

Best memory of 2022?

Asked in
downtown Chico

Chris Hayashida-Knight

nonprofit
administrator



I think getting back out in the world with my family, doing fun things again. We have been to Laxson to three or four different shows; we've been down to the Bay Area for family trips.

Joseph Harris

student



It would be meeting my girlfriend, and we moved in together and we got a cat. It's been a lot of fun.

Despina Gurlides

math teacher



I think the best memory is going to be that things started coming back to life. I love dancing, and all of sudden, there have been dances to go to. It felt like life became more normal again. We connected with people; we got to see our families; we got to dance; we got to go to restaurants.

Kevin Lanzinger

cybersecurity



How close we were able to bond—family and friends. COVID forced everyone inside, obviously. When you're not able to move around and do things, you find ways to do things—video games, [going to] parks—to be around people.

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the more than 50 percent of the houses planned that are for 55 and older. And I guess that considering many parents of that age child in Chico can't really afford the not-very-affordable housing in the proposed development, they won't actually live in the development.

Maybe they are looking for entry into one of the development's parks that as non-residents they won't be able to play in. Maybe they're the visiting grandchildren of the out-of-town wealthy retirees who will come to northern California to better their lives. People who would like to come to beautiful Chico and sit in their houses looking out on what was and should be the 1,448 acres of "valley edge" land left as the open space, wetlands and wild fire-buffer zone that it is right now.

We have stopped these kind of outrageous bad-for-Chico developments in the past. We got educated. We spoke out. We supported the folks most in the fray with our dollars.

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Kathleen Faith
Chico

The myth of pro transients

According to data from the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS), "very few people [less than 5 percent] experiencing homelessness accessed services in more than one California Continuum of Care," the organized group of service providers for a county. The idea of "professional transients" is not supported by the facts.

If this were a real issue, we would've seen Chico's homeless people moving to Medford, Eugene and Marysville to get into Hope Village, Opportunity Village or 14 Forward. If you're so poor you can't afford rent, moving is a huge and expensive job. You have to give up everything except what you can carry, buy a bus ticket and leave the community you know well to go to a new place with many unknowns—for a slim chance at a shelter bed?

The "magnet" issue is not really an issue. Furthermore, we have talked about this with the directors of these shelters and all concurred that attracting out-of-towners has not been a problem for them.

Charles Withuhn
Chico

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