

SIGNS

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The cost of getting a wrap from CAM DeSigns ranges from \$400 to \$2,000.

Corcoran said the quality of car wraps is continuing to rise because of improved materials, which provide better color stability and more protection from the sun.

CAM DeSigns also does construction, often focusing on kitchen and bathroom remodeling, and makes signs out of metal and high-density foam for storefronts.

A new project for the company is the production of woodstoves that burn longer and more cleanly. The stoves are now available.

CAM DeSigns set up shop in Island City near Grocery Outlet and Walmart in July to boost the company's visibility. Corcoran said the move has increased customer traffic, and he hopes the family company can operate there for years to come.

"We love what we are doing and are doing what we love," he said.

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few actually have closed their doors as was required then.

Even a small operation like Favorite Finds on Main, an antique and collectibles shop in Enterprise operated by Sondra Lozier, is muddling through.

"I'm a one-woman show; if I ever have 10 people in its usually a family," she said. "It's very trying in a lot of ways. ... The good side is I think people are slowing down."

She did, however, say the resurgent pandemic caused disappointment by forcing the cancellation of two events she's involved in. She organizes the Hells Canyon Mule Days, which was to be the weekend after Labor Day and had to be postponed until next year. She also is involved in organizing a quilt retreat that also had to be canceled.

"That's helped" slow things down, Lozier said.

She said that despite the surge in cases, she believes folks here are generally safe.

"I've been in business so long that nothing really affects me," she said. "I'm just glad I live in Wallowa County because we are such a clean county."



Wallowa County Chieftain, File Jake and Kathy Wolfe of Enterprise, pictured here in April 2020, wear masks when they are out and about, including grocery shopping. Enterprise's Safeway grocery store was one Wallowa County business that had the strictest mask requirements for most of the pandemic and then relaxed it early in the summer. But the store is requiring masks again.

Normal operation

Other businesses that have had to close in the past are mostly operating normally. Double Arrow Veterinary Clinic in Enterprise had its lobby closed for some months and has

reopened it. However, all staff and customers are required to mask up when inside.

The Les Schwab Tire Center in Enterprise also finds the mask mandate annoying, but is complying by having staff and customers wear masks.

"It's pretty tough ... especially for the guys working in the heat," said JR Pinea, assistant manager. "We're following the guidelines. ... It's tough for everybody, but we're doing it."

The pandemic surge doesn't seem to have affected the lodging industry much, although some are closing or preparing to close as tourist season winds down. A spokeswoman at the Ponderosa Motel in Enterprise said it and the Wilderness Inn — owned by the Naisbitt family — remain open and are continuing to take precautions by wearing face masks and thoroughly sanitizing rooms between customer stays.

Some restaurants are returning to early-pandemic protocols of outside seating or takeout.

Kim Moore, co-owner of the red Rooster Cafe in Enterprise, said her establishment closed for a short time earlier this summer, but it's reopened now.

Heavenly's in Enterprise has ceased its indoor seating, but everyone working is masked.

The change has been more to do with a difficulty in getting employees than anything, said co-owner Cindy Ellis.

"They're getting unemployment or they don't want to work, that's what I'm assuming," she said.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are never afraid to tackle a project that would be too much for most others -- even a fellow Virgo native! Hardworking, dedicated, a visionary and always on the lookout for that next "big idea," you can often be found toiling away on something that others may not be able to identify accurately or recognize as something of value -- but later, when your work is at last unveiled, it becomes immediately clear what you've been doing all along, and that the results are of lasting value to a great many after all.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You are in the mood to do something notable for a special someone -- and you know just what is going to win the desired effect. Get it done!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You risk being premature in your decision-making today if you don't wait for a certain piece of informa-

tion about which you've received hints.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Warnings come your way today, but are you receptive enough right now to interpret them correctly? One false step can spell disaster, almost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You're supposed to do things a certain way today, but you are eager to experiment with alternative methods. Is this allowed?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Your first choice is almost certainly not available to you today, and your second may not be -- but your third will surely suffice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You're likely to see in the cards that are dealt a pattern that you suspect is not entirely random. Is someone trying to put one over on you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Novelty pulls you in a different direction today than that which you had decided on, but is this reason enough to change all your plans?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You may

feel that you're not up to par when it comes to certain ways of doing things, but you can quickly adapt to anything new today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You'll be doing someone a favor today by backing off and not trying to run things yourself. They need to get used to being in charge!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- A personal discovery leads you to a different solution to a stubborn problem -- but is this really going to "stick"? You must give it your all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Learning something by rote today isn't going to propel you forward as you had hoped. You must learn it by heart and understand how it works!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You're likely to learn something new today without even knowing it -- until the time comes for you to put that new knowledge to good use.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Western state
5 Got a move on
9 Cut down
12 Disco dancer
13 "Cope Book" aunt
14 Jackie's second
15 Med. plans
16 Claw badly
17 "Early Start" aier
18 Recipe amt.
20 Got nosy
22 Scarlett's mother
25 Lock up
27 Incite
28 Path to satori
29 Small barks
33 Supermodel Carol
34 Prince Valiant's son
35 Obtain
36 Zip

- 38 Opposite of post-
39 Heard the alarm
40 Industrious
42 Sheik's bevy
43 Social mores
46 Vexed
47 Mae West accessory
48 Still-active volcano
51 Common UFO shape
55 Bug spray brand
56 Send packing
57 Trim
58 Wield
59 Is grief-stricken
60 Laptop fare

DOWN

- 1 "Gross!"
2 Arnold or Selleck
3 Have --- at
4 Emceed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: RUDE, EDIT, APE, EGOS, VERA, LAY, SLOT, ENERGIZE, TYRANNY, PE, TIS, POLLED, YODEL, DIN, EAR, IVES, VAN, RAVE, PEAK, AAH, RENEW, ENRAPT, SIT, LO, ALMANAC, COMPLETE, KILO, ALL, LAME, EKED, NEB, OUST, SECS

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- 5 Tough fiber
6 Nest-egg letters
7 Cassowary kin
8 Ocean, in Mongolian
9 Clear a trail
10 Ocean bird
11 Zephyr
19 Tin, in the lab
21 Conviving
22 "By Jove!"
23 Montez or Falana
24 Back muscles
25 Footballer -- Rice
26 "Green Gables" heroine
28 Phaser blasts
30 Mr. Stravinsky
31 Lap dog
32 Mushroom part
37 SHO rival
39 Crumpled up
41 Internet fans
42 Laugh syllable
43 Poet's black
44 Meat substitute
45 Ax handle
46 Tangles
49 As well
50 Small lump
52 Snake River loc.
53 Mil. noncom
54 Large green parrot

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-60.

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