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"TASTE OF THE GOLD" AND RIB COOK-OFF PART OF THE FESTIVITIES AT THE DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC "Taste" event is held on Saturday, September 24; Rib Cook-Off held on Sunday, September 25

In between Draft Horse performances at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, September 22 – 25, take time to visit two community events happening on the grounds during the weekend.

On Saturday, September 24, visit "A Taste of the Gold," a fun food and wine fest that features a selection of local and regional wines, fine foods and delectable sweets and treats from some of the Gold Country's finest restaurants and vintners. This fabulously fun and tasty event takes place on Saturday from 1-4 pm. Find your favorite wine, and with glass in hand, nibble your way through more restaurants than you could possibly visit in a long weekend.

Tickets for "A Taste of the Gold" are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, and the price includes five food tastings, unlimited wine tasting, and a commemorative wine glass. For tickets, visit www.SierraVintners.com, call the Grass Valley Downtown Association at (530) 272-8315, or purchase them at the door. This event is presented by the Grass Valley Downtown Association and the Sierra Vintners.

On Sunday of the Classic, enjoy the Classic Rib Cook-Off from 1:30 – 4 pm. Whether

you want to watch BBQ experts show off their cooking skills or simply join the fun and taste the treats—the Rib Cook-Off is the place to be! Tasting tickets will be available at the event at 5 for \$10. There will be live entertainment provided by The Dyin' Breed Band, beverages for sale, and even a free cooking class.

As part of the Rib Cook-Off, a free Cooking Class, BBQ 101, is being offered on Sunday, September 25, at 3 pm. Watch and learn as BBQ PitMasters prepare chicken, pork, ribs, pork shoulder, and brisket, showing you some of their tips so that you can become a BBQ Pitmaster. When the class is complete, head over to the stage and see who will be crowned the Classic Rib Cook-Off Champion.

The Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair runs September 22 – 25 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. There are six performances featuring the magnificent Draft Horses – Thursday and Friday at 6:30 pm, Saturday at 10 am and 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 10 am and 4 pm.

In addition to the Draft Horse performances, the Harvest Fair is bustling with activities during the four-day event. Live entertainment, Art at the Classic, Treat Street goodies, a clogging jamboree, and visits to the barns make for a family fun day at the Harvest Fair.

For Draft Horse performance tickets or information about entering a Harvest Fair exhibit, call the Fair Office at (530) 273-6217 or visit www.NevadaCountyFair.com.