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**EAST PRAIRIE** - The earth moved Tuesday morning under Southeast Missouri.

A 4.0 earthquake was reported in the early morning hours Tuesday with an epicenter near East Prairie in Mississippi County.

The U.S. Geological Survey, National Earthquake Information Center report the earthquake occurred at 3:58 a.m.. The quake was centered 5 miles NNW of East Prairie, 12 miles ENE of Matthews, 13 miles SSE of Blodgett and 92 miles NNW of Jackson, Tenn.

Reports of feeling the tremor were reported to the USGS from throughout Southeast Missouri, including Dexter, East Prairie, Gideon, Kennett, Cape Girardeau, Martson, and across the Mississippi River from Dyersburg, Union City, and Troy in Tennessee and Paducah, Bardwell, Hickman and Fulton in Kentucky. USGS reports the depth of the quake was 5 kilometers (3.1 miles).

The Center For Earthquake Research and Information at the University of Memphis there have been no significant reports of damage from the earthquake.

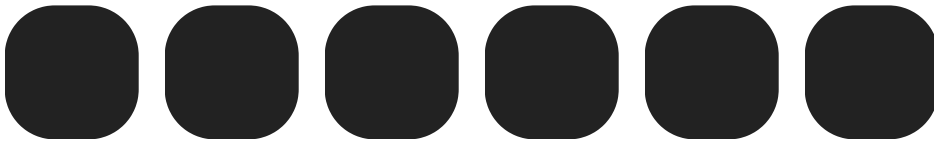
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