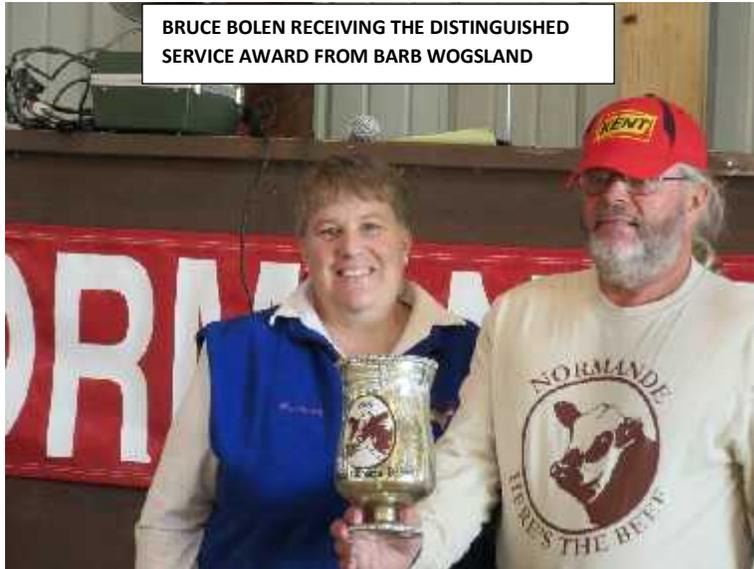


## BOLENS RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Bruce and Connie Bolen of Green Top, MO, were awarded NANA's Distinguished Service Award at the 2015 National Normande Show. Normandes have been a part of their lives and farming operation since 1975. In fact their NANA membership number is 900001, the first membership number assigned when NANA was re-organized.

Bruce and his brother, Ben, began farming together in 1972 near Tama, IA. They ran 300 acres of

pasture and cropland, while they milked 80 registered Holsteins and eventually registered Normandes as well. In 1975, Bruce and Ben purchased a registered Normande bull bred by Craig Overson at the Bull Performance Test Sale in Grinnell, IA. That bull was the start of the Bolen Brothers registered Normande dairy and beef herd. And the beginning of the Bolen's passion for the Normande breed.

Desiring to use the best genetics available as they developed their herd of Normandes, artificial insemination was used beginning in 1975. Quite a few of the old French Normande bulls, whose semen had been imported, were used. And when Normande semen could once again be imported from France in the 1990's, more current Normande genetics was used in their dairy herd via artificial insemination.

In 1987 Bruce and Connie were married, with each of them bringing two children into their newly formed family. After their marriage they adopted and raised two more children. Their son, Tony, is a large animal veterinarian in Prairie du Chien, WI. Their son, Mark, serves in the US Navy in California. Their son, Ken, works for Swifts in Marshalltown, IA. Their son Jeremy works construction and lives in Montour, IA. Their daughter, Kathy, is an accountant for a grain elevator in Traer, IA. And their son, Darrin, is an engineer near Des Moines, IA. So far Bruce and Connie have seven grandchildren.

In 2004 Bruce and Ben dispersed their dairy herd in a public auction. Some of their Normandes went to the state of New York. Bruce and Ben continued farming together and developing their Normande beef herd until 2008 when they dissolved their partnership and Bruce and Connie

moved to Green Top, MO, where they continue to breed and raise registered Normandes under the prefix of Cedar Lane Normandes.

Since moving to their 90 acre Missouri farm, Bruce is semi-retired and Connie works full time at a local Ace Hardware store. Their farm is all pasture and hay ground that supports 25 Normande cows.

Bruce and Connie have been very active in promoting Normande cattle and serving the Normande breed. They have exhibited their Normandes at the Iowa Beef Expo and the National Normande show. Prior to the current National Normande Show they were instrumental in organizing a Normande show at Marshalltown, IA in 2007.

Bruce has served on NANA's Board of Directors for many years during the 1970's and 1980's. At one time he was NANA's president for three years. After nearly a decade of being off of the NANA Board of Directors, Bruce was elected to the board in the early 2000's and has been on NANA's board ever since. Thank you Bruce and Connie for your service and congratulations!

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## **FOR SALE**

If you are in the need for a performance tested Normande bull, then the UW River Falls Mann Valley Research Farm is the place to be on April 16, 2016 at noon. Three registered Normande bulls will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Wayne and Lisa Dewey of Iowa Falls, IA, and Jeff and Nona Bock of River Falls, WI have three bulls selling in the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Sale. The bulls started the performance test in November of 2015 and their final test day was on March 19, 2016.



Circle D Foolerman Zoland is the sire of both of the Bock entries in the SCVBT. Zoland himself was the top performing and selling Normande bull in the 2012 SCVBT and Sale. Crick Ridge Commanche was born on 04-26-15 with a birth weight of 89 pounds. He started the performance test weighing 648 pounds. His ending weight was 1035 pounds, giving him an average daily gain of 2.78 pounds per day. His sale ratio is 97.35%.





He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2015, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Platteville. Rev. Faustino Ruiz and Deacon Bill Bussan officiated. Burial was at the Calvary Cemetery, Platteville.

Richard and his family have utilized Normande genetics for many years in their family organic farming operation. They were one of the first in the southwest Wisconsin area to use Normande genetics in their dairy herd. And when they concentrated on producing organic meat that they sold direct to the consumer, Normandes were part of their crossbreeding program. The North American Normande Association extends its deepest sympathies to the Richard Lange family.

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## 2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

### NANA 2015 ANNUAL REPORT 09-02-14 THRU 09-15-15

ACTIVE ADULT MEMBERS:	46
ACTIVE JUNIOR MEMBERS:	5
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:	2

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REGISTERED	195 (Previous year-206)
	(34 Males-previous year 40)
	(161 Females-previous year 166)
	(34 Halfbloods-previous year 60)
	(143 Percentage-previous year 125)
	(22 Full bloods-previous year 20)

NUMBER OF ANIMALS TRANSFERRED: 78 (Previous year-20)

### NANA 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

NANA RESERVE ACCOUNT (09-15-15):	\$ 456.08
NANA GENERAL FUNDS (CHECKING) (09-15-15)	816.54
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CURRENT TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND (09-15-15)	\$1272.62





Mr. Blue Jeans and Kirstie developed a special relationship as she fed him and worked with him to prepare him for the show ring. When the 2015 Dunn County Fair arrived in late July, Mr. Blue Jeans and Kirstie made their presence known as members of the Menomonie FFA Beef Exhibit.

Kirstie showed Mr. Blue Jeans in the Crossbred Steer Division and he placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the live

animal evaluation. Kirstie had also entered Mr. Blue Jeans in the Beef Carcass Contest and he placed fourth in the carcass class of 42 steers! NANA congratulates Kirstie on a job well done!



## **NANA BOARD REORGANIZES**

Following the NANA Annual Membership Meeting the NANA Board of Directors met and their main order of business was to organize the board by electing officers. Although the makeup of the board did not change, three of its officers did.

Barabara Wogsland of Scandinavia, WI was selected as president. Jeff Bock of River Falls, WI was chosen as vice-



**L-R: BRUCE BOLEN, JEFF BOCK, MICHAEL MUELLER, PAUL MOECHNIG, RHONDA TREML-KNEBEL, ROBERT LANGE, BARBARA WOGSLAND, KEN RABAS. NOT PRESENT: HEATHER AHRENS & NELLIE BURCH**

president. And Rhonda Tremel-Knebel was elected as secretary. Michael Mueller of Rewey, WI remains as treasurer and registry secretary.

## A WORD FROM BARB



Happy Spring to all fellow Normande enthusiast! I just wanted to remind you to get your membership renewals in ASAP. And get caught up on your calf registrations. Your association depends on fees collected for membership and registrations to run our programs and help promote our exciting breed. I also want to encourage you to bring new members into our association. We are a friendly group that hosts a number of fun and informative

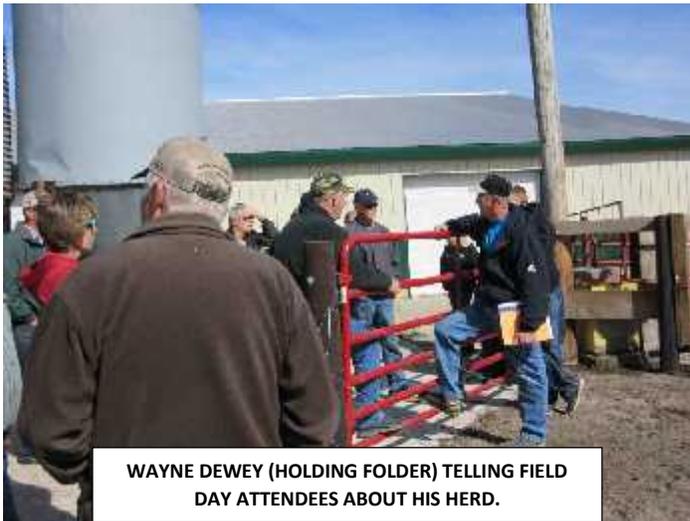
activities throughout the year. There are several exciting new things in the works for NANA this year. We don't want you to miss out.

Any questions about membership or registrations? Please contact Mike at the NANA office, he has all the answers.

Until next time,  
Barb

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## DEWEY'S HOST NANA FIELD DAY



WAYNE DEWEY (HOLDING FOLDER) TELLING FIELD DAY ATTENDEES ABOUT HIS HERD.

The weather ordered for the 2015 NANA Field Day could not have been better-sunny and pleasant. Normande enthusiasts from four states enjoyed a pasture walk and viewing of the Circle D Farm Normande herd, a delicious lunch, and a pictorial review of the trip to the Cinor 2014 in France presented by Raelene Schuette and Rhonda TremL-Knenbel.

Wayne and Lisa Dewey, and their daughter, Renee, were the field day's

gracious hosts. The day began with looking at steers which were being fattened, and viewing a

small group of heifers being kept on the Circle D Farm. After viewing the steers and heifers, attendees went into Iowa Falls to the rental campgrounds Wayne and Lisa own where everyone enjoyed a delicious and filling lunch in the maintenance building on the campgrounds.

Once lunch was completed, Raelene Schuette and Rhonda TremI-Knebel gave their pictorial and verbal review of the 2014 Cinor trip to France ten members of NANA took in September of 2014

. Nine of the ten NANA members who had gone to France were able to attend the Field Day and were able to add some of their highlights and insights about the trip during the Schuette and TremI-Knebel presentation.



ONE OF THE STEERS BEING FATTENED



DISPLAY OF AWARDS & TROPHIES CIRCLE D FARM HAS RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS

Following the program and the distribution of the many door prizes, those in attendance returned to the pastures to look at the Circle D cow herd. Wayne and Lisa had prepared a herd member inventory sheet with ear tag identification and pedigree information so as one looked at a cow or heifer you knew who she was. Attendees spent well over an hour looking at the herd and visiting.

The NANA Board of Directors extends to Wayne and Lisa Dewey our sincere appreciation for their hosting of the NANA Field Day and for their hard work in making it a very positive and fun day.



MEMBERS OF THE CIRCLE D HERD



MORE OF THE CIRCLE D HERD

**ADDITIONAL FIELD DAY PICTURES**



**HEAR YEA, HEAR YEA!**

**YOU HAVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2016, TO SAVE YOURSELF SOME SERIOUS "BLING". THAT IS THE DATE THE "OVERAGE MORATORIUM" ENDS AND THE COST OF REGISTERING ANY ANIMAL OVER TWO YEARS OF AGE GOES FROM \$20.00 BACK UP TO THE NORMAL \$100.00 OVERAGE REGISTRATION FEE. REGISTERED ANIMALS ARE WORTH MORE THAN GRADE ANIMALS! THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR NORMANDES WHILE SAVING SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. CALL THE NANA OFFICE IF YOU NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE.**

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