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Harness racing returns to Caro on Thursday

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Kent Hess of Tuscola County's Arbela Township drives trotter Jolene Kay during a 2022 race at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds. Hess, a 1983 Millington High School grad, will compete in Thursday's races at the fairgrounds in Caro.

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CARO — Harness racing returns to Caro on Thursday at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds, with more than a dozen races scheduled.

The Colt Stakes competition begins at 5 p.m. Thursday, featuring 15 races with free admission at the fairgrounds, at 188 Park Drive in Caro.

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Scott Altizer is a local harness-horse trainer and driver, training horses along Orr Road in Tuscola County's Almer Township. The Caro High School graduate is a race chairman and will compete for cash in Thursday's races at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds.

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Programs will be for sale to spectators for \$5 each, and will feature a raffle ticket with the chance to win fair-related prizes.

The 15 races include a 2-year-old filly trot, 2-year-old colt trot, 2-year-old filly pace, 2-year-old colt pace, 3-year-old filly trot, 3-year-old colt trot, 3-year-old filly pace, and 3-year-old colt pace.

Caro harness-horse driver and breeder Scott Altizer, who is also the race chair, will be one of a few local drivers competing throughout the evening.

Some of the horses involved in the races are locally bred by North Branch's Marjorie Deshetsky, Columbiaville's Karlee E. Roach and Mark June, Sandusky's Thomas and Sally Wadsworth, and Millington's Kent V. Hess.

The competitors will vie for more than \$86,000 in total purses across the 15 races. Funds to pay the participants come from the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association, entry fees, and the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Tuscola County Fair will take place July 20-27 and will feature harness racing during the first two evenings of grandstand events. July's racing during the fair is scheduled for a 5:30 p.m. post time both evenings, and will feature free admission.

More information on upcoming harness racing and the fair can be found online at tuscolacountyfair.org.