

Rymut opens museum fabrication studio

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If you are trying to break into the world of fabricating museum-quality installations, Wallowa County may not be the first place you'd think to locate your business.

But J.R. Rymut decided to do just that. After spending time with top taxidermists and museum fabricators throughout the West, Rymut decided to start her own business — and base it in downtown Enterprise.

And the Wisconsin native has jumped into local work, creating pieces that will help anchor the redesigned Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center in Wallowa. That center plans to feature Rymut's creations in their redesigned exhibits set to be showcased this spring.

Rymut is also an accomplished taxidermist, noting that is where the business has the opportunity to



J.R. Rymut shows off a pronghorn shoulder mount she created. Rymut has opened a museum diorama fabrication shop and taxidermy studio off Main Street in Enterprise.

serve the most local customers. Rymut has worked in Nevada at an internationally-known taxidermy studios and specializes in unique mounts and realistic backdrop habitats.

Rymut grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and received a fine art degree from the Rhode Island School of Design, then studied taxidermy and tanning in Montana. Rymut

has also worked as a museum diorama fabricator in Washington, Arizona and Missouri.

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Firefighter injured battling New Year's blaze

Haystacks catch fire on Rancho Road

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A New Year's Eve haystack fire on Rancho Road left one firefighter injured and laid waste to multiple tons of hay.

Enterprise and Joseph fire departments answered the call to the blaze at around 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and remained on the scene until 5:30 a.m. the next morning — the next year.

While working to extinguish the blaze, Amanda McHatten of JFD and Chuck Simpson of EFD were hurt by falling hay bales. Simpson suffered the worst of the injuries and the Joseph McHatten helped extricate him from the area.

He was taken to Wallowa Memorial Hospital for treatment and examination. Although banged up, his injuries were relatively minor.

The cause of the fire is yet undetermined.

Enterprise Fire Department chief Paul Karvoski said haystack fires can be very difficult to fight. If crews can't get hold of an excavator, they're nearly impossible to put out. Local contractor Johnny Gibson, who has an excavating business, brought an excavator to the scene to help pull the bales apart and allow firefighters to access the fire.

Although the blaze consumed a significant amount of hay, firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to an adjacent barn that was also filled with hay.

FOR THE RECORD

DEC. 24

10:35 a.m. – Minor traffic accident in Enterprise.

11:53 a.m. – Hit and run reported in Enterprise.

11:59 a.m. – Stolen vehicle reported in Enterprise.

3:16 p.m. – Warrant served on Patrick Angelo Maroney for Probation Violation, original charge Menacing. He was later released.

3:49 p.m. – Entered Parole & Probation Detainer for Patrick Angelo Maroney, 60, of Enterprise, for Menacing.

10:00 p.m. – Report of disturbance in Enterprise.

DEC. 25

12:22 a.m. – Noise complaint in Enterprise.

2:38 p.m. – Shawn Paul Ruthford, 31, of Enterprise was arrested on charges of Assault 4 – Domestic Violence, Strangulation, Harassment, Menacing and Probation Violation. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

6:13 p.m. – Vehicle in ditch in rural Joseph.

DEC. 26

12:22 a.m. – Noise complaint in Enterprise.

12:19 p.m. – Telephonic harassment reported in Enterprise.

1:04 p.m. – Hit and run reported in rural Enterprise.

2:38 p.m. – Gregory Rex Stephens, 72, of Enterprise was arrested by Enterprise Police Dept. on a charge of Trespass II. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

3:16 p.m. – Wallowa

County Community Corrections issued a state wide felony warrant for Judith Denise Clark, 38, of Lostine for Probation Violation. Original charge Felon in Possession of a Weapon.

9:06 p.m. – Judith Clark, 38, of Enterprise was arrested by Enterprise Police Dept. on a warrant for probation violation. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

DEC. 27

8:43 a.m. – Scam/Fraud complaint from Enterprise.

1:49 p.m. – Theft reported in Joseph.

6:48 p.m. – Report of a traffic crash in Enterprise. Enterprise Police Dept. arrested Charlton Arthur Strutz, 46, of Enterprise on charge of DUII. He was released to a sober third party.

DEC. 28

1:04 p.m. – Criminal mischief reported in Enterprise.

DEC. 29

3:05 a.m. – Report of a vehicle that slid off road way in rural Lostine.

5:23 p.m. – Stephen Henry Slingluff, 32, of Lostine was arrested by Wallowa County Sheriff's Office on charges of Probation Violation, original charge Menacing. Transported to Umatilla County Jail.

DEC. 30

5:39 p.m. – Report of a vehicle slide off, non injury.

DEC. 31

11:47 p.m. – 911 call for haystack fire in rural Enterprise.

JAN. 1

3:18 p.m. – Donna Chry-

tene Butler, 50, of Enterprise was arrested by Enterprise Police Dept. on a Washington County warrant, charge of Probation Violation, DUI. Subject posted bail and was released.

JAN. 2

7:50 a.m. – Report of vehicle abandoned on Lostine River Road.

1:19 p.m. – Scam/Fraud call reported.

2:08 p.m. – Suspicious person reported in rural Joseph. Unfounded.

2:24 p.m. – 911 call reporting traffic crash in rural Wallowa.

JAN. 3

3:24 p.m. – Misty Marie McNall, 39, of Enterprise was cited and charged by Enterprise Police Dept. with Disor-

derly Conduct II.

JAN. 4

2:06 p.m. – 911 call reporting MVA in rural Wallowa.

3:33 p.m. – Telephonic harassment reported in Lostine.

JAN. 5

12:02 a.m. – Mason Paine, 31, of Joseph was arrested by Enterprise Police Dept. for DUII. Cited and released to third party.

9:57 a.m. – 911 call reporting smoke in Enterprise. Controlled burn.

JAN. 6

2:19 p.m. – 911 call reporting since MVA in rural Joseph.

2:30 p.m. – 911 call requesting law enforcement in Joseph.

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