

Marais des Cygnes District-Paola Office News Release

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AARP Driver Safety Program Offered in September

If you are interested in improving your driving skills, and at the same time, reducing the cost of your present auto insurance premium, then read on. Marais des Cygnes Extension District will join once again with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to offer the *AARP Smart Driver Course!* AARP developed the eight-hour classroom refresher course to help drivers, 50 years of age or older, improve their skills and prevent traffic accidents. The course explains the changes that occur in vision, hearing, and reaction time as we age and provides useful driving safety tips for handling these changes.

The 2-day course will be held Tuesday, September 26 & Wednesday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church, 751 Main Street, Pleasanton, KS 66075. The fee for the two-day class is \$20.00 made payable to AARP. There are no age or AARP membership requirements to attend this course although an AARP member's registration fee is only \$15. Bring your card with you. Registration deadline is **Thursday, September 21.**

All insurance companies selling auto insurance in Kansas must by law offer you a discount on your present auto insurance premium for taking this state approved Driver Safety Program.

For further information or to register for the course call 913-294-4306 or come by either the Paola or Mound City District office or go to our website <http://www.maraisdescygn.es.ksu.edu> and print off the registration form to send in with your check. We will make reservations and hold a spot for those registering and paying the class fee on a first-come first-served basis. Class size is limited. There are no tests to be taken.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is designed to meet the specific needs of older drivers. It covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, rules of the road, local driving problems, and license renewal requirements. Volunteer Instructors recruited and trained by AARP conduct the course, which is presented through a combination of video presentations and group discussions. The local class is being co-sponsored by AARP, K-State Research and Extension Marais des Cygnes District and Paul Meyers-Linn County Insurance Agency of Pleasanton, KS.