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Southeast Missouri - Were you awakened by a few shakes last night? Were your pets awake and a little nervous? If so, they may have felt the earthquakes. Many residents in southeast Missouri may have felt the ground quiver and shake when seven earthquakes were reported by the USGS within 2 hours of each other on Wednesday morning.

A 2.9 magnitude first hit at about 12:50 a.m. It was centered four miles south of Lilbourn, Mo. and 22 miles south of Sikeston. The quake registered 4.5 miles deep.

The second earthquake rattled just a minute later. Preliminary reports show the 2.6 magnitude earthquake hit around 12:51 a.m. and was centered four miles south southeast of Lilbourn, Mo. This earthquake measured 5.3 miles deep.

A third earthquake hit at 12:56 a.m. about four miles south southeast of Lilbourn. Early reports show the quake measured 2.3 magnitude and 3.1 miles deep.

A 3.0 magnitude earthquake hit around 1:08 a.m. Preliminary reports show it was also centered three miles south southeast of Lilbourn, Mo. It registered five miles deep.

Two smaller earthquakes rattled around 1:15 a.m. and 2:09 a.m. They measured 1.7 to 1.4 magnitude.

Finally, a 2.5 magnitude earthquake shook at 2:26 a.m. The quake was centered three miles south of Lilbourn, Mo. The quake registered 5.7 miles deep.

Residents in Dexter, Matthews, Risco, New Madrid, and surrounding areas felt the quakes.

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