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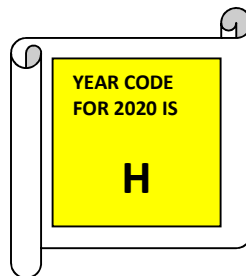
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2020 NATIONAL NORMANDE SHOW

**WALLACE BROCKHOFF FAMILY SHOW ANIMALS,
LINWOOD, KS**



The 2020 National Normande show is history even though the Covid-19 pandemic threatened to cancel it. The NANA Board of Directors were watching what other livestock shows were doing in light of cancellations caused by the pandemic. Two major events NANA has had a breed promotional exhibit at for many years (Wisconsin Farm Technology Days and World Dairy Expo) had already been cancelled for 2020. So in early July an email was sent out to the exhibitors at the 2019 NANA show, asking for their opinion about having our show in 2020. Those who responded were unanimous in support of having

the show with the understanding it could be cancelled at the last minute if there was a serious uptick in covid cases and/or the state of Wisconsin established more stringent restrictions. A last minute positive encouragement to have the show as planned and scheduled was the fact an amended version of the Iowa County Fair was held two weeks before our NANA show without any issues or problems related to Covid 19. The amended version of the fair was just the 4-H and FFA livestock shows and sales being held. Also held were the open class dairy show and the non-livestock 4-H and FFA exhibits, but there was no carnival mid-way, no tractor pull, and no grandstand show.

As NANA went ahead with the show as planned it was done so with the thought our show could be smaller in cattle numbers than what it has been in the past. And this turned out to be the reality of the 2020 show. Covid-19 concerns kept a few exhibitors from bringing their animals to the show. And the combination of a major barn remodeling project at Vosberg Valley View Farm Inc., coupled with a broken hand suffered by Dan Vosberg in a farm related injury, kept the Vosberg family from being able to exhibit at the 2020 NANA show. This made for a smaller dairy show than usual.

Three states were represented by those entering and exhibiting animals. Exhibitors came from Kansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Those exhibitors were: Izana Watruba, Thunderstruck Farm, Luxemburg, WI; Ruth Osinga, Osinga Rosewood Farm, Janesville, WI; Bruce and Connie Bolen, Cedar Lane Normandes, Greentop, MO; Jeff and Nona Bock, Crick Ridge Farm, Spring Valley, WI; Chris, Brenda, Makayla and Paige Conley, High-Gem Normandes, Neosho, WI; Andrea Hinzman, Hinzman Farms, Spring Valley, WI; Kim and Jeanine Radel, K & J Normandes, Spring Green, WI; Mike, Matt, Beth, Chelsey, Abigail, and Brittany Mueller, Double M Cattle Company LLC, Rewey, WI; Aleigha and Levi Buening, Miller Tyme Farms, Mount Horeb, WI; Wally, Marie, Eliza and Lucion Brockhoff, Nine Mile Farm LLC, Linwood, KS; Landon Holewinski, Land-Ho Normandes, Pulaski, WI; and Ruth and Uriah Dibble, High hope Acres, West Winfield, NY.

The 2020 NANA National Normande Show had two very special exhibitors. Ruth and Uriah Dibble attended the show with their parents, Richard and Caroline Dibble. Richard and Caroline were recipients of NANA's Distinguish Service Award and they made the trip all the



**K & J NORMANDE SHOW
ANIMALS. KIM & JEANINE
RADEL, SPRING GREEN,**

**BRUCE & CONNIE BOLEN
DISPLAY**



In the Beef Teen (Ages 13-19) Showmanship Class the competition was intense and judge Bolen found himself having to make some difficult decisions because of the showmanship experience the teens who were entered in the class had. Marie Brockhoff of Linwood, KS, placed first. Right behind her in second place was her sister, Eliza Brockhoff, also of Linwood, KS. Placing third was Andrea Hinzman of Spring Valley, WI. And in fourth place was Ruth Dibble of West Winfield, NY.

way from the state of New York to attend the show. Ruth and Uriah “borrowed” some animals and they both showed in the Showmanship Class for their age. And they assisted other breeders in showing their animals when the help was needed during the show.

The above exhibitors entered a total of forty-five animals and a total of forty-three animals were exhibited. 29 beef animals were exhibited in the beef show and 13 dairy animals were shown in the dairy show. Judges for the show were David Bolen of Tama, IA, and Eric Lyons of Toledo, IA.

Following the awarding of the NANA Distinguished Service Award to Richard and Caroline Dibble and their family (See related article) the show began with the beef show. The first class to come before Judge Bolen was the Beef Youth Showmanship class (Ages up to 12 years). Placing first in the class was Lucien Brockhoff of Linwood, KS. Standing in second place was Abigail Mueller of Rewey, WI. In third place was Chelsey Mueller of Rewey, WI. And placing fourth was Uriah Dibble of West Winfield, NY.



YOUTH BEEF SHOWMANSHIP: L-R: URIAH DIBBLE, CHELSEY MUELLER, ABIGAIL MUELLER, AND LUCIEN BROCKHOFF



TEEN BEEF SHOWMANSHIP: L-R: ELIZA BROCKHOFF, RUTH DIBBLE, & MARIE BROCKHOFF. NOT IN PICTURE IS ANDREA HINZMAN.

In the Adult Beef Showmanship class it was an “all male” show. And the youth carried the day. Matt Mueller of Rewey, WI, placed first. Right behind him in second was Wally Brockhoff of Linwood, KS. In third place was Kim Radel of Spring Green, WI. Mike Mueller of Rewey, WI, held down fourth place. And Jeff Bock of Spring Valley, WI, stood in fifth place.

After the showmanship competition came the beef bull classes. The first class was the Beef Junior Bull Class. The bulls in this class were all born within twenty days of one another so they were very close in age. Topping the class was Crick Ridge Hercules, shown by Jeff and Nona



BEEF JUNIOR BULL CLASS PRIOR TO THEM BEING PLACED. L-R BRUCE BOLEN, BETH MUELLER, MIKE MUELLER, MATT MUELLER & JEFF BOCK

Bock. He is a 94% Normande and is sired by Crick Ridge Cap'n Crunch. His dam is Crick Ridge Dotty Dimples. Placing second was CLN Nick Melvin 787, exhibited by Bruce and Connie Bolen of Greentop, MO. A 98% Normande, he is sired by CLN Nate Nick 723. His dam is CLN Luc Lissette 725. In third place stood DMCC Oblong Hollyday 12H. A 95% Normande son of the French bull, Oblong, his dam is DMCC Trek Corella 112C. He was exhibited by the Mueller family of Rewey, WI, as were the following fourth and fifth placing bull calves. In fourth place was DMCC Rocket Impact High Five 7H. 93% Normande, his sire is Circle D Rocket Impact 622T and his dam is DMCC Wrangler Danielle 6D. DMCC Captan Hang Time 14H stood in fifth place. A Captan son, he is 94% Normande and his dam is DMCC Trek

Agnes 29A.

There were two bulls shown in the Beef Summer Yearling Bull Class and the Mueller family showed both of them. Both bulls are sired by Circle D Foolerman Zoland, a Foolerman son Jeff and Nona Bock and the Muellers own together after purchasing him in the St. Croix Valley Bull Test. Topping the class was DMCC Zoland Gator 9G. A 94% Normande, his dam is DMCC Trek Ambuellah 56A. Standing in second place was DMCC Zoland Gangsta 12G. Also a 94% Normande, his dam is DMCC Trek Zoyelle 57Z.

Winning the Beef Junior Yearling Bull Class was Crick Ridge Gopher, shown by Kim and Jeanine Radel. Sired by DMCC Trek Candyman 113C, he is 92% Normande and his dam is Crick Ridge Adria.

Four beef breeders exhibited bulls in the beef bull classes. During the Championship Drive for the bull classes three of those breeders were represented by their first place animals. Judge Bolen eventually selected DMCC Zoland Gator 9G as the Grand Champion Normande Bull. "Gator" is sired by Circle D Foolerman Zoland. Judge Bolen chose Crick Ridge Hercules as the Reserve Grand Champion Beef Bull. The sire of "Hercules" is Crick Ridge Cap'n Crunch.



GRNAD CHAMPION BEEF BULL: DMCC ZOLAND GATOR 9G



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BEEF BULL: CRICK RIDGE HERCULES



EIGHT OF THE TEN HEIFERS IN THE BEEF JUNIOR HEIFER CLASS PRIOR TO THEIR BEING PLACED

In the female beef classes, the largest class of the beef show was the Beef Junior Heifer Calf with ten heifers exhibited by five different breeders. Selected to stand in first place was 9MF Tinker Bell 2006. She was exhibited by Eliza Brockhoff of Linwood, KS. Her sire is Crick Ridge Dunkin Donut and she is 94% Normande. Her dam is Crick Ridge Everyday Sasafras. Marie Brockhoff of Linwood, KS, had the second place heifer, 9MF Myth 2014. Also sired by Crick Ridge Dunkin Donut, she is 50% Normande. Her dam is 9MF Marie's Miss Legend 2050. Placing third in the class was DMCC Rocket Impact Hexlebrity 31H. 94% Normande, she is sired by Circle D Rocket Impact 622T. Her dam is DMCC Polled Chief Feliciaty 38F. She was exhibited by the Mueller Family. And placing fourth in the class was Crick Ridge Hershey Kiss. Sired by Circle D Tank Hawk, she is 98% Normande. Her dam is Crick Ridge Flopsy. And she was exhibited by Jeff and Nona Bock.



NEW EXHIBITORS TO THE SHOW, KIM & JEANINE RADEL, BROUGHT TWO ANIMALS AND WON THE CLASS EACH ONE WAS SHOWN IN. THE HEIFER STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PICTURE IS DMCC ZOLAND GAMBU 65G. SHE WON THE SUMMER YEARLING BEEF HEIFER CLASS. (THIS PICTURE IS FROM THE ADULT BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLASS.)

New exhibitors to the NANA show were Kim and Jeanine Radel of Spring Green, WI. Their Beef Summer Yearling Heifer, DMCC Zoland Gambu 65G topped the class. She is a 96% Normande sired by Circle D Foolerman Zoland and her dam is DMCC Calvados Yambu 82Y. Placing second in the class was DMCC Calvados Kid Giara 8G. Sired by SGF Calvados Kid 831Y, she is 91% Normande. Her dam is MW Rocky Wiara 81W. In third place was DMCC Demitri Gabby 26G. Sired by DMCC Foolerman Demitri 17D, she is 93% Normande. Her dam is MW TL Waki 105W. The second and third placing heifers in this class were exhibited by the Mueller Family.

The Beef Junior Yearling Heifer Class saw 9MF Clarisse 1904 in first place. A daughter of Crick Ridge Dunkin Donut, she is 93% Normande. Her dam is Crick Ridge Echo. She was exhibited by the Brockhoff Family of Linwood, KS. In second place was Crick Ridge Gypsy. Sired by DMCC Trek Candyman 113C, she is 92% Normande. Her dam is Crick Ridge Anika and she was exhibited by Jeff and Nona Bock.



9MF CLARISSE 1904, WINNER OF BEEF JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER CLASS FOR THE BROCKHOFF FAMILY

In the Beef Cow/Calf Class, DMCC Trek Corella 112C and her bull calf DMCC Oblong Hollyday 12H placed first. She is 90% Normande and sired by Crick Ridge Farm Trek 2T. Her dam is MW Jackson Joarelle 15L. In second place was DMCC Polled Chief Feliciaty 38F and her heifer calf, DMCC Rocket Impact Hexlebrity 31H. Sired by SGF Polled Chief 20U, she is 94% Normande.

Her dam is DMCC Samson Xelebrity 69X. Both the first and second place cow/calf pairs were exhibited by the Mueller Family. In third place was Crick Ridge Flopsy and her heifer calf Crick Ridge Hershey Kiss. Sired by Circle D Foolerman Zoland, she is 95% Normande. Her dam is Crick Ridge Calamity 5C. They were shown by Jeff and Nona Bock, and Andrea Hinzman.



BEEF FEEDER STEER CLASS. L-R: LIZA BROCKHOFF & HAN; LUCIEN BROCKHOFF & McTOASTY

It had been a number of years since there were any entries in the Feeder Calf Class. The Brockhoff family of Linwood, KS, entered two feeder steers. Lucien Brockhoff showed 9MF McToasty 2004 and placed first. Eliza Brockhoff showed 9MF Han 2010 and stood second. Both steers were 75% Normande. "McToasty" was sired by Crick Ridge Dunkin Donut and his dam is JAZX Jackson Bouzlas 15UYBD. "Han" is sired by Captan and his dam is 9MF Donut Lass 1806.



BEEF FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE. L-R: DMCC TREK CORELLA 112C & HER CALF DMCC OBLONG HOLLDAY 12H; 9MF CLARISSE 1904; DMCC ZOLAND GAMBU 53G; & 9MF TINKER BELL 2006

The beef female grand championship drive was small in numbers, but impressive in quality. Four different exhibitors paraded their class winning females before judge Bolen. Judge Bolen went with maturity and then youth in selecting his Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Females. The winning Cow/Calf Pair was selected as the Grand Champion Beef Female. DMCC Trek Corelle 112C was named the Grand Champion Beef Female. She was exhibited by the Mueller Family. Selected as the Reserve Grand Champion Beef Female was the first place Beef Junior Heifer Calf, 9MF Tinker Bell 2006. Her exhibitor was Eliza Brockhoff of the Brockhoff Family.

2020 GRAND CHAMPION BEEF FEMALE: DMCC TREK CORELLE 112C & DMCC OBLONG HOLLYDAY 12H. EXHIBITED BY THE MUELLER FAMILY



2020 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BEEF FEMALE: 9MF TINKER BELLE 2006. EXHIBITED BY THE BROCKHOFF FAMILY



In the Beef Group classes there were three Pens of Beef Heifers exhibited. First place Pen of Three Females was the entry of the Brockhoff Family. Jeff and Nona Bock, along with Andrea Hinzman, had the second place Pen of Three Beef Heifers. The Mueller Family's entry in the Pen of Three Beef Female class stood third in the class.

In the dairy show there were three new youth showing their Normandes, and one new adult. Ruth Osinga of Janesville, WI, and Aleigah and Levi Buening of Mount Horeb, WI. were the new youth exhibitors. The new adult exhibitor was Izana Watruba of Luxemburg, WI.



YOUTH DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP. L-R: RUTH OSINGA, ALEIGAH BUENING, & PAIGE CONLEY

Dairy showmanship classes kicked off the dairy show. In the 12 and under class the placings were: First-Ruth Osinga, Janesville, WI; Second-Aleigah Buening, Mount Horeb, WI; and third was Paige Conley, Neosho, WI. In the Dairy Teen Showmanship class, Landon Holewinski, Pulski, WI, placed first. Standing in second place was Ruth Dibble, West Winfield, NY. The Adult Dairy Showmanship class saw Chris Conley, Neosho, WI in first place. In second was Izana Watruba, Luxemburg, WI. And in third place was Adam Bertz of Mount Horeb, WI.

The Dairy Spring Heifer Calf Class saw Landon Holewinski's entry, Land-Ho Licorice Kylla, take first place. Sired by the French bull, Licorice, she is a 97% Normande. Her dam is Rudan Jorino Kamille 985. Placing second for Aleigah Buening was Miller Tyme Do It. 99% Normande, she is a daughter of the French bull, Insoumis. Her dam is Miller Tyme Montgomery Danika. And standing in third place for Paige Conley was High-Gem Honess Isy Blake. 50% Normande, she is a daughter of the French bull, Honess Isy. Her dam is High-Gem Defiant Brandy-Twin.

In the Dairy Fall Heifer Calf Class, first place



TEEN DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASS. L-R: LANDON HOLEWINSKI, RUTH DIBBLE



DAIRY SPRING HEIFER CLASS

honors were taken by Miller Tyme Diamond who was shown by Aleigah and Levi Buening. Sired by the French bull Insoumis, she is 94% Normande. Her dam is New Hope Viveco Destiny. Standing in second place for Ruth Osinga was Rudan Insoumis Jack-O-Lantern. Also sired by Insoumis, she is 88% Normande. Her dam is Rudan Ironville Lacinda.

Winning the Dairy Summer Yearling Class was Land-Ho Licorice Cleo. A 50% Normande, she is sired by Licorice. Her dam is Land-Ho Cracker. Her exhibitor was Landon Holewinski.



DAIRY FALL HEIFER CLASS

The Dairy Spring Yearling Heifer class saw Izana Watruba's entry take first place. Thunderstruck Holen Noz Risso, is a 62% Normande sired by the French bull Holen Noz. Her dam is Thunderstruck Ravioli.

Topping the Dairy Fall Yearling Heifer class was High-Gem Jeolavel Stacy. Sired by the French bull, Jeolavel, she is 88% Normande. Her dam is Rudan Undun Sangria 830. Standing in second place was High-Gem Infinity Jhene, a 50% Normande. Her sire is the French bull Infinity and her dam is High-Gem Aftershock Norene. Both heifers were exhibited by Chris and Brenda Conley of Neosho, WI.

In the Dairy Unfreshened Two Year Old Class, High-Gem Jeolaval Prickle placed first. Her sire is the French bull, Jeolaval, and she is 50% Normande. Her dam is High-Gem Just Patches. Chris and Brenda Conley were her exhibitors.



FOUR DIFFERENT NORMANDE BREEDERS REPRESENTED BY THEIR FIRST PLACE WINNERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DAIRY HEIFER CLASSES PRIOR TO THE SELECTION OF THE JUNIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPIOIN DAIRY FEMALE. EVERYONE OF THESE NORMANDE HEIFERS IS Sired BY A FULL BLOOD FRENCH NORMANDE BULL

When it came time to select a Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Dairy Heifer, judge Lyons chose two heifers exhibited by Chris and Brenda Conley. For Junior Champion Dairy Heifer, High-Gem Jeolaval Stacy was selected. She had won the Dairy Fall Yearling Heifer Class. Named the Reserve Junior Champion Heifer was High-Gem Jeolaval Prickle. She was the winner of the Dairy Unfreshened Two Year Old Class.

As noted at the beginning of this report, there was only one milking dairy cow that was shown. The fact there was only one did not disappoint in the quality she exhibited. Landon Holewinski's entry, Rudan Jorino Kamille 985, fit the part of first place Dairy Two Year Old in Milk and eventually the Grand Champion Dairy Female very well. Winning in the show ring was not new for "Kamille". In 2019 she was selected as the Reserve Junior Champion Dairy Female and now as a



L-R: HIGH-GEM JEOLAVAL STACY, JUNIOR CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE, AND BRENDA CONLEY. HIGH-GEM JEOLAVAL PRICKLE, RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION DAIRY HEIFER AND CHRIS CONLEY

milking cow she was selected as the Grand Champion Dairy Female. “Kamille” has been a success story for Landon as he won her through NANA’s Youth Heifer Program.

Selected as the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Female was High-Gem Jeolaval Stacy, the Junior Champion Dairy Female. She was shown by Chris and Brenda Conley.



2020 GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE: RUDAN JORINO CAMILLE 985



2020 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE: HIGH-GEM JEOLAVAL STACY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND REPORT

Thirty-four members and friends attended the 2020 Annual NANA Membership Meeting on Friday, September 18, 2020, at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Once again Bruce and Connie Bolen of Greentop, MO, generously provided the meal prior to the meeting. Attendees enjoyed make your own cold meat sandwiches with a selection of different breads, cheeses, a variety of condiments, chips, milk/water, and bars/cookies.



Following an enjoyable meal filled with conversation around the tables, the business meeting was conducted. NANA president Ken Rabas called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved and the treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Mike Mueller provided a report on the NANA office and the herdbook registry. Mueller reported the office has been able to save several hundred dollars in ink costs each year with the association's purchase of an Epson ET-4750 printer. The Epson printer employs an ink

tank technology instead of an ink cartridge system and the savings in the cost of ink are quite significant. Mueller reported these savings are being put aside for the replacement of the Epson printer when it becomes necessary.

For association activities, Mueller reported NANA did not have an exhibit at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days or the World Dairy Expo IN 2020 because both events had been cancelled for the year 2020 due to Covid-19. He reported the number of NANA members, total animal registrations, and animal transfers has been fairly consistent for the past five years. As always, there are slight variations from year to year, but NANA has not seen a decrease in members, number of animals registered and transferred, or in its financial stability. Mueller reported there are a number of new buyers of registered animals each year (usually 1-3 animals per buyer) but very few of those new buyers eventually join the association and begin registering their Normandes.

There were two main items of business before the membership. The first was the approval of a proposed change in the By-Laws of the association. Well over fifteen years ago the NANA membership at the Annual Membership Meeting increased the size of the Board of Directors from six to nine members. In the process an error was inserted into the By-Laws that was not noticed until earlier this year. To correct the error, minor in nature because it did not affect the overall governance of the association, a By-Law correction was proposed and was approved by the voting members. So NANA currently has a Board of Directors consisting of seven individuals. Please take note of the term expiration year behind the name of each of the board members and that will tell you when their current term expires and they are eligible for election to another three year term.

The second matter of business was the election of members of the Board of Directors. Earlier in 2020, Jeff Bock, had made it known he was not going to seek re-election to the Board of Directors. He had stated he had been on the Board long enough and it was now time for someone new. To fill Bock's vacant position, Wallace Brockhoff of Linwood, KS, was nominated. Derek Vosberg was nominated for another three year term. Both Brockhoff and Vosberg were elected to the Board of Directors.

DID YOU KNOW?

*What youth organization is one of the largest in the U.S. and has chapters in all 50 states? The FFA. There are 760,113 student members in grades seven through twelve. There are 8,739 local FFA chapters in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. \$4 billion is the amount FFA members earn annually through their hands-on work experience. The FFA was organized nationally in 1928 in Kansas City, MO.

*In 2019 U.S. farmers produced: 1.7 billion lb. of green beans worth \$303 million; 792 million lb. of cranberries worth \$225 million; 245 million turkeys worth \$3.9 billion; 3.2 billion lb. of sweet potatoes worth \$588 million; 42.4 billion lb. of potatoes worth \$4.2 billion; 6.3 billion lb. of sweet corn worth \$652 million; 1.4 billion lb. of pumpkins worth \$180 million, and 265 million lb. of pecans worth \$471 million.

NANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-ORGANIZED



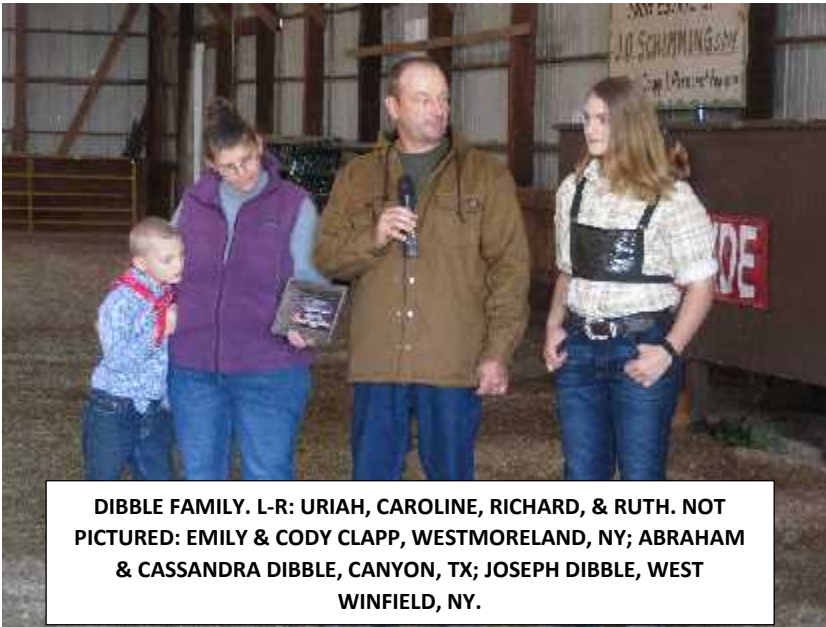
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MICHAEL MUELLER (WI), DEREK VOSBERG (WI), KEN RABAS (IA), BRUCE BOLEN (MO)**

Following the adjournment of the Annual Membership Meeting the Board of Directors met briefly and elected the officers of the association. Re-elected as president was Ken Rabas of Kalona, IA. Elected as vice-president was Derek Vosberg of South Wayne, WI. Bruce Bolen of Greentop, MO, was re-elected as secretary with his wife, Connie, assisting him. And Michael Mueller was re-elected treasurer and will continue to maintain the NANA office, including serving as registry secretary.

NANA'S 2020 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

For a number of years now the NANA Board of Directors has wanted to award the Richard and Caroline Dibble Family of West Winfield, NY its Distinguished Service Award. 2020 proved to be the year it could happen.

The Dibble family has been raising registered Normandes on their 60 acre farm right on US Hwy 20 near West Winfield since 2011 when they were able to obtain four heifers that had been sold privately to a neighbor from another party in New York. With the pedigree information provided, the NANA office was able to assist the Dibbles in getting the heifers registered as they were high percentage and full blood Normandes. The heifers were purchased to provide 4-H projects for their oldest children and to give them the opportunity to be around farm animals. Their purchased animals were of dairy genetics and the Dibbles have used French Normande semen to maintain the dairy genetics and the high per cent of Normande genetics in the pedigrees.



DIBBLE FAMILY. L-R: URIAH, CAROLINE, RICHARD, & RUTH. NOT PICTURED: EMILY & CODY CLAPP, WESTMORELAND, NY; ABRAHAM & CASSANDRA DIBBLE, CANYON, TX; JOSEPH DIBBLE, WEST WINFIELD, NY.

The Dibble's do not milk their dairy Normandes as their farm is not an active dairy farm. Instead they have agreements with neighboring dairy producers for their animals to be housed and milked on those farms. The Dibbles do raise some steers that they sell to local meat buyers. Since 2011, the Dibble children have been showing their Normandes at local, county, and regional shows. The result has been folks in their part of New York state have become aware of the Normande breed.

In November of 2013, tragedy struck the Dibble family. Shortly after acquiring their first four Normande heifers, they realized one of those heifers was a little more spirited than the other heifers and would be a handful for anyone to

train and show. In stepped their son, Elijah. When first told no about showing the rambunctious heifer, Elijah persisted and was able to convince his parents to allow him to try to train her. Elijah was one of those kids who can develop a special bond with an uncooperative animal. After putting in many lonely hours with "Cinnamon", to everyone's surprise, Elijah got the heifer trained so he could show her. Tragically, in November of that year, Elijah was killed in a bicycle/motor vehicle crash on the highway on which the Dibble's live.

To honor Elijah and the special way he had with animals, and to help direct some of their deep grief into a productive direction the Dibble's established their "Hooves and Boots Heifer Program". Similar to NANA's past Youth Heifer Program, the Dibble's provided a registered Normande heifer calf to a deserving young person in their area. So far four heifers have been awarded. Dylan Dynn was awarded HHA Mr Payday Snowflake. Sadie Klumpp was awarded HHA Saintyorre Grace Charity. Jonas Maeys was awarded HHA Uno Cinnamon Cassia (A daughter of Elijah's "Cinnamon.") And Virginia Culver was awarded HHA Jesse Lillandil Luna.

This program has not been easy financially for the Dibble's, but its results have been rewarding to them. Nor has their program brought much attention to them outside of the area of New York where their program is offered to youth. But their program has promoted the Normande breed in New York state. The stipulations of their program can be found at www.hoovesandboots.org

The Dibbles had another reason for coming to the mid-west after they were informed of being the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. At least one set of Richard's grandparents lived in Wisconsin, specifically, Pepin, WI, and they wanted to visit that area. And possibly even see the house in which his grandparents lived. After the show the Dibble's spent several days traveling along the Mississippi River on the Wisconsin side near Pepin, WI. As usually what happens in a small rural town, someone knew what house some of Richard's family had lived in when they were residents of Pepin, WI, and it was a treat for them to see some of their family history in Wisconsin.

KUDOS TO THOSE WHO HELP MAKE THE NANA SHOW HAPPEN

We are taking the risk of overlooking someone when we attempt to recognize and offer our thanks to all the individuals who help make the NANA show and meeting happen without receiving anything in return for their efforts. To the following individuals and families, we offer our sincerest thank you for your contributions to our NANA show.

*Bruce and Connie Bolen, Greentop, MO, for providing the meal for those attending the Annual Membership Meeting on Friday evening.

- *Karl and Barb Wogsland, Scandinavia, WI, for receiving the show entries, compiling the show catalog, creating the catalog covers, decorating the show ring and creating a photo area, announcing the show as it proceeded, sending out the show results to all the exhibitors, and providing some Silent Auction items.
- *The Board of Directors for providing the free luncheon meal and beverages during the show.
- *Ken Rabas for serving as ringman during the show.
- *Jerome Chateau of Normande Genetics for sponsoring the show catalog.
- *Brenda Conley for livestreaming the show on Facebook.
- *The Mueller family for providing the bedding used by the exhibitors and the manure spreader used for clean up after the show.
- *All the exhibitors and their families for bringing their animals to the show and then assisting in cleaning up the barn after the show was over.
- *Our judges, David Bolen and Eric Lyons, for their professionalism in their judging.
- *Richard and Caroline Dibble and family. Your presence, humility, graciousness, and generosity was a very special addition to the show.
- *Our first time exhibitors: Izana Watruba, Ruth Osinga, Aleigha and Levi Buening, Ruth and Uriah Dibble. Your presence added much to our show.
- *Lexa Miller Buening for obtaining the trophies and some Silent Auction items for the show.
- *Jeff and Nona Bock for obtaining and donating shirts for the Silent Auction.
- *Makayla Conley for passing out ribbons during the show.

NANA AND REGISTERED NORMANDE CATTLE FACEBOOK PAGES

For Normande Happenings readers who are on Facebook, we invite you to join the NANA Facebook page and the Registered Normande Cattle Facebook page. By joining these two Facebook pages you can connect with Normande breeders/enthusiasts all over the United States, from around the world, and stay informed about current Normande events and information.

And while we are tooting our horn, we want you to know that Webit, our website creator/manager, recently updated our website. You can go to www.normandeassociation.com to take a look.

SCVBT CANCELLED

For most of the years the St. Croix Valley Bull Test (SCVBT) has been in existence, Normandes have been a consistent part of the bull test and sale. Earlier this year NANA was informed the SCVBT was dissolving and there would no longer be a bull test in that part of Wisconsin. There were no reasons provided as to why this was happening, but it is certainly a blow for the performance testing of Normande bulls in the upper Midwest.

If you as a breeder are looking for a dairy or beef Normande bull, we encourage you to go to NANA's website and contact one of the breeders found in our breeder directory.

ALEIGAH BUENING RECEIVES SPECIAL DIBBLE AWARD



L-R: RICHARD DIBBLE, CAROLINE DIBBLE, RUTH DIBBLE, ALEIGAH BUENING, LEXA MILLER-BUENING

One of the traditions that has been established in connection with NANA's National Show has been a group picture after the show is completed. The picture includes spectators and exhibitors. This year after the picture was taken, those involved were witnesses of a special moment. One of the special things Richard and Caroline Dibble have been doing quietly over the years is to recognize a young exhibitor who not only does well with her/his own animal(s), but also has a helping heart and hand for her/his fellow exhibitors. During a local show the Dibbles would watch and observe the young exhibitors as they participated in their show, and then they would select the young person they felt was very helpful and generous to

fellow exhibitors, while at the same time doing a very good job of showing their own animal(s). Prior to the beginning of the NANA show the Dibbles asked if they could make such an award after NANA's show and they were told yes.

Following the taking of the group picture, Richard told about their special recognition of a helpful young person and that the Dibble family wanted to make such an award at the 2020 NANA show. He also stated the award was a cash award of fifty dollars. With that he announced the young person they as a family had selected was Aleigha Buening.

Aleigha was surprised she had been selected and was moved to tears as she received her award. And her heart was filled with gratitude to the Dibbles for having been recognized as an encourager and helper to fellow exhibitors. Well done Aleigha!

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

Since the last week of November, NANA breeders and members who have their names and contact information posted on NANA's website have been receiving emails that are attempting a **scam**. The emails ask for assistance in obtaining gift cards or funds to be given to various needy groups. The email claims it is coming from Ken Rabas, NANA's president.

NANA's Board of Directors reminds everyone that the NANA Board, NANA officers, or NANA itself does not act as a conduit for any charity. We are strictly a breed association for the Normande breed. If you receive one of those emails and you want to confirm with the NANA office it is not legitimate, feel free to call the office. NANA has a toll-free number. Leave your message and we will get back to you. Otherwise, report the scam email to your email service provider and then delete it.

RETZLAFF'S IN DAIRY STAR ARTICLE

In Shawano County in northern Wisconsin, near Belle Plaine, is a young farm family who is not afraid of hard work and long hours. Nathan and Tajia Retzlaff, and their sons, Oliver and Ray, are the sixth generation of Retzlaffs to farm on the Retzlaff farm since 1863. Nathan and Tajia were recently featured in the Dairy Star Publication.

Tending to detail is what helps make their dairy herd profitable. Over 200 cows are milked three times per day in a double-8 parallel parlor on their 500 acre dairy farm. Three people are involved with milking the cows each time. Their herd is made up of Holsteins, Jersey cross, Milking Shorthorn, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Fleckvieh, Charolais cross, Normande, Lineback and the latest addition, Guernsey. The genetically diverse herd of cows has a herd average of 34,435 pounds of milk with 4.0% butterfat and 3.09% protein. Their milk cow ration consists of a grain mix, BMR corn silage, haylage or cocktail mix, and long stem bailage. Their dry cow ration consists of straw, conventional corn silage, decab, and a protein supplement.

L-R: OLIVER, TAJIA, RAY & NATHAN RETZLAFF



To assist them in attending to detailed management of that many cows, Nathan and Tajia, installed the "Cow Manager System" in 2018. It is a system that monitors rumination, temperature and heat activity of each cow electronically on a daily basis.

Eight employees assist the Retzlaff's with milking, feeding, field work, etc. NANA is proud to say the Retzlaffs are part of its membership and they are slowly increasing the number of Normandes in their herd. And we congratulate them on being a featured dairy farm family by Dairy Star!

MORE PICTURES FROM THE SHOW

JEFF & NONA BOCK, & ANDREA HINZMAN SHOW STRING



MORE SHOW PICTURES



ADULT BEEF SHOWMANSHIP: L-R JEFF BOCK, MIKE MUELLER, KEN RADEL, WALLY BROCKHOFF, MATT MUELLER



ADULT DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP: L-R ADAM BERTZ, IZANA WATRUBA, CHRIS CONLEY



PEN OF 3 BEEF FEMALES: L-R MUELLER FAMILY, JEFF BOCK & ANDREA HINZMAN, WALLACE BROCKHOFF FAMILY



LANDON HOLEWINSKI AND HIS THREE ENTRIES FOR THE SHOW



LANDON & PAUL HOLEWINSKI WITH LANDON'S DAM & OFFSPRING



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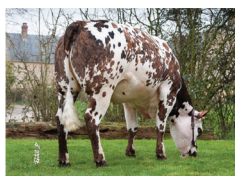


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Double-muscle Normande bulls: Augeron and Devron are both homozygous double-muscle. No dairy bull from our lineup ever carries the double-muscle gene. Please contact us for more information.



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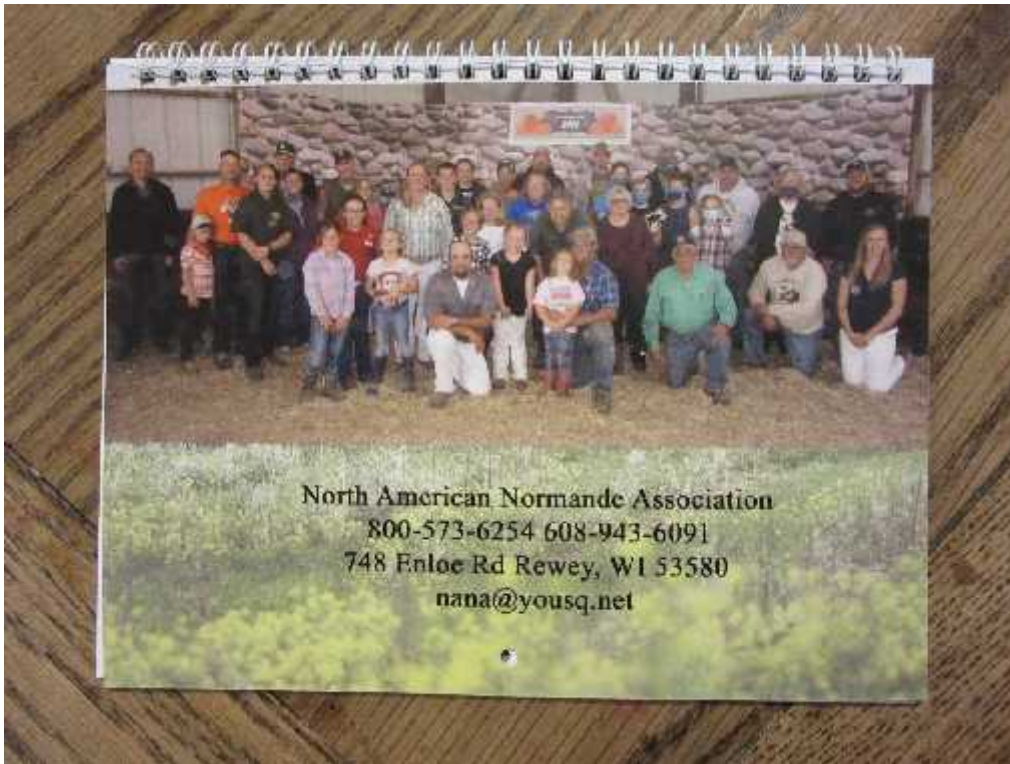


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*DECEMBER 25, 2020: CHRISTMAS
*JANUARY 1, 2021 NANA DUES BECOME DUE
*JULY 20-22, 2021: WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS, HUNTSINGER FARMS, EAU CLAIRE, WI
*SEPTEMBER 17, 2021: NANA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MINERAL POINT, WI, IOWA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, 7:00 PM
*SEPTEMBER 18, 2021: NANA NATIONAL SHOW, 11:00 AM. IOWA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, MINERAL POINT, WI
*SEPTEMBER 23-SEPTEMBER 26, 2021: WORLD BEEF EXPO, MILWAUKEE, WI
SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2, 2021: WORLD DAIRY EXPO. MADISON, WI

THE COVER

Pictured on the cover of this issue of Normande Happenings is Landon Holewinski of Pulaski, WI, and his 2020 National Grand Champion Normande dairy cow, Rudan Jorino Kamille 985. Bred by the Vosberg Family of South Wayne, WI, Kamille was awarded to Landon through the NANA Youth Heifer Program. While genetics certainly play an important role in an animal placing well at any show, the behind the scenes care, work, and training the animal's owner provides has a major influence in how well the animal does in the show ring. Congratulations Landon, for a job well done!

The NANA office is looking for eye catching and attractive pictures of Normande cattle to use on the cover of future issues of "Normande Happenings". Please submit your picture(s) to the NANA office and if the editorial advisory board (my family) should choose your picture it will be on the cover of a "Normande Happenings".

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***IF YOU HAVE NOT WATCHED THE NANA SHOW THAT LIVE STREAMED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW, IT STILL CAN BE WATCHED BY GOING TO NANA'S FACEBOOK PAGE.**

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