

'Roman Riding' on the streets of Henry



This impressive sight at the Henry Homecoming parade was the first time that Henry sixth grade student Aanya Fuller had the Gypsy Vanner team of 'Mirk' and 'Nash' under her feet in a parade. Called 'Roman Riding' Aanya's first parade was last spring in Watertown's St. Patrick's Day parade with the fam-

ily Clydesdales 'Diamond' and 'Dave' - much taller draft horses.

Nicki and Dusty Fuller are Aanya's parents and the owners of Double D Clydesdales and Vanners. They acquired the Vanner horses last fall on their ranch located between Clark and Henry.

Since she's been old enough to walk, Aanya Fuller has loved horses, a love inherited from her mother Nicki.

She started with 'Tiny' - a micro-mini horse just her size at a very young age.

"Fences never kept him in" - added Nicki Fuller regarding the small horse. "He would always sneak through our two wire fences, he was so little."

From Tiny Aanya went straight to a quarter horse named 'Lady'.

From there, her horse heights reached even taller with the majestic Clydesdale horses. Nicki has a video from April of 2019 when Aanya was 10-years-old of her climbing up on their Clydesdale Diamond's bare back.

"I'd have him put his hoof back so I could begin by stepping on it, then I'd grab his mane and pull myself up, hooking one foot over his back and kicking my way all the way up until I was on top of his back," explained the young horsewoman.

Currently Aanya (pronounced on-ya) has now moved on to 'Roman Riding' and is the only one in her family that can do it.

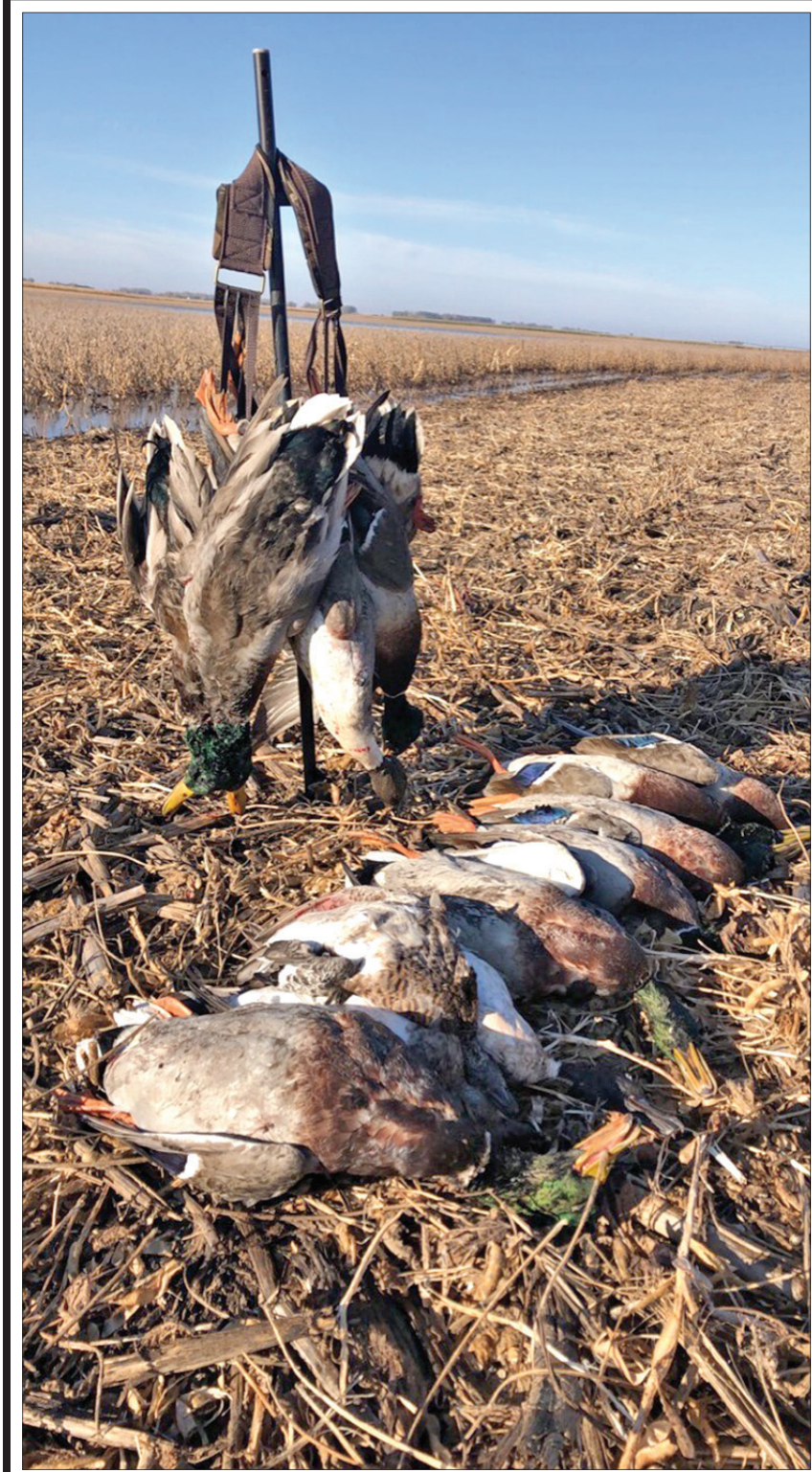
Roman Riding is standing on two horses' backs at the same time, holding both reins as shown in the photo at the parade. 'Roman Riding' is one of the older forms of riding and was performed during the time of the Roman Empire. One type of trick riding, Roman Riding is usually performed as entertainment in rodeos, circuses and horse shows, where the rider stands atop a pair of horses with one foot on each horse.

"I wore my blue, black and silver outfit that day as those are Henry's new school colors," said A. Fuller.

She rode Mirk and Nash in the parade which are geldings (fixed males) that have nice easy going temperaments - similar to the Clydesdale horses which are gentle giants it's been said.

Mirk is three-years-old and Nash

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Bring on October, autumn and the hunting seasons

This is a wonderful time of year. Leaves are turning color. Hunters are getting ready to shoot. Boaters are putting the boats away. Homeowners are winterizing their residences. Bowling balls are gotten out and golf clubs put away. October is a month characterized by early winter ice/snowstorms or characterized by a glorious 'Indian Summer' or both.

Autumn of 2020 is much drier than 2019. To this point in 2020 we have received 16.98" of moisture. At this same time in 2019 we had received 32.19" of moisture. We now are about four inches below average for the year compared to 11 inches above average a year ago. This September we totaled 1.17" of rain. In September 2019 we received 4.86" of rain.

The first week in October, this week, is the week in which the first killing frost of the season usually occurs. To date this month the temperature got as low as 37° on two occasions. Tomorrow night it is predicted to get as low as 35°, but no forecast of a killing frost is in the near future, as after Sunday, temperatures are to warm up for the following week. However, it is the time of year when sooner or later it is going to freeze.

This is a year when we know we will have an earlier frost than a year ago. Last year was a nightmare getting crops out of the field. As dry as it has been this summer into fall, an early harvest is in the offing and things look fairly promising on the harvest end. Conditions this September have been almost ideal.

Some soybeans have already been harvested and several producers thought they could get started this week. Others said they planted late and the beans just aren't ready yet.

Hunting

Hopefully, hunting is one area where the pandemic won't show

its effect. Clark County has it all and is a virtual hunting paradise. From ducks and geese to pheasants to deer, wild game abounds. The waterfowl season in the county opened last weekend and goes for the next three months.

"The opener went fairly well," said Clark County GF&P Conservation Officer Zach Thomsen. "There is a good number of ducks out there. The east and southeast parts of the county have the most ducks."

Thomsen said he didn't see as many teals as he expected to see, but saw more shovelers. "Field hunters had good luck with mallards, he reported. As it gets cooler, teals and wood ducks will be the first to move out.

Make sure you retrieve the game you shoot, said Thomsen, as ducks often land in cattails, but need to be retrieved.

As far as geese are concerned, it still may be a little early for the mass migration, but that could occur at any time as fall like temperatures are eminent in October. "It is always interesting," said Thomsen of what the goose migration will look like, "and as usual, it will be dependent upon weather conditions." If it gets cold by degrees, not all at once, more waterfowl will stop during the migration to feed and rest. If everything freezes at once, the waterfowl go over the top. So hunting success definitely depends on weather conditions.

Every year waterfowl hunters need to remember to not have a gun capable of holding more than three shells and they must have a federal stamp and a state migratory bird certification in their possession. "Also make sure you identify your ducks before you shoot," Thomsen said. "Especially with brown ducks, it is difficult to

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Early voting has begun in South Dakota

Early voting has begun in South Dakota. The General Election, on Nov. 3, is little more than a month away.

The state is expecting a record number of absentee voters during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 100,000 have already been requested in the state and Clark County Auditor Chris Tarbox said that they have fielded about 369 requests to date. She said 386 voters cast absentee ballots in the June primary election.

Absentee voters can request a ballot by mail or stop by the Clark County Courthouse and vote in person in the auditor's office during regular business hours. Absentee ballots may be requested up to the day before the election and must be received by the auditor's office by 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If a voter requests an absentee ballot and does not vote absentee, they are still allowed to vote at their regular polling place on Election Day. (Check the display ad on page 4 for your polling place. Some

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The 2020 royalty candidates for the Willow Lake Homecoming have been selected. Coronation is on Monday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

In the back row, left to right are king candidates Caleb Bratland and Shane Wicks and junior attendant Gage Burke. Absent is king candidate Oscar Garcia

who suffered a football jaw injury.

In the front row, left to right are junior attendant Maggie Hovde, queen candidate Allison Kannegieter, first grade gift carriers Jase Bocek and Ansley Knock and queen candidates Chayla Vig and Morgan Burke.

Willow Lake Coronation is Monday

▲ Theme is "Through the Ages"

Willow Lake Homecoming activities begin Monday evening, as the Homecoming royalty are crowned. Coronation will be on Monday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Willow Lake school gymnasium.

The Homecoming volleyball game will be Tuesday, at Willow Lake against Great Plains Luther-

an. (Your calendar may read Clark, but the GPL game on Oct. 6 is at Willow Lake.)

Queen candidates selected are: Allison Kannegieter is the daughter of Mark and Christina Kannegieter. Her activities are All State Choir, concert band, jazz band, concert choir, show choir, vice

president in Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Wellness Center Board president, Yearbook editor, school plays, Student Council secretary, National Honor Society, volleyball, basketball and football stats.

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Sept. 22	80	56	0
Sept. 23	84	54	0
Sept. 24	80	56	0
Sept. 25	77	55	0
Sept. 26	79	56	0
Sept. 27	77	46	0
Sept. 28	62	44	.25
2020 precipitation to date	16.98		
2019 precipitation to date	32.23		