



Alternative Energy Systems

House Cleaning Service

FIRST Place (tie):
Cleaned to Perfection
520-6465

This year's co-champ for Best House Cleaning Service specializes in real estate listings, rental properties, offices and restaurants. As one Facebook reviewer gushed: "I was shocked by the work this girl did! When she says Cleaned to [P]erfection, it was above and beyond."

THIRD Place: Helping Hands Cleaning Services
354-9630

House Painter

FIRST Place: Hawkes Painting
521-5237

John Hawkes' work must speak for itself: Beyond a sign on the side of his truck, he doesn't go out of his way to promote his business, yet he's made an impression on customers who've voted him Chico's best.

SECOND Place: SM Painting
321-1592

THIRD Place: Bestway Painters Inc.
343-0430

Insurance Agent

FIRST Place: Heritage Insurance Agency

290 Airpark Blvd., 894-3276

In business since 1978, Heritage Insurance has operated as an independent agency with a Northern California base but has clients in Southern California, Idaho and Nevada as well. Steve and Kelly Mora head a team with expertise spanning agri-business, commercial accounts, personal insurance, employee benefits and workers' compensation.

SECOND Place: Eddy Rodriguez, State Farm
45 Jan Court, Ste. 165, 899-0100

THIRD Place: Brad Jacobsen, Farmers Insurance
25 Jan Court, Ste. 120, 891-7900

Jeweler

FIRST Place: Kirk's Jewelry
246 W. Third St., 891-0880

Jeweler/metalsmith Kirk Bengtson opened shop downtown in 1973 in a small second-story space. He soon expanded, moving down Third Street to a corner store at Salem, where Kirk's Jewelry became a fixture—acclaimed especially for custom-made engagement and wedding rings. Dazzling earring, pendants and rings make the cases like a museum display.

SECOND Place: Olde Gold Estate Jewelry
225 Main St., Ste. O, 891-4610

THIRD Place: Julianne's
1925 Market Place, Ste. 120, 342-3117

Liquor Store

FIRST Place: Spike's Bottle Shop
1270 E. First Ave., 893-8410

Spike's is the source for new, hard-to-find craft beers, ciders, whiskeys and more. That's because owner Kevin Jaradah, who co-founded the lively online beer-geek group Chico Beer Enthusiasts, is committed to keeping his shelves stocked with interesting finds.

SECOND Place: Star Liquor
933 Nord Ave., 891-4842

THIRD Place: Mangrove Bottle Shop
1350 Mangrove Ave., Ste. 160, 342-7575

Local Pet Store

FIRST Place: TrailBlazer Pet Supply
752 Mangrove Ave., 892-1848

At TrailBlazer, pets are the stars of the show. With shelves stocked with a wide selection of foods, treats and toys, plus grooming services where staff ensure each pup is properly pampered, this is a place where Chicoans return time and again. Add workshops focused on better understanding and caring for our fur babies, and you have a true one-stop local pet shop.

SECOND Place: Chico Pet Works & Pet Salon
2201 Pillsbury Road, Ste. 186, 345-0934

THIRD Place: Northern Star Mills
510 Esplanade, 342-7661

New Business (non-food service, open in last year)

FIRST Place: SkyLab Nails & Spa
611 Walnut St., 518-6908

Thousands of pairs of hands in Chico could use a little—or a lot of—flair, so it's no wonder that locals are already supporting another nail shop in a town with so many. SkyLab provides manicures, pedicures and massage chairs, all in a clean, new space.

SECOND Place: Plant Love
2267 Springfield Drive, Ste. 110, 330-5100

THIRD Place: Vang's Plants and Succulents Hub
116 Broadway, 487-8125

Nursery

FIRST Place: The Plant Barn & Gifts
406 Entler Ave., 345-3121

Open since 1980, the Plant Barn is the longest-running nursery in Chico. Denise Kelly and Rolf Weidhofer have owned it since 2006 and have expanded the operation into a veritable nursery theme park, with sprawling grounds of plants and trees of all types plus an indoor/outdoor gift shop filled with eclectic items for the garden.

SECOND Place: Magnolia Gift & Garden
1367 East Ave., 894-5410

THIRD Place: Little Red Hen Nursery
189 E. 8th St., 891-9100

Outdoor Living (patios, pergolas, pools, etc.)

FIRST Place: Patio Pros
11128 Midway, Ste. 3, 924-6400

For those who've wanted to make the outside of their home as comfortable as the inside, the Patio Pros have been the winning construction company. That's their specialty—building everything from pergolas to sun rooms to bring Chicoans closer to the outdoors.

SECOND Place: Lowe's Home Improvement
2350 Forest Ave., 895-5130

THIRD Place: Perfection Pools & Spas
172 E. 20th St., 895-0437

Pet Groomer

FIRST Place: Carol's Dog Grooming
975 East Ave., Ste. 160, 343-1554

Sixty years of grooming Chico's pooches?! That kind of staying power is earned with decades of professionalism and patience and a large base of repeat customers, some of whom have been bringing dogs to Carol's their whole lives.

SECOND Place: Mutt Cuts
2991 Esplanade, Ste. 130, 592-3156

THIRD Place: Coature Pet Spa
1411 Mangrove Ave., 899-8433



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