

QUAKE: Most injuries are from falling lights, broken windows

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who registered last year. "We have really seen a spike in the number of people taking this seriously and who are taking valuable steps to be more prepared," said Geologic Hazards Coordinator Althea Rizzo, of Oregon Emergency Management. At Grove Elementary School in Milton-Freewater, first-grade teacher Bob Veitenheimer talked earnestly with his students about earthquakes on Thursday morning. Some of the 18 children had never felt the ground shake before, so he described the feeling of the earth moving under one's feet and impressed that earthquakes can be dangerous. "But there are things we can do to stay safe," Veitenheimer told them. He advised his pupils to

stay calm, drop to their knees and keep one arm over their heads as they crawl to a sheltered spot under a desk or a table. Then, "hold on tight." Drop, cover and hold on. That's just right, Rizzo said. She said the strategy comes out of scientific studies about how to survive earthquakes. Collapsing buildings don't cause the most human harm, rather "most injuries are from falling lights, bricks, broken windows — the stuff in our buildings." "Crawl under a desk or table and hold on," she said. "It will be jumping around so you'll need to move with it." Rizzo painted a grim picture of the damage a 9.0 earthquake could wreak on the Northwest if one happens before the state can retrofit buildings and bridges and increase resilience of transportation,

energy, communication and water systems. She cited the Oregon Resiliency Plan, a document developed by the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission after being tasked by the Oregon Legislature. "If (an earthquake) happens tomorrow before we've mitigated our vulnerabilities," Rizzo said, "we could be without power and water and sewer for possibly a year. If Mother Nature is kind to us and gives us time, the downtime could be a few weeks." She said the quake would likely affect a huge area. "We're used to seeing California-style earthquakes," Rizzo said, "but this will affect Oregon, California, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. They will feel it in Idaho. The impacts are mind-boggling." Eastern Oregon would likely sustain light damage,

according to the report, and would serve as a critical hub for the rest of the state. During the ShakeOut, the focus was localized and basic — the idea was to stay alive and uninjured. At 10:15 a.m., the Grove students reacted to a rumbling sound coming through the school's intercom system. They dropped and quickly crawled under their desks. In the tiny space, they held on tight. No one laughed. For almost a minute, no one spoke. When the rumbling sound stopped, they crawled out. If all goes well, these students will never have to experience the big one. But, if it comes, they have been taught what to do.

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BOND: Would run for up to 21 years

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Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth said it's an all-or-nothing proposition; both measures need to pass or the project fails. Election ballots are due Tuesday, Nov. 3. "The community needs a new fire hall," Cutsforth said. "We're getting by, but it's not a good situation." Twenty firefighters work for Heppner's all-volunteer department. The current station, located on Willow Street, was originally built in 1960. An office, locker room and bathroom were added in 1994. Fire Chief Rusty Estes said the facility is no longer big enough to meet their needs. Some of their emergency equipment, including a rescue boat and trailer, has to be kept at a separate building two miles outside of town, and there is no space for training at the hall. Space is so tight, Estes said they can't even open the doors to fire trucks inside the cramped bays. "It's definitely a safety issue to get everybody in and out of a rig safely and quickly," Estes said. The new hall would be large enough to keep their equipment in one place, Estes said, while providing a much-needed training room, two offices and two restrooms. The station still would not have living quarters for the volunteers, as the city and district will try to keep the cost under \$1 million. "We don't want the Taj Mahal. We just want a fire hall (residents) can use after we all retire," Estes said. In addition to protecting the city, the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District

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contracts with the department to respond to fires on neighboring farms and fields. Years of drought have led to a sharp increase in calls, rising from roughly 90 per year to more than 200 in 2014. "We do everything," Estes said. "We have the only rescue equipment in all of south Morrow County." Heppner City Council formalized an agreement in January to assist the department in building a new fire hall. Land for the development was donated by Morrow County Grain Growers, with easements provided by both the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District and Devin Oil Co. If passed, the bond measures would run for up to 21 years at a rate of 88 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in the city, and 41 cents per \$1,000 in the rural district. That is a conservative estimate, Cutsforth said. With low interest rates and fair construction costs, she said there's no cheaper opportunity to build a new fire hall than now. "There's a huge need for this. It's desperate," Cutsforth said. "We expect this will be something the fire department uses for the next 50 years." Contact George Plaven at gplaven@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0825.

TRANSIT: Explored how to create more cycling opportunities

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College, Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution and Eastern Oregon Regional Airport are also uncovered by Kayak. St. Anthony Hospital has a flag stop, meaning passengers can only stop there by request. CTUIR Planning Director J.D. Tovey said the tribal government estimates 104,000 riders will use Kayak this year. While Kayak's focus on inter-city travel has meant a limited coverage area in Pendleton, the whole city is covered by the city-sponsored Let'Er Bus system. Let'Er Bus is an umbrella for seven programs, but three on-demand programs get the most usage — senior and disabled taxi ticket vouchers, daily van service and Elite transit tickets. The daily van service, a dial-a-ride taxi service that costs \$1 per one-way trip, proved so popular that the city contracted with Elite Taxi in 2013 to create an additional taxi service with an increased ticket price of \$3 and a six-trip limit. The Let'Er Bus system has grown in popularity since its inception in the mid-1990s, going from 1,500 in 2000 to 36,600 in 2015. With increased demand comes increased cost — from \$9,609 in 2000 to \$226,847 in 2015, although

the Oregon Department of Transportation's Special Transportation Fund covers most of that cost. A consultant-created map showed Pendleton's transit dependent population was concentrated in the downtown, South Hill and Sherwood Heights areas. Wright said the city would need public input to decide whether public transit should be a priority, and if so, whether a fixed-route or on-demand transportation would be preferable. To gather input, the city will hold several open houses and is distributing a survey. If community members wanted more fixed-route options, Wright suggested working with Kayak. Since the bus system relies mostly on state and federal funds, Tovey said one of Kayak's longterm goals is to "graduate" from CTUIR governorship to a regional transit board that would oversee both local and intercity routes. The committee also continued to explore how to create more cycling and pedestrian opportunities. Consultant Kittelson and Associates measured the best and worst streets using a metric called Level of Traffic Stress (LTS), which evaluates roads on a 1-5 scale based on speed limits, travel lanes, and bicycles lanes to gauge the level of

comfort a cyclist would feel on that street. Unsurprisingly, high-traffic streets like Westgate, Southgate and Southeast Court Avenue were rated the worst for cyclists. "If I could put (Southgate) at a LTS 6, I would," said Evan MacKenzie, Pendleton city planner and avid cyclist. Kittelson associate planner Matt Hughart said the presence of bike lanes didn't always spare streets from poor assessments, citing Southgate and Tutuilla Road. Some streets had so much car traffic, in addition to being positioned on steep inclines, that Hughart suggested it might just be

better to find a parallel street for cyclists to travel on instead. Before the meeting, the city's consultant team met with Pendleton High School and Sunridge Middle School students to find places in need of more sidewalks. Some of the roads the students identified were Riverside Avenue and Highway 11. Hughart also presented some potential extensions of the Pendleton River Parkway to the east, west, south and a parallel dirt or gravel path on the north side of the Umatilla River. Contact Antonio Sierra at asierra@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0836.

BRIEFLY

Altrusa plans informational Harvest Party
PENDLETON — The public is invited to enjoy dinner, have fun and learn more about Altrusa International of Pendleton. A Harvest Party is planned Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at NEIGH-bors Barn, 543 N.W. 21st St., Pendleton. The event is free. Founded in 1917, Altrusa is an international club whose members are interested in creating better communities. For more information, call 541-969-1095.

etc.), gas weed eaters/trimmers, sidewalk edgers, brooms, wheelbarrows, trucks and work gloves. Child care will be available and a lunch will be served. For more information or to sign up for a project in advance, visit www.justserve.org.

Milton-Freewater church hosts bluegrass concert
MILTON-FREEWATER — A Gospel Blue Grass Festival is planned at the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church. The First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, is hosting a Gospel Blue Grass Festival at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24. The concert will feature some of the best bluegrass musicians in the region. The free event is Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert. For more information, contact mffjcollins@q.com.

Church, downtown plan day of service
MILTON-FREEWATER — Volunteers are invited to participate in A Day of Service, which is sponsored by the Walla Walla Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in conjunction with the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance. The event is Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. Interested parties should meet at Central Middle School gymnasium, 306 S.W. Second Ave., Milton-Freewater. Projects include Main Street clean-up, Pioneer Cemetery restoration, tree removal and firewood preparation, the Walla Walla River clean-up, curb painting, tree planting, preparation of hygiene kits, making blankets and more. Participants should bring yard tools of all kinds (shovels, rakes, pruners,

Missionary to share about Africa
HERMISTON — Gail Andreas, a missionary to Africa, will share about her experiences during a program at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. Sponsored by the church's 50+ Ministry, everyone is invited Friday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Those in attendance are encouraged to bring a dessert to share with others. For more information, call 541-567-3677.



<p>PILOT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH 585 SW Birch, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 (541) 443-2500 prbconline.blogspot.com Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday Services: Kids' Club: 6:00 pm Youth Group: 7:00 pm</p>	<p>GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOOR www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Fellowship, Refreshments & Sunday School Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information 541-289-4535 Tom Inch, Pastor Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA 164 E. Main St. / P.O. Box 1108 Hermiston, Oregon 97838</p>	<p>St. Johns Episcopal Church All People Are Welcome <i>Scripture, Tradition and Reason</i> Family service 9am Sunday Gladys Ave & 7th Hermiston Fr. Dan Lediard, Priest. PH: 567-6672</p>	<p>Redeemer Episcopal Church 241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809 www.pendletonepiscopal.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship Noon Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. All Are Welcome</p>
<p>Grace Baptist Church 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 Nursery provided for all services Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"</p>	<p>PENDLETON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD FIRST SERVICE 8:30 AM SECOND SERVICE 10:30 AM 712 SW 27TH ST. 541-276-1894 www.fcogpendleton.com</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -Presbyterian Church (USA)- 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton Service of Worship - 10:00 am Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am Fellowship - 11:00 am www.pendletonpresbyterian.com Open Hearted...Open Minded</p>	<p>Come meet Jesus at PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH 3202 SW Nye Ave Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590 Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM Mon. Community Women's Study 9:30 AM & 6 PM Awana Kids Club (K-6th grade) Wed Men's Study 6 PM MOPS meeting the 1st Thur of the Month 6 PM</p>
<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH in Mission for Christ LCMC Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room) www.faithpendleton.org</p>	<p>Living Word Christian Center Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Sharon Miller, Pastor 401 Northgate • Pendleton 278-8082 www.livingwordcc.com</p>	<p>The Salvation Army Center for Worship & Service Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study COME AS YOU ARE 150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369</p>	<p>Peace Lutheran Church ELCA 210 NW 9th, Pendleton Join us Sundays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class ~Come and be at Peace~ on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday</p>
<p>Community Presbyterian Church 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250 Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30</p>	<p>Faith Center Church Worshipping God • Loving People 108 S. Main • 276-9569 Sunday Worship 10:30 am Praise, Prophecy & Prayer Sr. Pastor, Ray O'Grady pendletonfaithcenter.org</p>	<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) 215 N Main • Pendleton Sunday Worship 10:40a Bible Class: 9:30a Office 276-5358 M-F 8:30-12:30 WWW.FCCPENDLETON.ORG</p>	<p>NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Sunday Worship Services English- Pastor Dave Andrus 9:00 & 10:45 am Spanish- Pastor Genaro Loredó 9:00 & 10:15 am Classes for kids during all services For more information call 541-567-8441</p>
<p><i>a place to belong</i> Pendleton First INVITING ENRICHING INVOLVING EMPOWERING SUNDAY SERVICES AM Celebration-10:00am AM Kids Place -10:00am The Connection--6:00pm Groups for all ages: Adults, Children, Youth, & College Thursdays Celebrate Recovery-6:00pm Celebration Place-6:00pm Other Groups Available Weekly For more info visit WWW.PENDLETONFIRST.COM 1911 SE Court Ave 541-276-6417 Assembly of God Church</p>	<p>Seventh-Day Adventist Church Saturday Services Pendleton 1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882 Sabbath School 9:20 am Worship Service 10:45 am</p>	<p>THE COUNTRY CHURCH Pastor James Becker 32742 Diagonal RD Hermiston OR 97838 Sunday School 10 am Worship 7 am Evening Service 7 pm Bible Study Wednesdays 7 pm Firestarter Youth Ministry (Ages 12-17) Monday @ 6 pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 362 SE 2nd Street Pendleton, OR 541-276-2616 Sunday Worship 9am Open Hearts, Open Hands, Open Doors Facebook: www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton Services are broadcast every Sunday on KUMA-1290 AM @ 11am Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor</p>
<p>To share your worship times call Amanda Jacobs 541-278-2683</p>			