

Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Company Wins 38th Annual OCA Ranch Rodeo; Fans Give more than \$10,000 to Children's Hospital Foundation

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. August 22, 2022 – When the dust settled and the scores were tallied, the Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Company ranch team was named the Champion ranch team at the 2022 Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo.

The Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. is located in Delaware, Okla. They joined forces to form a six-person team. The team members included: Kevin Lawson, TJ Davis, Kyle Rasberry, Keith Sumner, Heston Perkins, and Wilder Davis. These cowboys competed against 11 other Oklahoma ranch teams in two performances this past weekend at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Okla.

The Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. team placed first in four of the five events and one team member, TJ Davis, was awarded for his skill and effort when he was recognized as the 2022 'Top Hand.' TJ also rode the 2022 'Top Horse' at this year's event.

A tie for the runner up team was Trentman Ranch and Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co. of Pawhuska & Shidler, Okla and Stuart Ranch of Waurika, Okla. The 2022 'Top Horse' was part of the Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. team, ridden by TJ Davis.

The third individual award given was the 'Tough Hand' award and it was presented to Josh Sellers representing Drummond Land and Cattle Co. of Pawhuska, Okla.

The other participating ranches include 4V Cattle & Cross V, Bristow; Daube Cattle Co. & 3C Cattle Co., Ardmore; Gray G Bar Ranch, Shidler; Quarter Circle 99 & Rafter D Ranch, Loco; Spur Ranch & Ford Drummond Ranch, Vinita and Pawhuska; Buford Ranches, LLC, Hominy; Lazy Rafter Slash Ranch, Lenapah; McPhail Land & Cattle, Mountain Park.

The results from all five events are listed below.

Saddle Bronc Riding:

- 1st – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.
- 2nd – Buford Ranches, LLC
- 3rd – Spur Ranch & Ford Drummond Ranch

Stray Gathering:

- 1st – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co
- 2nd – Lazy Rafter Slash Ranch
- 3rd – Stuart Ranch

Team Penning:

- 1st – Stuart Ranch
- 2nd – Trentman Ranch and Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co.
- 3rd - Gray G Bar Ranch

Team Branding:

- 1st – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.
- 2nd – Quarter Circle 99 & Rafter D Ranch
- 3rd – McPhail Land and Cattle Co.

Wild Cow Milking:

1st – Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co.

2nd – Daube Cattle Co. & 3C Cattle Co.

3rd – Trentman Ranch and Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co.

“While the competition keeps you on the edge of your seat, the real reason we have this event is to raise support for the Children’s Hospital Foundation,” said Weston Givens, Chairman of the OCA Ranch Rodeo Committee.

The Children’s Hospital Foundation has been the selected charity since 1997. In that time OCA has donated more than \$585,00 to CHF to help fund children’s medical research and treatment for children right here at home in Oklahoma.

“Just by purchasing a ticket, fans are supporting our mission, but our fans take it one step further by reaching deep into their pockets and providing additional cash donations to the charity during the event,” Givens said.

Givens is referring to a time during the performance where cowboy boots are passed through the crowd so that fans can make additional contributions to the CHF.

“I am so happy to announce that more than \$10,000.00 was collected from fans during ‘Pass The Boot’ campaign and will be added to donation from the proceeds of the rodeo once the financials are finalized from both Friday and Saturday night performances year,” Givens said.

Givens, a former OCA Ranch Rodeo participant says, that the camaraderie among the ranch teams, paired with the mission . . . ‘Cowboys Helping Kids’ makes participating worthwhile and enjoyable. “Ranchers have a built-in instinct to care for others. We care for our land and animals and produce safe and nutritious food that nourishes people around the world. So, raising funds for the Children’s Hospital Foundation is not only natural for the cowboys, but it’s heartfelt,” Givens explained.

According to Givens, the Oklahoma Ford Dealers have supported the OCA Ranch Rodeo since the beginning as the presenting sponsor.

“Without the generous support of the Oklahoma Ford Dealers our donations to our charity of choice would not be near as sizable,” Givens concluded.

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Champion Team Photo – download

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Cutline: Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. Team members on horseback include (l to r): Weston Givens, OCA Ranch Rodeo Committee Chairman (left), Matt Butler Ford Associate Account Director, Kevin Lawson, TJ Davis, Kyle Rasberry, Keith Sumner, Heston Perkins, Wilder Davis, and Byron Yeoman, OCA President. Photo by Avid Visual Imagery

Top Hand Photo – download at

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Cutline: TJ Davis representing the Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. Team accepts his award for being named 2022 Top Hand during the OCA Ranch Rodeo. Standing is those helping present the award including: Kent Moore, representing the Working Ranch Horse Association. Photo by Avid Visual Imagery

Top Horse Photo – download at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8i30ttxbpojlc30/TopHorse-TJDavis%3BWhitmire%26Sumner.jpg?dl=0>

Cutline: TJ Davis representing the Whitmire Ranch & Sumner Cattle Co. Team accepts the 2022 Top Horse award during the OCA Ranch Rodeo. Standing is those helping present the award including: Matt Butler, Ford Associate Account Director. Photo by Avid Visual Imagery