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## 2024 Best of Chickasaw Country is now open for nominations

**Chickasaw Country, OK**—The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Best of Chickasaw Country awards are now open for nominations. The public is invited to nominate their favorite businesses, attractions and events in south-central Oklahoma. Nominations will be accepted through January 29, 2024.

"The Best of Chickasaw Country nominations and awards are an opportunity for locals and visitors to tell us their favorite things about Chickasaw Country," said Paige Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism. "We have so many incredible businesses and events across south-central Oklahoma and this is our chance to shine the light on them not just throughout the nomination and voting process, but also throughout the entire year."

Residents and visitors can nominate their favorite local businesses and events in 17 categories by filling out the online nomination form found <u>here</u>. Voters may select one business per category per day through the end of the day on January 29 in the following categories:

- Best Antique Store
- Best Attraction
- Best BBQ
- Best Boutique
- Best Casino
- Best Coffee Shop
- Best Family-Friendly Attraction
- Best Festival
- Best Golf Course
- Best Lake
- Best Live Performance Venue
- Best Lodging
- Best Museum
- Best Wedding Venue
- Best Overall Dining
- Best Run or Ride

• Best Winery or Brewery

"The businesses and events in these communities are often the reason a visitor decides to visit our area," said Shepherd. "A nomination for Best of Chickasaw Country is a way to say thank you to our community partners and honor them for their outstanding service and contributions."

The top five nominees in each category will progress to the voting stage. Participants will then be able to cast their vote online once the finalists are announced on February 12. Winners in each category will be announced on March 26.

Visit <a href="https://chickasawcountry.com/">https://chickasawcountry.com/</a> to nominate your favorite business!

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## **About Chickasaw Country**

Nestled in the south-central region of Oklahoma, <u>Chickasaw Country</u> is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. A division of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Country is a tourism resource for visitors and communities in the region, promoting local attractions, experiences and events. South-central Oklahoma is an easy, versatile, friendly and beautiful escape packed with First American and Western culture, outdoor recreation, local dining, breathtaking landscapes and one-of-a-kind festivals. For adventure-seekers, cultural lovers and everything in between, Chickasaw Country is uniquely positioned as a go-to, spur-of-the-moment, easy-to-get-to, ever-changing vacation, for a day, a weekend, a week or longer.