200 years ago, a series of large earthquakes hit the Bootheel of Missouri. These earthquakes destroyed the town of New Madrid and also created Reelfoot Lake in northwest Tennessee. Were they to happen today, these seismic events would cause widespread damage and disruption to the region and the nation.

Since January of 2008, there have been more than 500 earthquakes in the central United States. Some of these were felt over a large area of the region. When and where the next one will occur and how large it will be, are difficult, if not impossible, questions to answer with any certainty; however, reducing the vulnerability to damages is possible.

Even during smaller earthquakes, contents of your home can be susceptible to damage if not properly secured. By using sound, cost effective techniques, your losses can be reduced, and in some cases eliminated.

The Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium and the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency are pleased to invite you to a two-hour seminar on the basic principles of earthquake hazards and ways that you can reduce your risk from earthquakes.

**SEMINAR DETAILS**

**Date**
Monday - February 20, 2012

**Location**
AARP Building
Highway 34
Piedmont, Missouri 63957

Hosted by the AARP Piedmont Chapter

**Time**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM**
Overview of Earthquakes
Be Ready for Earthquakes
Do-It-Yourself Projects
Question & Answer Session

**Other Info**
This seminar is free and open to the public. No prior earthquake knowledge is required. Refreshments will be provided!

For more info - (800) 824-5817

This workshop is being presented by the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, in partnership with Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency