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OCA Ranch Rodeo Honors Oklahoma's Agricultural Education Instructors and OSU Extension Educators

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. June 10, 2020 – Oklahoma's Agricultural Education Instructor and Oklahoma State University Extension Educators will be honored at 37th Anniversary Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo. The event takes place August 20 and 21 at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Okla. and consists of twelve ranch teams of 'real ranch' cowboys that compete in five different events mirroring many of the activities of daily ranch life.

"Teaching, instructing, and cultivating agricultural youth is vitally important to Oklahoma agriculture, the beef industry and our association. OSU Extension Educators work with our county cattlemen's groups and provide beef producers with resources and services that are valuable and appreciated," said Weston Givens, Chairman of the OCA Ranch Rodeo Committee. "We are working with the State FFA Office and the Oklahoma State University Extension state staff to ensure that each educator receives a free ticket voucher for an enjoyable evening of fun."

Agricultural Education instructors will be given Ranch Rodeo ticket vouchers in their packets during the annual summer conference in early August. Extension Educators will receive information on getting their ticket vouchers by email by July 1.

"Bring the family and cheer on your favorite ranch team," Givens said.

The 2021 participating ranches include: Spur Ranch, Vinita; Gray G Bar Ranch, Shidler; Buford Ranches, LLC, Hominy; Stuart Ranch, Waurika; Drummond Land & Cattle, Pawhuska; Hall Ranch, Comanche will partner up with Daube Ranch, Ardmore; Treadwell Land & Cattle, Frederick; Fields Ranch, Wynona; Lazy Rafter Slash Ranch, Lenapah; Trentman Ranch, Pawhuska will team up with Stierwalt Ranch & Cattle Co, Shidler; Whitemire Ranch, Delaware; and McPhail Land & Cattle, Mountain Park.

The competition is fierce, but the cowboys do not take home much more than bumps and bragging rights. They participate with one goal: to support the Children's Hospital Foundation (CHF).

“CHF has been the benefitting charity of the event since 1997 and in that time the OCA Ranch Rodeo has raised more than \$531,000.00 for the Children’s Hospital Foundation,” said Givens. “When you purchase a ticket to the OCA Ranch Rodeo, you are supporting Oklahoma children and their families.”

CHF funds children’s medical research and treatment for children right here in Oklahoma. The funds raised for CHF in Oklahoma, stay in Oklahoma.

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

Doors open at 5 p.m. for shopping in the trade show and the performance begins nightly at 7 p.m. Learn more about the OCA Ranch Rodeo at okcattlemen.org/oca-annual-ranch-rodeo. Tickets go on sale July 1. Purchase your tickets at laze.com.

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry and works to protect and empower Oklahoma cattlemen today, to serve tomorrow. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state. The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit www.okcattlemen.org.

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