

Mary Ann Burrows to marshal Wallowa Fourth of July Parade

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Mary Ann Burrows is the founder and director of the Wallowa History Center and also the Wallowa 4th of July Parade's Grand Marshal.

Mary Ann Burrows loves history, especially the history of Wallowa, her home town. The energetic director of the Wallowa History Center was born in 1933, in a house just across the fence from the Center's new digs in the historic Forest Service compound.

"We had a dairy farm right there," Burrows said. The farm included a barn, silo, and milk house. "We delivered milk around town, and my father really loved history. He told stories, and also listened to stories as we went around the route each day." Burrows graduated from Wallowa High School in 1951. By then, she was hooked on history. "I was set to major in history in college," she said. "But I got married two years into my education. Then, elementary education seemed more practical."

In 1991, after a 26-year career in teaching elementary school and reading in Ontario, Oregon schools, Burrows retired. She headed home. "I felt I could serve Wallowa best by preserving the community's history," she said.

Burrows comes from pioneer stock. Her maternal great-grandmother journeyed to Wallowa County from Iowa via a wagon train on the Oregon Trail. Her paternal great-grandparents farmed the Bartlett Bench above

Troy, then moved into Wallowa. Her great-grandfather Rod McCrae ran the Hotel McCrae and also served as Mayor of Wallowa about 1906.

While going through her family photographs and documents, Burrows began to realize that without a place to keep all those documents, they could be lost to history. As a member of the Wallowa City Library board, she convinced her fellow board members that Wallowa's history should be preserved. They found a secure location in the library basement and began to archive historic photos and documents while they toyed with the idea of

forming some sort of history-based organization.

That project soon grew into a 501c3 non-profit, the Wallowa History Center, established in 2002. With a \$5000 grant, the basement-dwelling center purchased a scanner, computer, and a computer desk, and began to convert historic photos into digital format. "We got some students involved, too, to help scan. But back then, we didn't know much about computer files and photos, and so the images got scanned at only 100 dpi," she said. Still, the images were good enough for reproduction in the center's first book: "Looking

Back at Our town" published by Mark Highberger's Bear Creek Press.

In 2003 the fledgling History Center nested in a building on Main Street in Wallowa, where preserving the town's history continued as their principal mission.

When the City of Wallowa acquired the historic U.S. Forest Service compound at the west end of town, they deemed the history center to be the best and most appropriate residents.

Burrows is thrilled with the opportunity to work on this project. "I was only about 2 years old when the CCC started building it," she said. "So I don't remember too much about everything that was going on. I wish my older brother and sister were still alive—they would remember so much more about what was happening then. But what a wonderful thing to be here now, right where I was born."

Being the Grand Marshal of Wallowa's 4th of July Parade is an honor that Burrows relishes. "I was a little nervous at first, she said. "But now I think I'll just really sit back and enjoy it." She has been practicing her wave. "There aren't many communities that have a 4th of July parade," she said. "The Parade really brings the community together. It celebrates this great nation of ours and all it stands for." If you want to meet Burrows before or after the parade, she'll be at the History Center, leading tours and telling stories about the long history of the community that she loves.

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Wallowa County A-List Noxious Weeds

These weeds are present in Wallowa County but occurring in small enough populations and with geographic infrequency such that eradication and containment are possible.

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| Common Bugloss | Anchusa officinalis |
| Common Tansy | Tanacetum vulgare |
| Hoary Alyssum | Berteroa incana |
| Italian Thistle | Carduus pycnocephalus |
| Knotweed Complex (Japanese, Himalayan, Giant, Bohemian) | Fallopia sp. |
| Leafy Spurge | Euphorbia esula |
| Meadow Knapweed | Centaurea pratensis |
| Musk Thistle | Carduus nutans |
| Myrtle Spurge | Euphorbia myrsinites |
| Orange Hawkweed | Hieracium aurantiacum |
| Oregano | Origanum vulgare |
| Perennial Pepperweed | Lepidium latifolium |
| Plumeless Thistle | Carduus acanthoides |
| Purple Loosestrife | Lythrum salicaria |
| Rose Campion | Lychnis coronaria |
| Russian Knapweed | Acroptilon repens |
| Scotch Broom | Sytisus scorparius |
| Spotted Knapweed | Centaurea maculosa |
| Tansy Ragwort | Senecio jacobaea |
| Wetted Thistle | Carduus crispus |
| Whiteweed (Hoary Cress) | Lepidium draba |
| Yellow Flag Iris | Iris pseudacorus |

Wallowa County B-List Noxious Weeds

These weeds are present and pervasive where suitable habitat is found in Wallowa County and require control to mitigate negative impacts.

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| Absinth Wormwood | Artemisia absinthium |
| Annual Bugloss | Anchusa arvensis |
| Bachelor Button | Centaurea cyanus |
| Bloodrop/Pheasanteye | Adonis aestivalis |
| Bur Buttercup | Ranunculus testiculatus |
| Canada Thistle | Cirsium arvense |
| Chicory Cichorium intybus | |
| Common Burdock | Arctium minus |
| Common Crupina | Crupina vulgaris |
| Common Kochia | Kochia scoparia |
| Common Mullein | Verbascum thapsus |
| Common Teasel | Dipsacus fullonum |
| Dalmatian Toadflax | Linaria dalmatica |
| Diffuse Knapweed | Centaurea diffusa |
| Field Bindweed | Convolvulus arvensis |
| Himalayan Blackberry | Rubus armeniacus |
| Houndstongue | Cynoglossum officinale |
| Jointed Goatgrass | Aegilops cylindrical |
| Long-spine Sandbur | Cenchrus longispinus |
| Meadow Hawkweed | Hieracium caespitosum |
| Medusahead Rye | Taeniatherum caput-medusae |
| Oxeye Daisy | Chrysanthemum leucanthemum |
| Poison Hemlock | Conium maculatum |
| Puncturevine | Tribulus terrestris |
| Reed Canary Grass | Phalaris arundinacea |
| Rush Skeletonweed | Chondrilla juncea |
| Scotch Thistle | Onopordum acanthium |
| St. Johnswort | Hypericum perforatum |
| Sulphur Cinquefoil | Potentilla recta |
| Sweet Briar Rose | Rosa eglanteria |
| Tall Buttercup | Ranunculus acris |
| Tree of Heaven | Ailanthus altissima |
| Ventenata | Ventenata dubia |
| White Campion | Silene alba |
| Yellow Starthistle | Centaurea solstitialis |
| Yellow Toadflax | Linaria vulgaris |

Wallowa County Target List Noxious Weeds

Noxious weed partners and agencies within Wallowa County have designated significant funding and labor towards projects targeting these weeds in 2018.

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| Common Tansy | Tanacetum vulgare |
| Hoary Alyssum | Berteroa incana |
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| Knotweed Complex (Japanese, Himalayan, Giant, Bohemian) | Fallopia sp. |
| Leafy Spurge | Euphorbia esula |
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| Tansy Ragwort | Senecio jacobaea |
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Wallowa County Watch List Noxious Weeds

These are weeds that are either: Known to be noxious and exist within neighboring counties/regionally but have no confirmed sites in Wallowa County* OR Thought to exist within Wallowa County and might one day exhibit traits that requires formal listing

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| Baby's Breath | Gypsophila paniculata |
| Black Henbane^ | Hyoscyannus niger |
| Bouncing Bette | Sponaria officinalis |
| Buffalo Bur | Solanum rostratum |
| Bur Chervil | Anthriscus caucalis |
| Clary Sage | Salvia sclarea |
| Comfrey^ | Symphytum sp. |
| Common Reed Grass^ | Phragmites australis |
| Dyer's Woad* | Isatis tinctoria |
| Foxtail Barley^ | Hordeum jubatum |
| Garlic Mustard* | Alliaria petiolata |
| Glyphosate-resistant Creeping Bentgrass* | Agrostis stolonifera |
| Iberian Starthistle* | Centaurea iberica |
| Lambsquarter^ | Chenopodium album |
| Marsh Elder | Iva annua |
| Mediterranean Sage* | Salvia aethiopiis |
| Perennial Peavine | Lathyrus latifolius |
| Ravennagrass* | Saccharum ravennae |
| Rough Cocklebur | Xanthium strumarium |
| Russian Olive^ | Elaeagnus angustifolia |
| Russian Thistle^ | Salsola kali |
| Salt Cedar^ | Tamarix ramosissima |
| Silverleaf Nightshade | Solanum elaeagnifolium |
| Sow Thistle | Sonchus arvensis |
| Spotted Cat's Ear^ | Hypochaeris radicata |
| White Bryony | Bryonia alba |
| Wild Carrot^ | Daucus carota |

Wallowa High School hires two 'new' teachers from Enterprise

By Ellen Morris Bishop
Wallowa County Chieftain

Cameron Scott and Colby Knifong are both deeply committed and talented educators. Scott has directed Fishtrap's Youth program, including Story Lab --since 2018. Knifong has taught elementary grades in Enterprise for more than 15 years. But in the fall, both will start new careers as teachers in the Wallowa school system.

Scott will guide middle school and high school students through the intricacies of English, including Composition, Literature, and Advanced Placement. Knifong will take the reins and responsibility of the 7th-12th grade Special Education program. As a bonus, she'll also teach Spanish part-time.

Although Scott brings a Masters of Fine Arts, with specialty in poetry, to fully qualify as a high school English teacher, he'll have to earn a third degree, a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), which he plans to do through Eastern Oregon University. The school district has arranged a temporary teaching credential for him, based upon his knowledge and experience, until he can complete the MAT.

Scott's work with Fishtrap's Story Lab brought him to Wallowa classrooms on many occasions. As he got to know teachers, fami-



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Cam Scott will teach English in grades 7 -12 at Wallowa in the fall.

lies, and the community, he knew that Wallowa was a place he could settle down. "Wallowa is a very strong, vibrant community," he said. "Wallowa is a great place to call home."

The school district's support of teamwork among teachers, and attention to all learning styles—from hands-on welding to more conventional academics--also attracted Scott to the school.

But of course, Cam Scott's first love is writing, and more specifically, teaching writing. "You don't inspire someone to sail by handing them a hammer and a bunch of nails and pieces of wood and teaching them to build a ship. You have to awaken a love of the sea and exploration and then they have purpose in building it. I feel that way about writing. Students will be much more



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Colby Knifong will teach Special Education in Wallowa High School in the fall.

interested in writing stories when the subject is something they know and love."

Like Scott, Enterprise Elementary School teacher Colby Knifong will be moving to Wallowa to teach Special Education because she considers it a very vibrant educational setting. In 2008, Knifong taught 4th grade and alternative education classes in Wallowa. But it was the opportunity to assist with the girl's basketball team that hooked her on returning as a permanent staffer. "It was a joy to watch those girls improve and become a team. They grew from having no self-confidence to believing in themselves. David Howe did a great job coaching and teaching them."

Why would a teacher who devoted most of her 24-year career to upper elementary grades suddenly shift into high school special

education?

"I've always had a heart for kids who find school difficult," Knifong said. "It's an opportunity to help them find their gifts and the things they excel at." In special education, Knifong noted, she will be helping her students navigate their work in regular classes. She'll be working with both the students and their teachers to ensure that the kids involved in special education have exceptional learning opportunities. She will also teach Spanish—her minor in college. And as a bonus, both her sons will transfer from the Enterprise schools to Wallowa.

"I'm excited for the direction the school is moving," Knifong said. "They have a lot of new ideas. They recognize that kids have different learning styles and needs. It seems like all these doors are opening and I'm just meant to be down in Wallowa."

At the school board meeting that unanimously approved both new hires, Wallowa Principal David Howe praised both teachers. "Cam Scott is a dedicated and creative teacher who has demonstrated his ability to inspire students across a range of grades," he said. "Colby Knifong has great capacity to bring out the best in all the students she works with. We are very lucky to have them."

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