

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH



Pictured is Trinitie Barnett of Boone, IA, with the Normande heifer calf she received as winner of the 2015 NANA Youth Junior Heifer Program. If you are 12-17 years old, are a member of 4-H or FFA, and do not currently own a Normande animal you are eligible to enter the program. If you are chosen the winner you will be awarded the ownership of a Normande heifer at the National Normande Show on October 1, 2016.

Prior to the 2016 NANA National Show the winner will be chosen and he/she will have the privilege of taking home a registered Normande heifer to raise and show. The ownership of the heifer will be transferred to their name. To enter the program a young person must submit signed agreements and an essay (no more than 425 words) titled "Why I Want To Own A Normande Heifer". The NANA Junior Heifer Program rules, applications, and stipulations are listed below. Applications must be submitted to the NANA office by **07-31-16**, and the winner will be expected to pick up their heifer at the National Show in Mineral Point, WI, on October 1, 2016. If applicants have any questions please call the NANA office (608-943-6091 or 800-573-6254).

PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION: The purpose of this contest is to encourage the growth and development of Normande Cattle breeders through 4-H and FFA projects and programs.

Through this program one registered Normande Beef **or** one Normande Dairy heifer calf will be awarded to a winning applicant. The winning applicant will also be awarded one year of free membership to NANA as a Junior Member. Current NANA Junior Members who do not presently own any Normande cattle are

eligible to participate. A contestant can win only one heifer during their 4-H or FFA career. Once a contestant is awarded a heifer they are not eligible to apply again. Applicants not chosen to receive a heifer in the year they apply are eligible to apply in another year, as long as the age requirements are met.

Applicants can be male or female, and **must** be 12-17 years of age. We encourage the person to be active in either 4-H or FFA. The winner of the heifer **must** compete in at least two cattle shows per year. The two cattle shows **must** include their local county fair and the annual Normande Show. The winner is encouraged to show in other cattle shows, but it is not required beyond the two specified shows. Applicants essay **must** be in their handwriting and **must** be accompanied by a completed Parental Consent Form.

Each applicant's entry will be judged on the applicant's need for help in getting started with Normande Cattle, neatness and completeness of the application and essay, ability to provide a good home for the calf, and the desire of the applicant as expressed in his or her essay. The title of the essay will be **"Why I Want to Own a Normande Heifer."** The essay **shall not** exceed 425 words. To apply simply use the entry form below. If additional forms are needed you can make additional copies, but copies must not be altered in any way from the application below. All applications **must be submitted to the NANA office and be post marked no later than July 31, 2016.**

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE WINNING APPLICANT:

1. Adequate facilities for the care of the heifer **must** be provided.
2. The responsibility for the daily care of the heifer **must** be accepted by the recipient and his/her family.
3. The recipient and his/her family **must** be capable of handling all expenses (veterinary, breeding, feed, housing, transportation, etc) that occur with ownership of an animal.
4. The recipient **must** show his/her heifer for two years at their local county fair and the National Normande Show.
5. The recipient **must** breed his/her heifer to a registered Normande bull.
6. The recipient **must** register their heifer's first calf with NANA if the calf is a heifer.
7. The recipient **must** be open to a NANA representative checking on the welfare of the heifer if requested by NANA.
8. The recipient **must** submit photos and a yearly summary of their activities with the heifer for two years. The photos and summary may be used in NANA's newsletter.
9. The recipient **must** be willing to promote the Normande breed and this program to others.
10. The recipient and his/her family **must** be willing to commit themselves to the two year length of this program.
11. The recipient is encouraged to pay the dues for NANA membership in the second

year of the program.

- 12. NANA reserves the right to reclaim the animal if deemed necessary due to the recipient not complying with the above requirements.

NANA JUNIOR HEIFER PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ST:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

AREA OF INTEREST: (check one) Normande Beef Normande Dairy

In your essay please answer the following questions:

1. Tell us why you would like to participant in this program. What are your goals and where do you see this project taking you?
2. Tell us how you would be able to promote this project and the Normande breed within your state and community.
3. Describe your home farm and what your responsibilities there are.
4. If you were awarded a calf, describe how you would care for it, where would you Keep it, and how you would feed it.
5. What organizations do you participate in and what positions of leadership have you held.



A WORD FROM BARB

Hello all, I hope this summer is treating you well. Please take a moment to recognize the big events that have recently occurred within our NANA group. Record high Normande bull sales at the SCVBT sale and the new ability to sell French Normande semen directly from France are major achievements. Thanks to our hard working breeders and members for making these amazing things happen. As this

summer continues, try to take advantage of the great aspects our breed has to offer. Stay safe in all you do this summer!

\$5750 & \$5000



CRICK RIDGE CAP'N CRUNCH

On April 16, 2016 a new top sale price for a performance tested Normande bull was set at the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Sale at River Falls, WI. Crick Ridge Cap'n Crunch, bred and consigned by Jeff and Nona Bock of River Falls, WI, was the top performing Normande bull in the bull test and was the top selling bull for the entire sale at a sale price of \$5750.00. A polled son of Circle D Foolerman Zoland (The top performing, 3.29 pound ADG, and top selling Normande bull of the 2013 SCVBT) Cap'n Crunch had a very balanced frame with muscle and style. He stood second in the Junior Bull Calf Class at the 2015 National Normande Show and had a 2.95 pound ADG in the bull test. When Cap'n Crunch entered

the sale ring and bidding started it soon became very spirited and competitive between two individuals who were bidding via phone and computer. Zane Smith of Boerne, TX, was the successful buyer.

When Circle D Levi Conqueror, bred and consigned by Wayne and Lisa Dewey, and second high performing Normande bull, entered the sale ring the bidding once again became competitive via phone and computer with Zane Smith being the successful buyer a second time. Smith paid \$5000 for Dewey's bull. Conqueror is sired by SGF Polled Levi 301D and had a 3.04 pound ADG during the test. He was the Champion Junior Beef Bull Calf and Reserve Champion Beef Bull at the 2015 National Normande Show.



CIRCLE D LEVI CONQUEROR

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TRINITIE BARNETT WINS NANA'S YOUTH HEIFER PROGRAM



Trinitie Barnett of Boone, Iowa, was selected the winner of NANA's 2015 Youth Heifer Program. She received her heifer at the 2015 National Normande Show in Mineral Point on September 19, 2015.

The heifer, Rudan Icton Dottie 644, is a daughter of Icton. She came from the Vosberg Valley View Farm Inc. herd. Dan and Ruth Vosberg and their family, Derek, Megan and Jerrod, own and operate the 200+ cow dairy near South Wayne, WI.

Trinitie is the daughter of Bonnie Barnett and the late Scott Barnett of Boone, Iowa. She has an older sister, Blaisze, age twenty-four; and an older brother, Cade, age sixteen, who according to their mother is her partner in crime.

Trinitie will soon begin her sophomore year in high school as a fifteen year old and it takes an entire pack of energizer batteries per day to keep up with this package of dynamo. Active in two 4-H clubs, the Bluff Creek Wranglers and the Boone County Horse Interest and Versatility Club, she has many activities and projects on her plate, including farm animals, science projects, photography, leadership and citizen projects.

High school activities include singing in the chorus, participating in school plays and musicals as a cast member plus designing costumes and painting the scenery, playing the flute in the band, running in cross country in the fall and track in the spring, and being a member of the CMS Math Club (an organization in her school that coordinates and runs the school concession stands throughout the school year.) She does all of this while keeping a 3.8 grade point average with her academic studies. Looking beyond high school Trinitie has a desire to study the art of taxidermy (She has already home tanned a couple of rabbit hides by herself.), and to study animal and human forensics.

Trinitie's interest in agriculture is cultivated on their 74 acre farm just outside of Boone, IA, along the Des Moines River valley. There her brother, Cade, and her step father, Scott Safly, have grown their bee colony to eight honey bee hives as members of the Iowa Honey Producers. She actively trail rides her horse on a regular basis and is learning the showing side of horses through 4-H. Currently she is training a young mule to ride. Farm dogs are also a part of her farm life and she is involved in obedience and agility training with them. And to top it all off is her small herd of heifers consisting of two Belted Galloways and her Normande heifer, Dottie. Plans are already in the making to show Dottie at the Boone County 4-H Fair this summer and the National Normande Show this fall.



SHOW TIME



DIBBLE FAMILY IN THE STATE NEW YORK

Summer time is show time for those of us who have livestock we enjoy exhibiting. Many local fairs are in full swing with county and state fairs soon to follow throughout the summer months. If you or your family members exhibit some of your Normandes at a fair we would love to hear about it and have some pictures so we can put it in a future newsletter. Information we would like to know is: name of fair, name of exhibitor(s), division shown in (open or junior class, any other breed or crossbred, how many animals in show and how many animals in class, etc.), placing in class (Carcass information if a carcass class.), and a nice picture of the animal and exhibitor. All of this can be emailed to the NANA office (nana@yousq.net) or to mjmueller@yousq.net.

And while we are on the subject of livestock shows, we hope you are planning on attending or showing at the National Normande Show this fall. The show is on October 1, 2016 and will be at the Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point, WI. The next newsletter will have all the details you will need to enter your show animals.

PRESS RELEASE

As of June 1, 2016 NANA, the **North American Normande Association**, will be the official and exclusive importer of Normande bull semen from EVOLUTION International the French leader in Normande genetics. NANA will offer top quality semen from both genomic and progeny tested bulls and will also offer the best available bulls with sexed semen.

EVOLUTION the biggest AI Cooperative in France has a very strong Normande breeding program genomically testing 640 bulls a year. The Normande breed is perfect for grazing, for quality rich milk and gourmet beef.

We at EVOLUTION are looking forward to working with North American Normande Association, in their new venture. On The NANA website look for the NORMAND-E-GENETISC SOLUTIONS tab.

This will be your new store for the best in Normande Genetics. The website transition will not be fully functional until early July. Until then Rhonda and Lexa, will be helping fill your Normande genetic, needs.

For more information on the exceptional qualities of this dual purpose breed contact the NANA representatives.

For any inquiries or orders please contact:

Rhonda Trembl-Knebel:

Cell Phone: 715-305-2843

Email: howlingoaks1@yahoo.com

Lexa Miller

Cell Phone: 608-669-5924

Email: millertymefarms@gmail.com



NORMANDE CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICA'S

A conference for Normande breeders and associations in South, Central and North America was slated to be held in the United States in Wisconsin before and during the 2016 World Dairy Expo. Because of the health concerns regarding the zika virus coming into the United States, the United States government is requiring extensive screening and testing be done before foreign visitors from South and Central America can come into the United States. The health testing is quite expensive and coupled with the significantly reduced prices farmers are being paid for their farm produce in that region of the world, many of the potential attendees are finding it too cost prohibitive to travel to the United States at this time. Therefore the NANA Board of Directors has decided to cancel the Normande Conference for America's in 2016. The NANA Board will continue to pursue hosting a Normande Conference for the America's when economic conditions become more favorable for those who would like to attend from South and Central America.

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NANA WEBSITE

If you have visited NANA's website in the past few months and are wondering why things on it are not changing, why the video is not working, and why the calendar is not getting updated etc, it is due to the untimely death of Hugh Rumsey of Central Wisconsin DataWorks. NANA had contracted with Hugh Rumsey to create our website and keep it updated in areas where we did not have the expertise. Hugh died unexpectedly in March while visiting relatives in Arkansas.

In the next few months you will see some changes with the NANA website as our partnership with Evolution includes assistance from them with improving our website and making it more user friendly for those of us who will be putting things onto the website. We ask that you be patient as we go through this time of transition.

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FOR SALE

Due to circumstances beyond my control it has become necessary that I offer for sale the two bulls we recently purchased in the St. Croix Valley Bull Test Sale. Both bulls are performance tested, healthy, well grown, and ready to service your heifers or cows. If interested contact:

**ZANE SMITH
334 ESTANCIA LANE
BOERNE, TX 78006**

beneco@citlink.net 830-388-1920 (cell)

NORMAND-E-GENETIC SOLUTIONS

On a previous page you saw the official announcement of the partnership between Evolution International and the North American Normande Association for the distribution of French Normande semen in the United States. Evolution International is the largest animal genetics cooperative (a union of Amelis, Genoe and Urceo) in France. Evolution is also the second largest animal genetics cooperative in all of Europe and the seventh largest in the world.

Evolution International was formed on January 1, 2013, and as a cooperative it is very active in agriculture animal genetics, including dairy and beef breeds, pigs, horses, goats, as well as rabbit and fish farming. In 2014, with more than 33,000 livestock breeders, Evolution produced more than six million units of bovine semen and carried out more than 2.8 million animal inseminations.

With this partnership NANA becomes the exclusive distributor of French Normande semen in the United States. This partnership means United States Normande breeders will have current French Normande genetics available. It also means sexed semen will be available to those who would like some. And further down the road it will provide Normande breeders a type classification program.

Two members of NANA, Rhonda Trembl-Knebel and Lexa Miller, will be coordinating this partnership of semen distribution. They will be the persons you should contact if you desire to order some semen. The semen will be stored at Hawkeye Breeders Services, Inc., located in Adel, IA, and will be shipped from there as well. Hawkeye Breeders Service, Inc. is able to ship semen to anywhere in the United States, to Canada, and to Central and South America.

To order Normande semen you would contact Rhonda Trembl-Knebel at 715-305-2843 or email her at howlingoaks1@yahoo.com; or Lexa Miller at 608-669-5924 or email her at millertymefarms@gmail.com. After your order is submitted to either Rhonda or Lexa, you will send payment for the semen to the North American Normande Association. Until NANA's website is updated and functioning properly again, semen will need to be paid for by check. Your check is to be made out to: **Normand-E-Genetic Solutions/NANA**, and sent to **NANA, 748 Enloe Rd., Rewey, WI 53580**. Once payment is received by NANA and your check has cleared the bank, Hawkeye Breeders Services, Inc. will be notified the semen you ordered can be released and shipped to you via a dry shipper. You will be billed for the shipping and handling by Hawkeye Breeders Service, Inc. and you will pay them for the shipping. If you pay them by check, make it out to: **Hawkeye Breeders Service, Inc.** and send it to **Hawkeye Breeders Service, Inc., 32642 Old Portland Rd., Adel, IA 50003**. If you have any questions about this process, you can ask Rhonda, Lexa or the NANA office (608-943-6091 or 800-573-6254).

The NANA Board of Directors is excited about this partnership with Evolution International. Once we have all things running and working well, watch for the special offers NANA is considering giving to semen buyers who become members of NANA, and who register the resulting animals from their semen purchases. The North American Normande Association is the official breed registry association for the Normande breed in the United States. And so we want to work with you in making your Normande animals more valuable through registration, production records and eventually type classification.

The following pages are a sampling of the bulls available. Visit NANA's Facebook page to see all the bulls that we will have available.