

Where does time go? As a kid, you never believe your parents and grandparents when they tell you time goes too fast. Today, as a parent, the one thing that I do not have nearly enough of is TIME! Summer went way too fast. As all of you, our Summer was busy with 4-H projects. My daughter had one of those year's that does not happen every year. She exhibited the Champion Steer at the Buffalo County Fair. The Buffalo County Fair featured over 180 head of Market Beef. The thing that made that really special was the steer was one she raised. Her steer was out of her first heifer. She is now continually worrying about what heifers she wants to buy and what to breed them to. This is common at all your homes too, whether it is with the cattle, horses or working dogs. We are all striving to improve our businesses.

This is the focus of the 2008 Classic... *"improve on the QUALITY experience of the Classic. We want our customers, consignors, vendors, juniors and buyers to have the best opportunities with our event."*

It seems like yesterday when we wrapped up the 2007 Classic, and today it is time for the 2008 entries to roll into the Classic Office. The entries for the 2008 Classic are being taken on-line this year. If you do not have access to the internet, don't hesitate to call me. We will assist in accommodating each individuals needs.

The Classic gets started on Tuesday, February 19th with the Ranch Horse Competition and Working Dog Trials followed by the sales that evening. The Commercial trade show also opens on Tuesday and is open until Sunday. Wednesday will get the cattle shows and sales underway with the Hereford, Polled Hereford, and Red Angus. Thursday will feature the Angus, Simmental, Charolais and Braunvieh. That evening will be the Royal Ice Sale followed by the Classic Barn Party. We have made some changes to the social and meal for the evening. You will not want to miss Thursday night at the Classic. Friday is full with the Limousin, Gelbvieh/Balancer, Shorthorn and Replacement Heifer Pen of 5 Sale that evening. Saturday will wrap up the cattle shows and sales with the Maine Anjou, MaineTainer, Chimaine and

Chiangus followed by the Grand Finale.. "Supreme Row Judging". Sunday will wrap up the event with the Junior Show. The Juniors must pre-enter again this year. All steers are required to have Breed Registration papers if they want to show as a Breed steer. THIS YEAR - Juniors are limited to 2 entries per individual. The Classic made this change in order to make the show a more enjoyable experience for all attending. There is no limitation on the heifers purchased during the Classic sales to show in the Junior Show.

We are very excited for the 17th Annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic February 19-24, 2008. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at anytime at 308.627.6385. If you have an email address please email me. We want to put together email updates on the Classic. rkbush@frontiernet.net



I look forward to getting your 2008 entries and talking to you soon!

Ronette

2008 Classic President Douglas King

Douglas King of Kearney Nebraska takes the reigns as the President of the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic. Douglas has been a Board member since 1998. Douglas is a native of Kearney. His family



was lifetime Angus Breeders. His father Keith, was a founding Board Member of the Classic.

Douglas is the President of Nebraska National Bank in Kearney. He has over 30 years of commercial banking experience in Nebraska and Iowa. Douglas is very involved in the Kearney community.