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Buford Ranch Wins 2018 OCA Ranch Rodeo But the Real Winner is the Children's Hospital Foundation

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. Aug. 27, 2018 –Twelve teams of 'real ranch' cowboys competed Friday and Saturday night in five different events mirroring real ranch work. The 34th Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo is a benefit for The Children's Hospital Foundation. The Oklahoma Ford Dealers is the presenting partner for the OCA Ranch Rodeo and has been since the inception of the event in 1985.

The Children's Hospital Foundation has been the selected charity since 1997. In that time OCA has donated more than \$475,000 to CHF to help fund children's medical research and treatment for children right here at home in Oklahoma.

The Buford Ranch won champion team honors by winning the saddle bronc riding and wild cow milking events. This makes the ninth time for Buford Ranch to win since the inception of the event in 1985. The cowboys riding for the Buford Ranch include: Doug Branch, John Holloway, Rielly Holloway, Austin Holloway and George Henry. This win qualifies Buford Ranch will compete at the Working Ranch Cowboy Association National Finals this fall. George Henry was selected for the Top Hand Award. He also rode the Top Horse.

"The prize for the winning cowboys is not much for the bumps and bruises," said Tim Drummond, OCA Ranch Rodeo Chairman. "But the camaraderie among the ranch teams paired with our mission . . . 'Cowboys Helping Kids' makes participating worthwhile and enjoyable."

The 2018 participating ranch teams include: Alfalfa County Land & Cattle, Cherokee, Okla.; Spur Ranch, Vinita, Okla.; Buford Ranches, LLC, Hominy, Okla.; Stuart Ranch, Waurika, Okla.; Drummond Land & Cattle Co., Pawhuska, Okla.; Hall Ranch & Daube Cattle Co., Comanche and Ardmore, Okla.; Treadwell Land & Cattle, Frederick, Okla.; Kelly Ranch, Marlow, Okla.; Lazy Rafter Slash Ranch, Lenapah, Okla.; Choctaw Nation Ranches, Durant, Okla.; Whitmire Ranch, Delaware, Okla.; and Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co., Shidler, Okla.

The reserve champion team was Whitmire Ranch; Hall Ranch/Daube Cattle Company, 3rd; Spur Ranch, 4th; Choctaw Ranches, 5th and Drummond Ranch, 6th.

The results of the Saddle Bronc Riding are: Buford Ranch, 1st; Spur Ranch, 2nd; Alfalfa Land and Cattle Co., 3rd. The results of the Team Penning event are: Whitmire Ranch, 1st; Stuart Ranch, 2nd; Spur Ranch, 3rd. The results of the Stray Gathering event are: Treadwell Land and Cattle, 1st; Whitmire Ranch, 2nd; Drummond Land and Cattle, 3rd. Results of the Team Branding event are: Hall Ranch/Daube Cattle Company, 1st; Lazy Rafter Slash, 2nd; Choctaw Ranches, 3rd. Results of the Wild Cow Milking are: Buford Ranch, 1st; Hall Ranch/Daube Cattle Company, 2nd; Choctaw Ranches, 3rd.

“We really appreciate the Oklahoma Ford Dealers for making this event possible since the beginning along with the many other sponsors. Thank you to the ranch teams who participated and the fans that came out to cheer them on,” Drummond said.

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Photo Cutline for IMG_9781: Matt Butter representing Ford and Weston Givens, OCA President present the OCA Ranch Rodeo Champion Team trophy to the Buford Ranch cowboys. Buford won championship honors in 2017 as well. This is Buford Ranch's 9th OCA Ranch Rodeo win.



Photo Cutline for IMG_9775: George Henry of the Buford Ranch was selected for the Top Hand Award. His horse was selected at the Top Horse. Pictured from left to right is: OCA President, Weston Givens, George Henry, Kent Moore representing the WRCA and Matt Butter representing the title sponsor, Ford.