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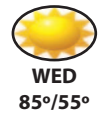


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## DEAD STOP.

### Agencies urge earthquake preparedness but there are few answers on how to stock up on medications that cannot be stopped suddenly

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None of the bridges are projected to stay standing. Cities will receive basic aid after a week. Rural areas are expected to have to wait a little longer. When the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake hits, state officials having at least a week worth of supplies tucked away in an easily accessible emergency kit: food, water, flashlights,

first aid. Medication. For many in the valley and around the state, daily medications are essential, not just for quality of life, but for life. High blood pressure, diabetes, anxiety and countless other conditions are controlled by daily medications that cannot be stopped cold turkey without serious, sometimes life threatening, consequences and yet laws mandating prescription refills prevent doctors

from writing an "emergency" prescription for patients to place in their state-recommended emergency kit.

"It's a problem we've heard before," said Linda Cook, Lane County's Emergency Management Manager. "We've heard a variety of different stories. Some people will say they can't renew a prescription until they're down to their last three pills and all situations

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Approximately 2,000 people gathered at the University of Oregon on Monday to march in opposition to the events in Charlottesville, Virginia last week.

## Rally Against Hate

### Residents march in Eugene, joining rallies around the country in response to the violence sparked by white supremacy demonstration in Charlottesville last week

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On Saturday, August 12, Heather Heyer posted to her Facebook page, "If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention" and joined a counter-protest effort in Charlottesville, Virginia. The night before people carrying Tiki torches and Nazi regalia marched on the University of Virginia chanting, "Jews will not replace us," and "blood and soil." It was a precursor to the scheduled "Unite the Right" march scheduled for Saturday during which Heyer was run down when James Alex Fields Jr., 20, drove his car into a group of counter protesters, killing Heyer. She was 32.

Fields was arrested and held on suspicion of second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and failure to stop in an accident that resulted in death.

Racial tensions have continued to escalate in the subsequent days with several rallies scheduled around the country including a march in Eugene dubbed, "Stop the Hate."

"We were initially going to be happy with 100 or 200 people coming out but the number of people just continued to go up," organizer Phillip Carrasco said. He estimated 2,000 in attendance. The march started at UO's EMU and continued downtown with speakers taking to the mic.

"Talk to your kids about things that matter about why somebody is black. Why somebody is brown. Why what somebody said at school that is really mean is unacceptable. Have those conversations with your grandparents

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## Cottage Grove eclipse survival 101: View the event and avoid the crowds

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In five days, it's estimated that an additional one million people will jam into Oregon's borders to view the total solar eclipse set for August 21.

News media and advertisements have been hyping the event since January when Oregon was revealed as the first state to be touched by the eclipse and one of only a dozen that could be used as a viewing ground for the once-in-a-few-decades event. The last time a total eclipse occurred was in the '70s long before the invention of cell phones and consumer cameras that could capture the phenomenon.

As a result, states within the eclipse's path are expected to be hit with a wave of tourists. The largest influx is set to crash down on Salem where the fairgrounds have already booked a viewing party and campgrounds and hotels are sold out. From Salem to the tiny town of Brothers, Oregon, rooms and tents are booked and surrounding towns are set to be bombarded with people--including commuters on Interstate-5.

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## GLEANERS SUSPENDED

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The local Gleaner organization--charged with distributing food to low-income families--has been placed on suspension by Food for Lane County.

The circumstances of the group's suspension were not made public by Food for Lane County's Karen Edmonds who confirmed only that the Gleaners were in "suspension status" for up to 90 days while they work on issues identified by Food for Lane County.

The Gleaner's organization lists Merlyn Adams as its president

on its nonprofit filing. When reached by phone for comment by The Sentinel on Monday, August 14, she refused comment saying, "If you've already spoken to her (Edmonds) I don't see the need to speak to me. Goodbye," before hanging up the line.

According to Edmonds, the group will be unable to host its food distribution until it addresses the issues identified by Food for Lane County. Edmonds did note that the Gleaners was given a food resource list to share with its clients

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## Gas leak closes library



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Residents trying to access the library or community center last week were met with a surprise: a closed sign and locked doors.

The building was shut down on Saturday, August 5 after a gas leak was discovered.

According to Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers, the building was closed and the proper officials called in but after a

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