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National Weather Service lists Lightning Safety Week tips

"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors" is just one of the tips the National Weather Service has for Lightning Safety Awareness Week.

The week, marked June 24-30, was started in 2001 and is used to educate people about lightning and the danger it can pose.

The simplest way to avoid being struck by lightning is to minimize the risk. The chance of being struck by lightning increases as a thunderstorm approaches, is highest when the storm is overhead and lessens as the storm departs.

To avoid becoming a statistic, people are urged to go to a safe shelter if the sky looks threatening or thunder is heard. During the storm, be inside and avoid contact with corded phones, electrical equipment and plumbing Stay away from windows and doors. After the storm, wait 30 minutes before going back outside.

Someone who has been struck by lightning ay require immediate medical attention. Victims do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to touch. Call 911 and monitor the person. Start CPR or use an Automated External Defibrillator, if needed.

While being inside is the best protection against being struck by lightning, sometimes that is not possible. To somewhat minimize the risk when a safe location is not See LIGHTNING on other side



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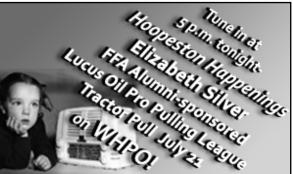
subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen/alias) name.

Lightning continued from other side

close, people are urged to avoid open fields, hilltops and ridgetops. Stav away from tall, isolated trees and other tall objects. In a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees.

If in a group, spread out to avoid the current traveling among group members. If camping in an open area, set up camp in a low area, such as a valley or ravine. Remember a tent offers no protection from lightning. Stay away from water, wet items and metal objects.

Lightning is a giant spark of electricity in the atmosphere or between the atmosphere and the ground. Early on, air acts as an insulator between positive and negative





charges in the cloud and between the cloud and the ground; however, when the differences in charges becomes too great, this insulating capacity of the air breaks down and there is a rapid discharge of electricity that is lightning. Lightning can reach temperatures of 50,000°F.

Lightning can occur between opposite charges within the thunderstorm cloud (intra cloud lightning) or between opposite charges in the cloud and on the ground (cloud-to -ground lightning).

Thunder is the sound made by a flash of lightning. As lightning passes through the air it heats the air quickly. This causes the air to expand rapidly and creates the sound wave we hear as thunder. Normally, you can hear thunder about 10 miles from a lightning strike. Since lightning can strike outward 10 miles from a thunderstorm, if you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance from the storm.

There are an estimated 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes each year in the U.S.; nearly 800,000 occur in Illinois. Although most are in summer, people can be struck by lightning any time.

Each year, more than 1,000 people in the U.S. are struck by lightning. On average, 50 people are killed and hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities.

More information on lightning is available at www.weather.gov.

-Briefly

The Gathering

"The Gathering," a monthly get-together for Rossville area senior citizens, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

From the Blotter

Mary Williams, 34, of Danville, was arrested after she was stopped for a traffic violation at 2:28 a.m. Tuesday in the 1000 block of South Dixie Hwy. Found to have a suspended license, she was charged with that offense and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 92, low 75.



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