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Willow Creek Reservoir recreational use health advisory lifted

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) lifted the recreational use health advisory issued for Willow Creek Reservoir in Morrow County on November 30. The OHA issued the advisory on September 3, 2020.

Water monitoring has confirmed that the level of cyanotoxins in Willow Creek Reservoir are below recreational guideline values for people. However, officials advise recreational visitors to be alert to signs of cyanobacteria blooms. This is because blooms can develop and disappear on any water body at any time when bloom conditions are favorable. Only a fraction of waterbodies in Oregon are monitored for blooms and toxins.

People, especially small children, and pets should avoid recreating in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like

paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, if a thick mat of blue-green algae is visible in the water, or bright green cells are suspended in the water. If you see these signs avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets, such as swimming or high-speed water activities.

Cyanotoxins can still exist in clear water. When a bloom dies toxins released may reach into clear water around the bloom. Blooms can be pushed into other areas, leaving behind the toxins released. There also are species of cyanobacteria that anchor themselves at the bottom of a water body, live in the sediment, or can grow on aquatic plants and release toxins into clear water near the surface.

For health information or to report an illness, contact OHA at 971-673-0482.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an ap-

pointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

A blood donation opportunity will take place on December 23 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 525 Gale Street, Heppner.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Mystery of iniquity

To the editor:
Biblical prophecy calls the present world COVID pandemic tribulation the "mystery of iniquity" (II Thess. 2:6,7). The whole world is required to wear a mask, social distance, schools are closed, liberty is abrogated, many businesses are closed, some never to reopen. Nevertheless, despite these draconian measures, the COVID pandemic supposedly and suspiciously grows more virulent by the day, very conveniently forcing more draconian lock downs.

Indeed, this is a mystery, difficult to understand. Iniquity is lawlessness where the norm of laws and individual liberty are suspended for the greater good (i.e. the state). (see Daniel 7:25). Catholic Archbishop Carlo Marla Vigano, former Sec. General of the Vatican, and former Vatican ambassador to the U.S.A. has addressed this "mystery of iniquity" in a letter to President Donald Trump, dated Oct. 25, 2020.

"Mr. President; allow me to address at this hour at which the fate of the whole world is being threatened by a global conspiracy against God and humanity...In the midst of silence of both civil and religious authorities, may you accept these words as one 'crying in the wilderness.'"

"Daily we sense the attacks multiplying of those who want to destroy the very basis of society, the natural family, respect for human life, love of country, freedom of business and education. We see heads of state and religious leaders pandering to this suicide of western culture and its Christian soul, while the fundamental rights of citizens and believers are denied in the name of a health emergency...an instrument for an inhuman faceless tyranny."

World leaders, church and political, have addressed this 'mystery of iniquity' positively as the "Great Reset." Archbishop

Vigano warns the "global elite are planning the 'Great Reset' ...to subdue all humanity, imposing coercive measures with which to drastically limit individual freedoms and those of entire populations." Perhaps the most insidious danger of the 'mystery of iniquity' will be what Vigano terms "the imposition of a health dictatorship imposing libercidal measures hidden behind tempting promises of insuring universal income and cancelling individual debt."

The price of these concessions from the International Monetary Fund will be the renunciation of private property and adherence to a program of vaccination against COVID-19 and COVID-21 (coming) promoted by Bill Gates and the pharmaceutical industry. The most diabolical plan of these global elites commanding the "mystery of iniquity" according to Vigano will be the "COVID vaccine requirement health passport and digital I.D. with subsequent contact tracing of the population of the entire world. Those that reject these measures will be confined in detention camps or placed under house arrest, with all assets confiscated."

This is the reason the patriot standing in their way, Donald Trump, had to be defeated by any means, a phony Russian collusion, an impeachment debacle, or fraudulent national voting machines and outright poll cheating. In truth Trump won in a landslide. The God of our forefathers, (whom Patriots and Christian's still honor according to their written compacts, covenants, Declarations, and Constitution) will honor those that will, "Be strong and very courageous" (Joshua 1:7). Joshua faced Goliaths and never compromised. Stand my American brethren with Donald Trump, for God and Country.

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Red Cross urges blood donation

December may be the season of giving – but it's typically a challenging time to collect enough blood donations. Add in a pandemic, and this year could be even tougher than usual. That's why the American Red Cross is urging those who are feeling well to give the gift of life by donating blood or platelets this holiday season.

The need for blood doesn't stop for holidays. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than one million blood transfusions will be given in the United States. Donations of all blood types are needed to ensure hospital shelves remain stocked to meet patient blood needs.

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

To encourage donations this holiday season, those who come to donate blood, platelets or plasma with the

Red Cross Dec. 18 through Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Important COVID-19 information for donors

As COVID-19 hospitalizations increase, hospital demand for convalescent plasma has also grown. COVID-19 convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation given by those who have recovered from this coronavirus. Their plasma contains antibodies that may help patients actively fighting the virus. Learn more about convalescent plasma and sign up to give at RedCrossBlood.org/Plasma4COVID.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptom. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

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