

**DEADLINES**

**NEWS DEADLINES**

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-ObsERVER*:

**Social news** (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Thursday.

**Community events** — Noon on Friday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

**Letters to the editor** — 10 a.m. on Monday.

**Obituaries** — 4 p.m. on Monday.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES**

**Retail display ads** — 3 p.m. Friday.

**Classified display ads** — 11 a.m. on Monday.

**Classified line ads** — Noon on Monday. Classified ads are updated daily on [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

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**WEBSITE**

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The *Itemizer-ObsERVER* is also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Oct. 18.....	60	47	.18
Oct. 19.....	56	39	.21
Oct. 20.....	62	55	.27
Oct. 21.....	65	50	.01
Oct. 22.....	61	43	.10
Oct. 23.....	63	51	.05
Oct. 24.....	56	47	.14

Rainfall during Oct. — 9.35 in.  
Rain through Oct. 24 — 33.05 in.

**Recycle.**



Western Oregon University employees walk to a designated gathering area during the Great Shakeout on Thursday, part of a nationwide earthquake preparedness drill.

JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

**SHAKEOUT**

*Western students, staff practice earthquake drill*

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

MONMOUTH — A steady drizzle Thursday morning didn't stop students and staff at Western Oregon University from participating in the biggest earthquake drill in the nation.

At 10:20 a.m., the entire campus was alerted of the beginning of the drill — the Great Shakeout — and practiced the “drop, cover, and hold” protocol recommended to keep people safe during an earthquake.

Then they evacuated campus buildings and headed to designated spot on the campus. Many of the resident hall residents headed toward the parking lot by the soccer fields as rain fell.

This was the first year Western participated in evacuation drills during the Great Shakeout. Shelly Clark, who is with WOU University Housing, said in the past, the campus practiced “drop, cover and hold.”

“This was an all-campus drill. It went very well,” Clark said. “We had all of our buildings evacuate as much

**Did you know?**

- Here are the “drop, cover and hold” steps to follow:
- o **DROP** — Get on ground since the shaking will make it difficult to walk and keep moving objects from hitting and hurting you.
  - o **COVER** — Get under cover of a sturdy table or desk and use one arm to cover your head to keep falling materials from hitting you.
  - o **HOLD ON** — to a table leg to keep the cover object from moving away from you and to steady yourself.

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as possible.”

She said once outside, resident directors in each building or designed drill leaders reviewed with students what they are supposed to do in an emergency, and took counts of how many evacuated from each hall.

“I'm really glad that our residents chose to still come out and participate,” Clark said.

State officials say the annual Great Shakeout is a crit-

ical reminder of what to do during an earthquake.

“It's important to practice ‘drop, cover and hold on’ often so that you can respond quickly when an earthquake occurs,” said Althea Rizzo, geologic hazards program coordinator for Oregon's Office of Emergency Management. “You may only have seconds to protect yourself before strong shaking knocks you down or something falls on you.”

**State to improve local population forecasts**

By Jolene Guzman  
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — The state is developing a new way of forecasting population changes in cities and counties that is hoped will provide jurisdictions with a more accurate projection.

Population estimates play into city-level planning and land-use decisions and division of state and federal funding among cities.

Jason Locke said, in the past, that has resulted in squabbles over estimates, especially given that some cities “lost” population after the 2010 Census. Jurisdictions could appeal estimates to the Land Use Board of Appeals, but that could take years, he said.

“There are oftentimes that we would get into this debate with the state about population,” Locke said. “The state has taken some steps to try to take the tug-of-war out of that.”

Two legislative sessions ago, lawmakers decided to make Portland State University's Population Research Center the state's hub for forecasting.

The new model uses data-based population forecasting with input from cities, including local observations about population change, planned housing developments and future employers.

Locke said the city is expecting its new forecast soon. It will project population on a 50-year horizon in five-year intervals.

“That will allow us to start some population-based planning issues we have in the city's comprehensive plan,” Locke said. “That population number in the 20- or 30-year horizon influences things like land supply, housing types, commercial activities, transportation ... so it's a pretty important number to have.”

**Payments to be set for park payoff**

Itemizer-ObsERVER staff report

FALLS CITY — After receiving a grant for the Oregon Department of Parks Recreation to purchase the north side of the falls on the Little Luckiamute River, the city will still owe about \$80,000 on the loan.

The city and Falls City Alliance, which are paying the loan, are meeting with Polk Community Development Corporation to establish a new payoff agreement, according to Mayor Terry Ungrich's mayor's report given to the Falls City City Council at its Oct. 12 meeting. With the \$80,000 estimate, the city's payment at 1 percent interest should be \$2,400 per year for the next 40 years.

In other business, the council will meet with the Falls City School District Board about options for Wagner Community Library funding on Dec. 8.

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**Friday - Sunday • October 28 - 30**

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN (Digital) (PG13)	(1:25 4:15)	7:10	9:40*
DEEPWATER HORIZON (Digital) (PG13)			
KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES (Digital) (PG13)	(11:50 2:20 4:50)	7:20	9:50*
OUIJA: ORIGIN OF EVIL (Digital) (PG13)	(12:00 2:35 5:00)	7:25	9:50*
JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK (Digital) (PG13)	(1:20 4:05)	6:55	9:45*
INFERNO (Digital) (PG13)	(1:35 4:20)	7:05	9:55*
GIRL ON THE TRAIN (Digital) (R)	(11:40 2:15 4:55)	7:30	10:00*
STORKS (Digital) (PG)	(11:50 2:05 4:20)		
MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (Digital) (PG13)		6:35	9:35*
THE ACCOUNTANT (Digital) (R)	(1:20 4:10)	7:00	9:40*

**Monday - Wednesday Oct 31 - Nov 2**

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN (Digital) (PG13)	(4:15)		
DEEPWATER HORIZON (Digital) (PG13)		7:10	
KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES (Digital) (PG13)	(2:20 4:50)	7:20	
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INFERNO (Digital) (PG13)	(4:20)	7:05	
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STORKS (Digital) (PG)	(2:05 4:20)		
MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (Digital) (PG13)		6:35	
THE ACCOUNTANT (Digital) (R)	(4:10)	7:00	

**Thursday • Nov 3**

JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK (Digital) (PG13)	(4:05)	6:55	9:45
KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES (Digital) (PG13)	(2:20 4:50)	7:20	9:50
OUIJA: ORIGIN OF EVIL (Digital) (PG13)	(2:35 5:00)	7:25	9:50
TROLLS (Digital) (PG)	(5:00)		
DOCTOR STRANGE (Digital) (PG13)		7:00	9:45
INFERNO (Digital) (PG13)	(4:20)	7:05	9:55
GIRL ON THE TRAIN (Digital) (R)	(2:15 4:55)	7:30	10:00
STORKS (Digital) (PG)	(2:05 4:20)		
MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (Digital) (PG13)		6:35	9:35
THE ACCOUNTANT (Digital) (R)	(4:10)	7:00	9:40

\*Not Showing Sunday, Oct. 30th

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