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Best of Chickasaw Country Winners Announced

Chickasaw Country, OK— The Best of Chickasaw Country awards annually recognize the outstanding businesses in south-central Oklahoma. The 12th annual "Best of" awards highlight 17 locally owned dining and shopping destinations, hotels and attractions, and entertainment and events that make this Oklahoma region a popular stop for travelers.

"Chickasaw Country is full of wonderful businesses and events," said Paige Williams Shepherd, director of tourism for the Chickasaw Nation. "These awards allow us to recognize the ones the public believes best. The number of votes cast this year was astonishing and a great reminder of how much our visitors and locals support the local businesses in south-central Oklahoma."

At the start of the year, more than 2,900 nominations were submitted in the 17 categories. Those were narrowed to 85 finalists for voting. The public cast over 42,000 votes to determine one winner in each category.

The 2024 Best of Chickasaw Country winners are:

Best Antique Shop – Hello Again, Sulphur

Best Attraction - Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur

Best Barbecue - Smokin Joe's Rib Ranch, Davis

Best Boutique – HOME Decor & More, Tishomingo

Best Casino – Artesian Casino, Sulphur

Best Coffee Shop - Bedré Cafe, Sulphur

Best Family-Friendly Attraction – Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur

Best Festival – Artesian Arts Festival, Sulphur

Best Golf Course - Tishomingo Golf Course, Tishomingo

Best Lake – Lake Texoma, Kingston

Best Live Performance Venue – The Doghouse at Ole Red, Tishomingo

Best Lodging – The Artesian Hotel, Casino & Spa, Sulphur

Best Museum - Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur

Best Overall Dining – Ole Red, Tishomingo

Best Run or Ride – Bison View 5K, Sulphur

Best Wedding Venue - The Wildflower, Tishomingo

Best Winery/Brewery – Rusty Nail Winery and Tasting Room, Sulphur

To learn more about the winners selected for this year's Best of Chickasaw Country, visit https://www.chickasawcountry.com/best-chickasaw-2024. Explore more of the vast offerings in Chickasaw Country and plan a stay with the official Chickasawcountry-2024-Travel-Guide.

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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-akind 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.