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Chickasaw Country announces its 2024 “Best Of” award finalists

Chickasaw Country, OK – Chickasaw Country announces its 2024 finalists for the Best of Chickasaw Country awards.

The competition now shifts to the second phase, where fans are encouraged to vote for the top nominations in 17 categories of businesses, attractions, restaurants and events in south-central Oklahoma. The top five destinations in each category with the most nominations, six in the event of a tie, advanced to the voting and finalist phase. This year’s finalists are:

• **Best Antique Shop**

Auntie Mae’s Antiques, Purcell
Hello Again, Sulphur
Junk Stars, Tishomingo
The Gettin’ Place, Sulphur
The re-Finery, Ada

• **Best Attraction**

Blue River, Tishomingo
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur
Ole Red Restaurant, Gift Shop and Doghouse,
Tishomingo
Turner Falls Park, Davis

• **Best BBQ**

Allisa’s Kitchen BBQ & Grill, Wynnewood
Pigskins BBQ, Ada
Punkins BBQ & Catfish Restaurant, Pauls Valley
Smokin Joe’s Rib Ranch, Davis
Swadley’s Bar-B-Q, Ardmore

• **Best Boutique**

3rd & Broadway, Sulphur
Home Décor & More, Tishomingo

Kedford Boutique, Tishomingo
Pamper Me Boutique, Sulphur
The White Feather, Pauls Valley

• **Best Casino**

Artesian Casino, Sulphur
Chisholm Trail Casino, Duncan
Riverwind Casino, Norman
Treasure Valley Casino, Davis
WinStar World Casino and Resort, Thackerville

• **Best Coffee Shop**

Arbuckle Craft Coffee, Ada
Bedre’ Cafe, Sulphur
Greg’s Rockin’ Goat Coffee, Kingston
Latte’ Da Coffee House, Tishomingo
Iron Wolf Coffee House, Davis

• **Best Family-Friendly Attraction**

Blue River, Tishomingo
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur
Lazer Zone, Ada
Turner Falls Park, Davis

- **Best Festival**

Artesian Arts Festival, Sulphur
Chickasaw Annual Festival, Tishomingo
National Sand Bass Festival, Madill
Okie Noodling Tournament & Festival, Pauls Valley
Red, White and Boom, Tishomingo

- **Best Golf Course**

Lake Murray Golf Course, Ardmore
Pauls Valley Municipal Golf Course, Pauls Valley
Sulphur Hill Golf Course, Sulphur
Tishomingo Golf Course, Tishomingo
WinStar Golf Club, Thackerville

- **Best Lake**

Lake Murray, Ardmore
Lake of the Arbuckles, Sulphur
Lake Texoma, Kingston
Purcell Lake, Purcell
Veterans Lake, Sulphur

- **Best Live Performance Venue**

Lucas Oil Live at WinStar World Casino and Resort,
Thackerville
McSwain Theatre, Ada
Riverbottom Bar & Entertainment Venue, Davis
Showplace Theatre at Riverwind Casino, Norman
The Doghouse at Old Red, Tishomingo

- **Best Lodging**

Cedar & Stone Bed and Breakfast, Tishomingo
Inn at Mulberry, Tishomingo
Secret Garden Cottages, Sulphur
The Artesian Hotel, Casino & Spa, Sulphur
The Lodges at Fossil Creek, Kingston

- **Best Museum**

Chickasaw Bank Museum, Tishomingo
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan
Greater Southwest Historical Museum, Ardmore
The Toy & Action Figure Museum, Pauls Valley

- **Best Overall Dining**

Café Alley, Ardmore
Gonzalez Mexican Restaurant, Tishomingo
Ole Red, Tishomingo
Punkins BBQ & Catfish Restaurant, Pauls Valley
Springs at The Artesian, Sulphur

- **Best Run or Ride**

Bison View 5K, Sulphur
FireFly Run, Tishomingo
H.O.O.T. (Hills of Oklahoma Bike Tour), Davis
Rock Island Ride, Chickasha
Stevy's Run, Tishomingo

- **Best Wedding Venue**

Elegant Events & Weddings (Formerly known as
Arbuckle Chapel), Davis
The Grand Canadian Theater, Purcell
The Ponds at Mable Farms, Ardmore
The Springs Wedding and Event Venues, Blanchard
The Wildflower, Tishomingo

- **Best Winery/Brewery**

B & G Meadery, Stonewall
Kochendorfer Brewing Co., Duncan
Old Silo Winery, Tishomingo
Rusty Nail Winery and Tasting Room, Sulphur
Shakespeare Wine Company, Chickasha

“Thank you to the locals and visitors who nominated these finalists for the Best of Chickasaw Country,” said Paige Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism. “These businesses represent the best-of-the-best in south-central Oklahoma, as seen by their customers and clients. To make it to the voting phase is a tremendous honor for them all.”

The public has until February 29 to vote for their favorite finalists. Visit [here](#) or www.chickasawcountry.com to vote. Votes can be made daily until the end of the day on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Winners in each category will be announced on March 26.

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About Chickasaw Country

Nestled in the south-central region of Oklahoma, [Chickasaw Country](#) 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.