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Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson

Motorcycle Dealer

FIRST Place: Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson

1501 Mangrove Ave., 893-1918

The lot at Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson on Mangrove Avenue is the unofficial gathering spot for Chico's motorcycling enthusiasts, and the attached shop is the official home of the King of American road bikes.

SECOND Place: Ozzie's BMW Center
2438 Cohasset Road, 345-4462

THIRD Place: Chico Motorsports
1538 Park Ave., 345-5247

New Business (non-food service)

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

Did Chico need another nail salon? There are a lot of hands here, so why not?!? SkyLab's online reviews suggest that the year-old shop is already making its mark, with one online commentator saying, "[I] love the bright, clean and friendly atmosphere. All work done professionally and to perfection. So happy to have found my favorite nail place."

SECOND Place: Love Skate Shop
1380 East Ave., Ste. 100, 809-0689

THIRD Place: Magnolia Downtown
830 Broadway, 809-4196

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 vegetable starts; plants and trees of all types; and a wide range of garden art and other plant-related gifts and supplies.

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

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

Outdoor Living (patios, pools, etc.)

FIRST Place: Patio Pros
1128 Midway, Ste. 3, 924-6400

The folks at Patio Pros build everything from pergolas to sun rooms to help Chicoans make the outside of their home as comfortable as the inside.

SECOND Place (tie): Lowes
2350 Forest Ave., 895-5130

SECOND Place (tie): Perfection Pools & Spa
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?!? Some locals have been customers of Carol's Dog Grooming for their whole lives—and for multiple pets' lives. That kind of loyalty is earned with decades of skill, patience and love for the dogs of Chico.

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

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

Piercing Studio

FIRST Place: Red Room Tattoo
231 Nord Ave., 342-1287

Septum? Belly button? Whatever body part body is getting outfitted, Red Room's well-trained piercers have it covered with experience and quality hardware. The studio advertises that all its jewelry is ethically sourced, "American made, implant-grade titanium, steel and solid gold."

SECOND Place: Eye of Jade
1238 Mangrove Ave., 343-5233

THIRD Place: Pure Gold Studio
250 Vallombrosa Ave., Ste. 560, 804-2722

Place For A Mani/Pedi

FIRST Place: Angels Nails & Spa
965 Nord Ave., Ste. 100-A, 487-7322
See Best Day Spa.

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

THIRD Place: Lily's Nails & Spa
208 W. East Ave., Ste. E, 898-8765

Place For Electronics/Computer Repair

FIRST Place: Chico Computer Clinic
1450 Mangrove Ave., Ste. 140, 636-1337

The "on-call nerds" of Chico Computer Clinic specialize in computer repair, cleaning and upgrade installation. The work is done fast, too, with average turnaround being less than 24 hours.

SECOND Place: Best Buy
2005 Forest Ave., 566-1012

THIRD Place: PCI Computer Services
225 Main St., 891-4152

Place To Buy Books

FIRST Place: The Bookstore
118 Main St., 345-7441

The wood-floored, overfilled Bookstore is warm, inviting and a foundational part of what it means to many to be a Chicoan. There's a wide range of used and new books, with impressive selections of children's books, cookbooks, history, gardening, religious, art books and classic literature. The Bookstore is a Chico institution.

SECOND Place: Barnes & Noble
2031 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, 894-1494

THIRD Place: ABC Books
950 Mangrove Ave., 893-4342

Place To Buy Home Furnishings

FIRST Place: Esplanade Furniture
1750 Esplanade, 891-4788

Owner Dan Moser opened Esplanade Furniture 40 years ago and specialized in building a lot of the unfinished-wood items sold at the store. The shop no longer cranks out its own custom pieces but instead showcases a variety of American-made unfinished wood pieces, including bedroom furniture, dining tables, cabinets and more.

SECOND Place: Finds Design & Decor
1341 Mangrove Ave., 892-1905

THIRD Place: Nantucket Design & Home
603 Broadway St., 895-1038

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