

# BUTTE County

## Buzz

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*Land of Natural Wealth and Beauty*

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### Employment Opportunities:

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Accounting Specialist

Assistant Director, Child Support Services

Clinic Manager

Correctional Deputy – Core, Lateral, POST

Deputy District Attorney I

Deputy Sheriff - Lateral

Janitor & Janitor, Lead

Landfill Maintenance Worker

Landfill Scale Attendant

Office Specialist, Senior

Occupational Therapist & Occupational Therapist, Senior

Physical Therapist & Physical Therapist, Senior

Psychiatrist

Public Health Nurse, Public Health Nurse (Spanish bi-lingual), Public Health Nurse, Associate

Public Health Nutritionist

Public Safety Dispatcher - Lateral

Supervisor, Public Health Nutrition

Supervisor, Therapist

Veteran's Service Officer



*Bidwell Mansion, Chico -Photo Courtesy of Judy Keller*

### JOIN US in Butte County!

Butte County is situated on the east side of Northern California's Sacramento Valley and covers 1,640 square miles between the Sacramento River to the west and the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east. This "Land of Natural Wealth and Beauty" was founded on February 18, 1850 and is one of California's original counties. Butte County's name is derived from the Marysville or Sutter Buttes mountain ranges, which were within the boundaries of the county when it was created. Butte County is home to a growing population of more than 220,000 people who live in the incorporated cities of [Biggs](#), [Chico](#), [Gridley](#), [Oroville](#) (the county seat), and the [Town of Paradise](#). The county offers an ideal economic atmosphere, a highly educated labor force, and a lower-than-average cost of living.



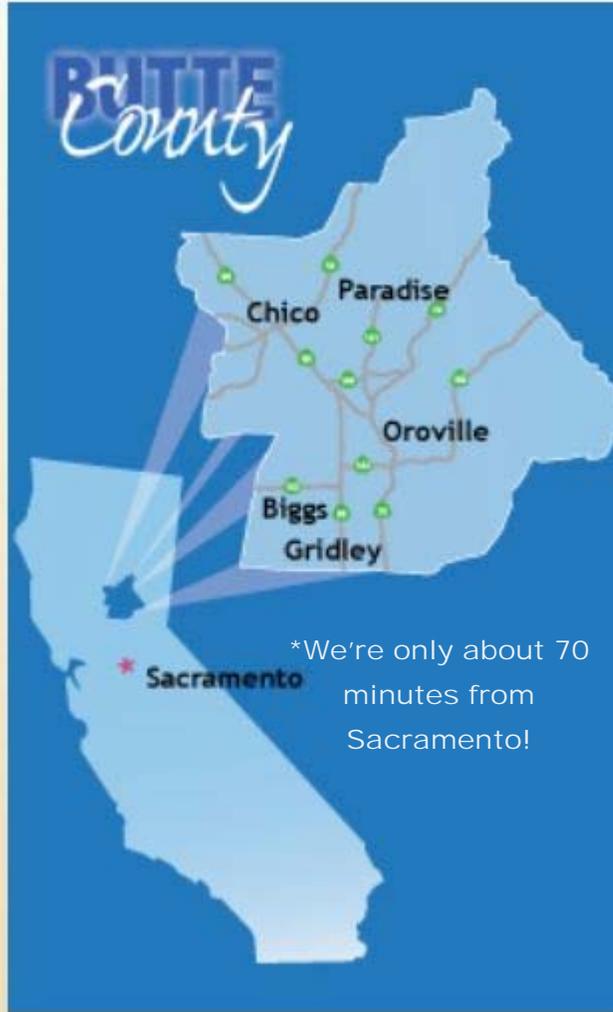
*California State University, Chico -Photo Courtesy of Judy Keller*

# What's Here

Butte County has a variety of recreational activities. Activities include water sports of all types on crystal lakes dotting the county's landscape. White water rafting and canoeing are available in the canyons of the area's numerous rivers.

Anglers can try their luck casting for trophy trout and bass. Additionally, equestrian and mountain biking trails run for hundreds of miles with countless square miles of wilderness making for wonderful backpacking excursions. Portions of the Lassen and Plumas National Forests fall within the county boundaries. There is literally no end to the beauty of the area's natural offerings. Butte County offers 7 golf courses and 2 disc golf courses.

# Towns & Cities



# Butte County

## Fun Facts:

**Average commute time**—18 minutes

**Average cost of a new 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home**—\$280,000

**Bidwell Park:** Third-largest municipal recreation area in the nation.

**Feather Falls:** Sixth-highest waterfall in the nation.

**Cycling Magazine:** Rated number one bike friendly community.

**Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine:** Listed one of top five places to retire.

**San Francisco Chronicle:** Named one of the best property buys.

**Best Art Towns:** Rated as 10th-best small art town in America (John Villani, 2004).

**U.S. News and World Report:** CSU, Chico rated in the top tier of western regional colleges and universities.

**Bass Fishing:** Lake Oroville is one of the top bass fishing spots in California.

**Expansion Management Magazine:** School District granted "blue ribbon" designation.



House boats on Lake Oroville -Photo Courtesy of Aaron Quin



Tuscan Ridge, one of Butte County's 7 golf courses -Photo Courtesy of Judy Keller

## Who's New?

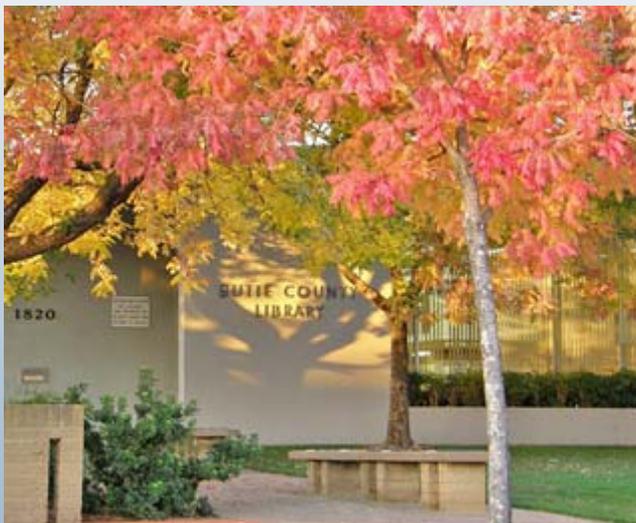


Hello, my name is Mel Lightbody and I am Butte County's new County Librarian/Library Director. Though I have only been here since the end of July, I have to say that I am very pleased to be working with such a well-regarded and dedicated group of people in our libraries, county departments, and diverse communities. Thank you for all you do for the citizens of Butte County, and I look forward to meeting

many people in the weeks and months ahead as we celebrate Butte County Library's centennial, and provide the best service possible to our patrons.

I obtained my MLS (Master of Library Science) in 1990 from the University of Washington in Seattle. Since 1998, I have been employed as a department head in various places, most recently in Mendocino County where I worked for seven years serving a rural county. Previously, I held positions in Jefferson County, Oregon, the city of Toledo, Oregon, and also at the well regarded King County Library System in Seattle. My library passions are for children's services and under-served populations of library users. It is vitally important to me that every individual who walks through the doors of our libraries be treated with dignity and respect.

I am a third generation native Oregonian, who has strayed somewhat afield in search of opportunities to strengthen rural library systems. I'm 56 and my husband, Rick, and I have been married for 31 years. We have one adult son, Sam, who lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife. Rick works for the Post Office in Oregon for now, and we plan to retire someday at our home in Brownsville, Oregon (pop. 1,662). Brownsville is known for its beautiful scenery. Other than reading, my hobbies are keeping up with macroeconomic theory and policy, and amateur photography. Also, you'll rarely if ever see me without coffee, so I guess that's like another hobby, right? Thank you for making me feel so welcome and at home in Butte County. I am eager to see what we can do together to ensure the next hundred years of library service.



Butte County Library, Oroville -Photo Courtesy of Sky Campbell

## Butte County MHSА Program Wins

### CSAC Merit Award

#### For Hospital Alternative Program for Youth

**Oroville, CA** – Butte County officials announced that they have received an award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for the Hospital Alternative Program for Youth administered by the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health.

Every year, CSAC recognizes the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find new and cost-effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens. This year, over 200 entries were submitted to CSAC, and Butte County received one of 23 Merit Awards given to California counties.

For many years, the only option for families whose child was suffering a psychiatric crisis was for the child to travel several hours away for hospitalization. Utilizing Mental Health Services Act funds, the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health, in partnership with Youth For Change, developed the Hospital Alternatives Program (HAP).

Since its inception in November 2010, the Youth For Change HAP program has reduced youth hospital days by 26%. The individualized and innovative service allows for immediate, in-home or school services to youth and their families 24 hours a day to address the crisis and provide effective, specific interventions tailored to their needs. Services are very short-term and lead to a comprehensive team approach involving family and other key support persons in the youth's life.

"We are very proud of this achievement accomplished in partnership with Youth For Change," said Anne Robin, Director of Behavioral Health Department. "We continue to work with the Board of Supervisors, staff, partners, community members, families and clients to improve the behavioral health services in Butte County."

## Must See—LAKE OROVILLE

Butte County has a variety of opportunities for recreation. **Lake Oroville** is one of Butte County's largest and most popular places for recreation, relaxation, fishing, water skiing, and fun. Lake Oroville holds up to an impressive 3.5 million acre-feet of water. Lake Oroville is best explored by boat; easy access is provided by several launch ramps around the lake shore including boat supplies, food, shopping, and boat rentals available at several of the marinas. Ride your bike, hike, or ride your horse along miles of trails surrounding Lake Oroville. Like camping? Lake Oroville has them all: Boat-in Campsites, RV Campsites, Equestrian Campsites, and Floating Campsites. Known as the best Bass lake in California, Lake Oroville hosts several bass tournaments each year. Come experience Lake Oroville!



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**What to Do**

**Chico Paddleheads** (10/03/2012 6:00pm) Kayakers, canoeists, rafters. Aca Taco, 133 Broadway, Chico, 345-3586. First Wednesday.

**Mozart Mile** (10/9/2012 8:30am) - The Mozart Mile is a favorite tradition of the Chico community. Walk, run, stroll, saunter or stride along a level course through Bidwell Park on a beautiful autumn morning. Musicians from the North State Symphony, Chico Country Day School, other local music groups, and even dancers from Chico Community Ballet entertain along the way! Proceeds benefit the Symphony and youth music. A level running, jogging or strolling course in Bidwell Park is the locale for this unique community event, as musicians from the Symphony and local youth music groups entertain you. Almost 300 people took part in Mozart Mile 2011, a fundraiser for North State Symphony in partnership with other community groups, which ranged from the Chico Community Ballet and Friends of the library to the MTAC Youth Orchestra and Chico Children's Ukulele Group. 5k run starts at 8:30 am. Fun/dog walks begins immediately after. Where: Bidwell Park, Chico CA Time: 8:30am Admission: Free/Fundraiser

**Autumn Fest at the Patrick Ranch Museum** (10/12/2012 2:00a to 6:00p) Visit the Pumpkin Patch at the Patrick Ranch Museum. We have a variety of pumpkins (all sizes) and gourds. Visit the Glenwood Farm House. See the animals and chickens and tour the historic ranch. Hayrides, children activities, food, Country Store and more. Bring the whole family to pick your pumpkins for Halloween.

**Celtic Celebration** (10/13/2012 6:00pm) - A night of high energy, foot stomping, traditional and contemporary music performed by three talented area Celtic bands: Arbroath, Ha'Penny Bridge and Whiskey & Stitches. Performed in the jewel of the foothills: Paradise Performing Arts Center (no bad seats). Paradise Performing Arts Center, Paradise.

**Splatter Festival** (10/19/2012 12:00pm) - This is a Paintball & Music Event brought to you by Unknown Prophecies Entertainment. There will be 6 fields of Paintball to play all day. Combat Zone Paintball, Oroville.

**Reduced Shakespeare Company - "The Complete History of America (abridged)"** (10/26/2012 7:30pm) "A slapstick performance that's as hysterical as it is historical." – Washington City Paper The Complete History of America (abridged) is a 90-minute comedic rollercoaster ride through the glorious quagmire that is American political history.

**38th Annual Almond Bowl 5K, Half Marathon, Half Marathon Relay, Marathon** (11/04/2012 8:00am) Runners and walkers of all abilities have participated in this fun Chico tradition. Chico Running Club has donated a portion of the proceeds to local high school cross country teams, which have used the funds to purchase uniforms and to cover travel costs. This is the area's ONLY full marathon!

**Board of Supervisors Meetings:**

**Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20**

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