

Kitchen 117 to be featured in upcoming Chickasaw Country video series Styles of Chickasaw Country video, blog series features home and fashion retailers

OKLAHOMA CITY (September - XX, 2017) – Styles of Chickasaw Country, a retail tour featuring fashion and home retailers in Chickasaw Country is continuing its third season with a visit to Kitchen 117 in Sulphur. The Chickasaw Country team toured the boutique and interviewed owner Hali Gilbert to find out more about this cozy kitchen shop nestled on historic Muskogee Street.

Kitchen 117 is home to everything from stylish kitchen appliances to home décor, cooking materials and more, right in the heart of Chickasaw Country. Gilbert opened Kitchen 117 this past March and has received a wealth of business ever since.

"I have customers that travel to Sulphur from all over the state just to pick up their favorite kitchen goodies, gadgets and gifts," said Gilbert. "The out pour of support from my family and the Sulphur community has really made this business flourish."

Paige Williams Shepherd, director of corporate development and tourism for the Chickasaw Nation, said Styles of Chickasaw Country provides an exclusive look at the local retail stores in south-central Oklahoma and offers visitors and locals the opportunity to experience one-of-a-kind Chickasaw Country businesses from a personal perspective.

"The Styles of Chickasaw Country campaign allows us to highlight some of the most unique retail stores, such as Kitchen 117, as a way to promote tourism in Chickasaw Country," Shepherd. "Kitchen 117 is one of the few kitchen-focused retail stores in Chickasaw Country, and by promoting this destination, our hope is to encourage people to consider supporting local businesses that drive tourism in the 13 counties known as Chickasaw Country."

The interview with Gilbert has been transformed into an exclusive video, which will soon be launched with a blog post on the Chickasaw Country website. The blog and video previewing the tourism destination of Kitchen 117 will remind visitors to visit Sulphur and Chickasaw Country to explore the uniquely stylish, yet affordable shopping people can expect to find.

The Kitchen 117 episode and blog post for Styles of Chickasaw Country can be found on the Chickasaw Country blog at <u>http://chickasawcountry.com/blog</u>.

Styles of Chickasaw Country features a home or fashion retail business quarterly throughout the year. The regional tourism organization has seen success with its similar approach to featuring local restaurants called Flavors of Chickasaw Country, which is currently in its fourth season.

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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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