



## Sixth Annual Best of Chickasaw Country winners announced

*Voters choose favorite destinations in Chickasaw Country*

**OKLAHOMA CITY (March 6, 2018)** – Just in time for those making last-minute spring break plans, Chickasaw Country officials announced the Best of Chickasaw Country winners in 14 categories for the sixth annual fan-based poll.

“Based completely on voters’ choice, Best of Chickasaw Country showcases the depth and quality of tourism destinations in Chickasaw Country,” said Paige Williams Shepherd, Chickasaw Nation director of tourism and corporate development.

More than 26,000 votes across the 14 categories determined this year’s winners, showing fans’ appreciation of their favorite businesses and attractions in south-central Oklahoma.

2018 Best of Chickasaw Country Winners are listed below, including county location and percentage of votes from the category:

### **Best Attraction**

Ole Red, Tishomingo (Johnston-40%)

### **Best Barbecue**

Smokin’ Joes Rib Ranch, Davis (Murray-42%)

### **Best Boutique**

White Feather Boutique, Pauls Valley (Garvin-30%)

### **Best Overall Dining**

Ole Red, Tishomingo (Johnston-39%)

### **Best Family-Friendly Venue**

Ole Red, Tishomingo (Johnston-28%)

### **Best Festival**

Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Tishomingo (Johnston-31%)

### **Best Lodging**

WinStar World Casino Hotel, Thackerville (Love-36%)

### **Best Golf Course**

WinStar Golf Course & Academy, Thackerville (Love-52%)

### **Best Lake**

Lake Texoma, Kingston (Marshall-45%)

### **Best Live Performance Venue**

WinStar Global Event Center, Thackerville (Love-40%)

### **Best Museum**

Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur (Murray-48%)

### **Best Wedding Venue**

WinStar Convention Center, Thackerville (Love-32%)

### **Best Run or Ride**

Stevy’s Run, Tishomingo (Johnston-24%)

### **Best Casino**

WinStar World Casino and Resort, Thackerville (Love-57%)

“These attractions around Chickasaw Country make for a great day, weekend or week of adventure,” Shepherd said. “For anyone making spring travel plans, there’s plenty to see, do and explore in Chickasaw Country.”

The nominations phase of the sixth annual Best of Chickasaw Country poll began Jan. 4, followed by a voting period, which ended Feb. 27. Nearly 100 Oklahoma-owned businesses and attractions were represented across 14 categories and 13 counties. Visit <http://chickasawcountry.com/bocc2018> for the full list of 2018 winners and nominees.

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#### **About Chickasaw Country**

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

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