The Great Geauga County Fair

DRAFT HORSE & DRAFT PONY HITCH AND PONY SHOW

Sunday, September 6 & Monday, September 7, 2026

9:00 A.M. at Small Grandstand

Directors in Charge: Matt Dolence, Carl Langer, Tim Blair & Mike Sestak Jr.

Qualified Judge ~ All Non-Hitch Pony Classes, Ponies must be 58" & Under

No stallions shown by youth 16 yrs. & younger. No refunds unless Vet approved.

All Draft Horses must be stalled on the grounds. All trucks & trailers with trailer-in animals for the show will enter through Gate 8 and park in designated area. All persons must have tickets.

Pony & Draft Horse Hitch Classes: All entries must be made through the Fair Office by August 5, 2026. **No Entries after Deadline.**

Pony Non Hitch Classes: Entry Fee is $5.00 - 1 entry fee and number per class. Entries made at show time. Booth open at 7:30 a.m. Liability release must be signed. All classes must have proper attire. Contest classes must have proper western attire. If stabling at Fair notify director by Aug. 5, 2026. Premiums: Ribbons and/or trophies. No animals may cross over from the Pony Show to the Open Horse Show or vice versa except for costume classes - only one class division per costume.

SUNDAY SHOW ORDER

1. Draft Pony - Farm Team - Hitched to Farm Vehicle - No Show Harness
2. Draft Horse - Western Saddle
3. Showmanship 10 & under (E or W)
4. Showmanship 11 & over (E or W)
5. Draft Pony Single Pleasure Cart – Ladies' Drive
6. Draft Horse - Farm Team - Hitched to farm vehicle - no show harness -Trophy by Chudzik Farm in Memory of Jack Kaminski
7. Pony Halter (under 56'') NO HAFLINGERS
8. Pony Halter (56'' & over) NO HAFLINGERS
9. Draft Pony - Single Pleasure Cart - Youth 18 & under - Trophy donated by Mike and Melissa Blair
10. Draft Horse - Single Cart – Ladies' Drive – Mare - Trophy by Robison Farm
11. English Equitation
12. Draft Pony - Single Pleasure Cart – Men's Drive
13. Champion Draft Pony Single Pleasure Cart
14. Walk Trot English Equitation
15. Draft Horse - Single Cart - Men's Drive - Stallion or Gelding
16. Pony Hitch Cart or Team - Driver 60 & over (No fee). Trophy donated by the Curtis Hess Family in memory of Gerry Blair.
17. Barrel Racing
18. Draft Pony Draft Team Hitch
19. Draft Horse Cart - Driver 60 & over - Trophy donated by the Ward Family - Majestic Harbor
20. Pole Bending
21. Draft Pony - Draft Team Hitch - Men's Drive - Trophy donated by Mike Blair & Melissa Blair
22. Draft Horse - Single Cart - Driver 13 and Under - Trophy by Patterson Fruit Farm
23. English Pleasure Pony (under 56'')
24. English Pleasure Pony (over 56'')

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25. Draft Horse - Team Hitch - Ladies' Drive – Geldings
26. Walk Trot English Pleasure
27. Pony Fine Harness Single Hitch - 2 or 4 wheeled vehicle.
28. Golf Ball & Spoon
29. Draft Horse Team, Mares - Men's Drive
30. English Road Hack - Pony
31. Draft Pony - Single Draft Hitch Cart – Ladies' Drive - Lois Hess Memorial Trophy - Sponsored by the Curtis Hess Family
32. Draft Horse - Unicorn Hitch - Trophy in Memory of Larry Palmer
33. Pet Pony shown with halter (10 yrs. & under) - Trophy donated by Lori Atwood and Matt Freiling
34. Draft Pony - Single Draft Hitch Cart - Men's Drive
35. Draft Horse Team - Novice Driver
36. Draft Pony - Single Draft Hitch Cart - Youth 18 & under
37. Bareback Equitation
38. Draft Pony Team Hitch – Ladies' Drive
39. Draft Horse Team (Driver 14 to 18 yrs.) - Trophy in memory of Harold & Jelane McNish
40. Walk Trot Golf Ball & Spoon. Rider cannot show in any canter classes.
41. Draft Pony Unicorn Hitch
42. Draft Horse 4 Horse Hitch – Trophy by Hand Forged Belgians

MONDAY SHOW ORDER

1. Draft Horse - English Style Saddle
2. Pony Single Hitch - Pleasure or Fine Harness (No Draft Ponies) - Driver 18 yrs. & under - 2- or 4-Wheel Vehicle
3. Draft Horse - Single or Team - Hitched to antique type vehicle – Trophy by the Maddox Family in Memory of Dave McCafferty
4. Pony Single Hitch - Fine or Pleasure Harness - 2- or 4-Wheel Vehicle.
5. Draft Horse - Single Hitch Cart – Ladies' Drive - Stallion or Gelding – Trophy donated by Mike and Melissa Blair
6. Pony Single or Team Hitched to Antique type vehicle.
7. Lead Line - Pony or Horse (Riders 6 & under). Trophy donated by Lori Atwood and Matt Freiling.
8. Draft Horse - Single Hitch Cart - Men's Drive - Mare - Trophy by Hanks' Mares
9. Western Pleasure Pony - (under 56'')
10. Walk Trot Western Horsemanship. Rider cannot show in any canter classes.
11. Western Horsemanship
12. Draft Horse - Tandem Hitch - Trophy by Hand Forged Belgians
13. Pony Obstacle Team - Wagon - Judged by Performance
14. Pony Obstacle Single - Cart - Judged on Time
15. Draft Horse - Team Hitch – Men's Drive - Geldings
16. Flag Race
17. Western Road Hack Pony
18. Draft Pony - Single Draft Hitch Cart
19. Draft Horse - Team Hitch - Ladies' Drive - Mares - Trophy by Jim and Beth Rider
20. Walk Trot Western Pleasure. Rider cannot show in any canter classes.
21. Draft Pony - Tandem Draft Hitch

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22. 6 Horse Draft Hitch - Trophy by the Maddox Family – Morning Star Farm
23. Key Hole Race
24. Champion Pony Draft Hitch Cart
25. Draft Horse Team - Open Team
26. Costume Class - Most Original - Bart Warner Memorial Trophy by Hess & Rider Families
27. Draft Pony Team - Youth 18 and Under
28. Draft Horse Team - Driver 60 & over
29. Champion Draft Pony Team - Murl Clemson Memorial Trophy
30. Costume Class - Most Humorous
31. Draft Horse Team (Driver 13 and under) - Trophy in memory of Ray Harris
32. 4 Pony Draft Hitch
33. Western Pleasure Pony - 56'' & over
34. Draft Horse Cart - Novice Driver
35. Fanny Race
36. 6 Pony Draft Hitch
37. Draft Horse - Single Hitch Cart - Driver 14-18 - Trophy by the Ward Family - Majestic Harbor

SPECIAL NON-HITCH PONY AWARDS

(Points accumulated for both days – same rider and pony)

Hi-Point Trophy ~ Reserve Hi-Point Trophy

Good Sportsmanship Trophy