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and promote Lightning Safety Awareness Week, which runs from June 20-26.

As a basic rule of thumb, the best place to ride out a storm in safety is inside an enclosed structure, like a house. But when inside, stay away from things that conduct electricity, such as corded phones, toilets, tubs, sinks, outlets and appliances. Do not shower or take a bath.

If caught outside, open and temporary structures — such as a picnic tent, lean-to or pavilion — attract lightning. Don't stand under a tree, as the height will attract lightning, but, when in a forest in a lightning storm, standing under smaller tree or group of trees can be OK.

Try not to stand in groups because lightning can jump from person to person.

The second-safest place to be during a lightning storm is inside a car with a roof and metal sides,

since the metal structure of the car protects inside passengers.

"A car is a good place to go," Bradley said. "Better in a car than under a picnic shelter."

While the standard procedure used to be to lie flat on the ground to avoid being hit by lightning, that much contact with the ground isn't safe because the earth conducts currents up to 100 feet from where the strike occurred.

The best position to assume if no shelter is available is to crouch down with the feet close together, placing hands on knees and curling into a ball.

Many injuries and deaths from lightning strikes occur either at the beginning or the end of a storm. An 8-year-old boy, Evan Elwood, of Columbus, Miss., actually died Memorial Day weekend 2010 from getting struck by lightning after coming outside when the storm had cleared.

"There's a lot of them that are quote 'out of the blue,' but if everybody knew to just wait an ex-

tra 30 minutes, it might be different," Bradley said.

Bradley says her research indicated that if thunder can be heard, lightning can strike. It's best to stay inside for 30 minutes after the last thunder clap, she says.

Raising awareness about lightning safety becomes important because most people don't know the risks. The dangers of lightning strikes remain underrated as far as storm-related injuries go because they generally only affect one or two people at one time.

"You don't think about it," Bradley said. "We have tornado drills and stuff in school, we have fire drills. Coaches are trained. But what about parents when their kids are out playing flag football or something? It's not that everybody that's out in thunder's going to get hit, but if you're not outside, there's less of a chance."

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Pauline B. Baker

LEXINGTON — Pauline Booe Baker, age 88, of Lexington died Friday, June 18, 2010, in Select Specialty Hospital in Greensboro.

Graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Monday at Lexington City Cemetery with Dr. Jim Martin officiating. Burial followed. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Davidson Funeral Home.

Born July 17, 1921, in Yadkin County to Caswell H. Booe and Lucy Renegar Booe, she was a retired employee of Klopman Mills and a member of First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, in Glen-Allen, Va. Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

Clegg Covington

DENTON — Mr. James Clegg Covington, age 89, of South Main St. Extension, Denton, died Friday, June 18, at his residence.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Foust officiating. Burial with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard will be at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. The family saw friends from 6 to 8

p.m. Sunday at Briggs Funeral Home in Denton.

Marie Thornburg Hunt

Marie (Pete) Thornburg Hunt, 81 years young, formerly living at The Oaks of Thomasville, died peacefully at The Hinkle Hospice House of Davidson County in Lexington on Friday, June 18, 2010, at 2:40 a.m. after several weeks of declining health.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1928, and worked from home as a bookkeeper of Hunt Heating Service for her husband, Dolan Hunt, who preceded her in death in August of 1998. She hand made clothes for children and their dolls, giving them to charities for years, and very much enjoyed playing bingo as the years slowed her down.

She is survived by 4 children, Benny Hunt and wife, Mona, of Yadkinville, Helen Hunt, of Greensboro, Gary Hunt, of Tobaccoville, and Linda Ellis and husband, Jack, of Greensboro; also 3 grandchildren, Jennifer Ellis, of Kernersville, Joseph Ellis, of Greensboro, Brian Hunt and wife, Angela, of Advance; 2 great-grandchildren, Erik Ellis and Isabel Hunt, plus one surviving sister-in-law, Frances Upton.

She loved sharing warm memories of her Thornburg family, very often telling happy stories about growing up on the Uwharrie River. In addition her heart was full of love for nieces and nephews, Edward Buie, Bonnie Luck, Rosa Boyd, Irene Ward, Harry Buie, Sandra Allred, Lena Rockett, Tom Brady, Bobby Buie, and the families of all her nieces, nephews and cousins. The Oaks of Thomasville also created a second family of love and friendship that brought her happiness.

Her body will be cremated and her ashes scattered in the area she grew up as a child because of so many heartfelt memories per her request. Ser-

vice arrangements are pending and will be announced when finalized.

Please direct any memorials to Hospice of Davidson County, 202 Hospice Way, in Lexington. Online condolences may be sent to www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Maggie C. Logan

Mrs. Maggie Curry Logan, 93, 1238 Hillside Drive and formerly of Kennedy Road, died Sunday, June 20, at her home.

Funeral service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Friendship Baptist Church, and burial will follow in Carolina Biblical Gardens in Jamestown. The family will receive friends at Friendship Baptist Church on Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. and other times at the home.

S. E. Thomas Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Clifton H. Myers

Mr. Clifton Harding Myers, 88, a resident of Thomasville, died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the Hinkle Hospice House of Davidson County.

Born Dec. 22, 1921, in Davidson County a son of John William and Fannie Lee Clodfelter Myers, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II, was a graduate of Fair Grove High School and was of the Baptist faith.

Service to celebrate his life will be held at 2 p.m. today at J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Thomasville with the Rev. Pat Eller officiating. Interment will follow in the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and other times at the home of Rick and Linda Darr.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Davidson County, 200 Hospice Way, in Lexington. Online condolences may be sent to the Myers family at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

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with the marine reserved and everything associated with that," Bennett said.

Besides taking an involved role in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day celebrations, Luther also attends several conventions. In a series of five weekends, he will attend four conventions in the region. He's also given about 2,000 hours in the past nine years in volunteer work for the W. G. Bill Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury.

"If I go into everything you've been involved in, this council meeting will go to 11 at night," Bennett said, laughing. "This gentleman without a doubt has been a very dedicated servant to the marines. He's just a very, very busy guy."

But Luther didn't seem phased by the amount of his work — he said he con-



TIMES PHOTO/ERIN WILTGEN

Mayor Joe Bennett (left) presents James Luther The Order of the Longleaf Pine Award Monday.

siders it his duty to work for the nation in whatever capacity he can.

"It's an honor to serve a country's finest," he said.

Luther also called attention to those Americans still in active duty, appealing to those present for prayers for those soldiers fighting over-

seas.

"It's an honor to serve the country's finest," Luther said. "We need to remember our country. It has faults. But I've been around the world many times, and I've never found a country that I would trade with."

POLICE REPORTS

All entries in the section are based on information provided in police reports from the Thomasville Police Department.

May 25

- Jeffrey Wayne Hughes (WM, 33) arrested on charge of assaulting a female at 11 Pine St.
- Veronica Joanett Allen (BF, 47) arrested on charge of employment security law violation at 513 Afton St.
- Chuncey Dermonte Huntley (BM, 30) arrested on charge of assault

inflicting serious bodily injury at 801 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

• Jamie Hoyte Watts (WM, 48) arrested on charge of communicating threats at 7 W. Guilford St.

• Edward Wardlaw Terry (BM, 47) arrested on charge of assault on a female at 308 Kendall St. in Lexington.

• Craig Donell Harris (BM, 48) arrested on charge of second degree trespass

at 707 Marsh St.

• Wallace Nathaniel Burnside (BM, 42) arrested on charge of intoxicated//disruptive-cursing/shouting at others at 100 Church St.

• Carey Leon Cannon (BM, 30) arrested on charge of resist, delay, obstruct a police officer at 509 Smith St.

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