September 25, in the afternoon. Teams are being formed now, and tickets for tasting will be for sale at the event.

“Taste of the Gold” will be held on Saturday of the Classic. This fun and tasty event features fine food and drink from some of the Gold Country’s finest restaurants and wineries. For tickets and information, visit www.sierravintners.com or call the Grass Valley Downtown Association at (530) 272-8315.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds is located on McCourtney Road in Grass Valley, just 50 miles northeast of Sacramento. The phone number is (530) 273-6217 and the FAX number is (530) 273-1146. Visit www.NevadaCountyFair.com for more information.

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