

SPOTLIGHT ON AGING

AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Program available

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The Mifflin-Juniata Regional Service Corp. is sponsoring a 2012 AARP Driver Safety class May 1 and 2. Many older adults have taken the opportunity to reduce the cost of their car insurance by taking AARP's Driver Safety class.

The two-day refresher course, which lasts approximately four hours per day, is designed to remind motorists of the skills and techniques they once used, but perhaps fail to use regularly. The curriculum also addresses physical changes that can affect your driving ability and ways to compensate for those changes.

Older drivers benefit from taking the course by

increasing their confidence on the road, improving their driving skills, which will help them to avoid traffic accidents and violations, and also by helping them maintain mobile, independent lifestyles. By completing this course, drivers 55 or older who have a safe driving record are eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance premium (check with your insurance agent). Once taken, the discount can remain in effect for three years.

You can then take the class again to keep your discount. There is a fee of \$14 for non-members and \$12 for AARP members. You must attend both days to be awarded a certificate of completion. The class is taught by a trained volunteer instructor. There is no

testing. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Make your reservation as soon as possible in order to guarantee a spot. A waiting list is maintained throughout the year of people wishing to attend the next available class.

The classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 1 and 2 by the Mifflin-Juniata Regional Service Corp. in the F.W. Black Building, Lewistown.

To register for the class, or for additional information, call 242-0315 or (800) 348-2277.

If you are unable to attend a class, you can register for the AARP's online course if you have access to a computer. With the online course, you can complete the course when it's convenient for you.

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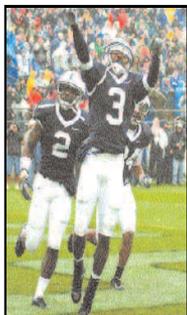
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Becky Miller is surrounded by her blooming azalea bushes that were a gift to her and her husband 20 years ago in Winchester, Va. The mild spring weather has caused many plants to blossom early.



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