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Employment Opportunities:

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Behavioral Health Forensic Clinician

Behavioral Health Clinician I

Child Support Specialist, Senior

Legal Office Specialist

Management Analyst

Management Analyst, Senior

Office Specialist

Public Safety Dispatcher

Supervisor, Public Health Nutritionist

Deputy Sheriff - Lateral

Occupational Therapist & Occupational Therapist, Senior

Physical Therapist & Physical Therapist, Senior

Psychiatrist

Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurse (Spanish bi-lingual)

Public Safety Dispatcher - Lateral

Supervisor, Therapist



Snowy Barn - Photo Courtesy of Peggy Moak

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.



Big Chico Creek—Photo Courtesy of Aaron Quin

Juvenile Hall Superintendent Retires

Brian Anderson, Butte County Juvenile Hall Superintendent within the Butte County Probation Department, has announced his retirement as of November 21, 2012. Brian began his career in March of 1977, as a Juvenile Hall Counselor and worked his way through the ranks of Senior Juvenile Hall Counselor, Supervising Juvenile Hall Counselor, and eventually was appointed Superintendent of Juvenile Hall in 1998.

Brian has served both the County of Butte and the larger populace of the State of California as a leader on several committees and professional organizations. Brian has been a member of CAPIA, serving on their executive board; was the chairperson for the Superior Chapter of the CPPCA; served on the STC Executive Committee; and has provided mentoring to his various peers throughout the State of California regarding Juvenile Institutions.

Brian has mentored the careers of hundreds of current and past Probation Department personnel, he has overseen the care and custody of thousands of Butte County's youth over a span of 35 years and implemented numerous innovative programs within the Juvenile Hall to assist those youth entrusted into his care.

Brian Anderson has chosen to join the ranks of those who have come before him in moving onto much deserved retirement after a bountiful career and many dutiful years of service. Brian Anderson, BA as he is more widely and affectionately known, now joins his athletic heroes Green Bay Packer Brett Favre, and numerous Yankees legends in their own retirements. A slightly modified portion of Lou Gehrig's retirement speech may summarize it best, "Which of you wouldn't consider it the highlight of his career just to associate with them for even one day?"



Mr. and Mrs. Anderson—Photo Courtesy of Probation



Ranch Panorama -Photo Courtesy of Peggy Moak

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 for one of the 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.

Child Candlelight Procession

Celebrate the Child Candlelight Procession

Friday, December 7th, 2012 Beginning at 5:30 p.m. at The Children's Park—Chico (corner of West 1st Street & Esplanade).

Join the candlelight procession to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect plus make a kindness pledge. The procession will end at the Downtown Chico City Plaza Tree Lighting Ceremony. Music will be provided by Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Choir.

The Frank Watters and Mary Anne Houx
Children's Fund ~ Fact Sheet, 2012

The Frank Watters Trust Fund was established in 1994 to provide supplemental funding of services to meet the need of abused and neglected children in Butte County. In 2006, the fund was renamed The Frank Watters and Mary Anne Houx Children's Fund. In partnership with the Butte County Tax Collector's Office, this fund allows Butte county citizens to make tax-deductible donations when they pay their property taxes.

- Butte County reports of child abuse and neglect have averaged approximately 3,810 for the past ten years. The annual number of referrals has ranged from a high of 5,137 in 2002 to a low of 3,457 in 2011. On average, 17% of the referrals received resulted in substantiation following an investigation for abuse and/or neglect.
- Approximately 37% of the children in substantiated referrals were placed in out of home placement, including relative care, foster care and group home placements. As of July 1, 2012, 549 children were in out of home care. This number has steadily decreased since a high of 742 in 2005. This number includes youth on Probation which accounts for approximately 4% of all children in placement.
- In the twelve month period from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, 330 children found permanency through either being reunified with their families, adoption, or placement in guardianship.

Since the inception of the Fund, citizens of Butte County have raised \$595,740 for the Frank Watters and Mary Anne Houx Children's Fund (from more than 17,126 separate contributions), which has been used to provide services to children and families in Butte County. During the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, \$30,871.53 was received from 690 donors, which was a slight increase in donations, but from fewer donors than in past years.

Anne Houx Children's Fund (from more than 17,126 separate contributions), which has been used to provide services to children and families in Butte County. During the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, \$30,871.53 was received from 690 donors, which was a slight increase in donations, but from fewer donors than in past years.



Creek Freeze Photo Courtesy of Peggy Moak



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What to Do

The Nutcracker (*Saturday, December 15th 7:30 pm*) - Bell Memorial Union: Laxson Auditorium, Chico—Celebrate Chico Community Ballet's 33rd season with the timeless Christmas ballet classic, "The Nutcracker!" Be transported to a magical place filled with Tchaikovsky's magical music, a bigger-than-life Christmas tree, marching toy soldiers, mischievous mice, and ballet's most glorious dancing.

Christmas Tree Auction & Holiday Festival (*Sunday, December 1th 6:00 pm*) - Chico Masonic Family Center, Chico. The Torres Shelter invites you to our 10th annual Christmas Tree Auction & Holiday Festival. This is our largest annual fundraising event featuring enticing hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a no-host bar, and music from local artists, as well as elegant decorated Christmas trees to be auctioned off and a silent auction featuring local art and many unique gifts.

Experience the Season (*Friday, December 14th 7:30 pm*) - St. John's Catholic Church, Chico. The North State Symphony's traditional Christmas concert! We play selections from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, featuring Young Artist Audition Winner Heather Rice. Our baroque ensemble will play other gorgeous Christmas works and beautiful arrangements of favorite carols. Join us for our carol sing at the end of the concert and we know you'll leave in the holiday mood!

Glorious Sounds of the Season (*Friday, December 7th 7:30 pm*) - Harlen Adams Theatre, Chico. This festive concert, a Chico holiday tradition, features music for the season. Performers include the 200-voice Choral Union, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the University Organ, as well as the Children's Choir of Chico.

Ho Ho Ho...Gifts on the Go! (*Sunday, December 16 11:30 am to 1:30 pm*) - Center for Spiritual Living—Chico. Live and Silent Auctions and Holiday Bake Sale. Auction items, 32" flat screen TV, original art items etc. Tickets are \$5 or 5/\$20 (need not be present to win). Holiday baked goods, homemade fudge, Christmas decorations. We will gift wrap any holiday item you purchase or win! One stop shopping for your holiday gifts and goodies!

Board of Supervisors Meetings:

Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th & 29th

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