

Make safety this year's No. 1 hunting priority

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Safety is a key aspect of having a successful and enjoyable hunt this season and for many more to come. As always, deer hunters should wear the appropriate amount of hunter orange, be sure of their target and know their position in relation to hunting partners, residential areas and public roads. Following are several additional safety measures to consider as we rapidly approach this year's deer season.

Tree stand safety...

A lot has been written about the use of safety harnesses with tree stands. Even though you are not required to use safety harnesses when hunting on private lands, why take that chance? Also, why risk using a questionable harness?



Hunters should inspect straps and other parts of a tree stand before climbing. Weather and other factors, such as rats and squirrels, can weaken straps from one season to the next.

(Photo by MSU Extension Service/Kevin Hudson)

climber-style or ladder-style, lean-up stand, check to make sure they are in safe operating condition before using them. Inspect the welds, bolts, screws, seats, straps, chains and fasteners. When

you're planning to hunt from an elevated blind or shooting house, inspect them first. The elements take their toll after several years of weather exposure.

Rats and squirrels may gnaw or chew on straps. If in doubt about the safety of these structures, repair or replace them. Replace any nylon straps that have been exposed to weather over the course of a hunting season.

Flash light or head lamp use...

Some hunters travel to and from their stands or blinds before dawn and/or after dusk. Use a flashlight or head lamp (white light or red light) when traveling to and from your hunting areas. If you don't have a light, make human noises while walking from your hunting area near or after dark. A good rule is for you and your hunting partners to make sure guns are unloaded before you leave the stand or hunting area after legal shooting hours. You can't legally harvest an animal anyway, and there won't be any firearms accidents with an unloaded gun.

Protective gloves...

Wearing nitrile or latex gloves has never really been considered a hunting safety measure -- until now. Since chronic wasting disease has been diagnosed in a Mississippi deer, we strongly recommend that everyone wear protective gloves when handling deer carcasses, especially when hunting in the south Delta region.

While it hasn't been proven to date, there is some concern that exposure to prions (misshapen proteins) that cause chronic wasting disease in deer could be linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease in humans. So, purchase a box or two of protective gloves, and stick a couple of pairs in your jacket pocket before venturing out on the hunt. Also, using gloves when field dressing and processing a deer sure makes the cleanup process so much easier and convenient.

HCCHS Jaguars vs. Neshoba HS Tigers



Pictured above, Holmes County Central High School senior Robert Jackson, #4, dodges players from Neshoba Central High School during last Friday's, September 21, game in Philadelphia. (Photo by Avery Rucker)



Pictured above (from left), Holmes County Central High School seniors Robert Jackson, #4, and Artavious Washington, #11, high five each other during last Friday's, September 21, game in Philadelphia. (Photo by Avery Rucker)

Holmes to face Senatobia Sept. 27

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The No. 18 Holmes Community College Bulldogs jumped out to a 21-0 lead late in the first half and racked up 323 rushing yards for the game to pick up a 28-13 win over the Northeast Mississippi Community College Tigers Thursday night, September 20.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 3-1 on the season.

Holmes will travel to Senatobia next Thursday night, September 27, to play the Northwest Mississippi Community College Rangers at 6:30 p.m.

You can listen to the game next week on the Bulldog Radio Network starting at 6

As deer season approaches, it's easy for us to become distracted thinking about harvesting that big buck and anticipating good times while hunting with friends and spending weekends at the camp. Take a little time to check out all of your equipment, and go over safe hunting protocols with camp members/hunting partners, especially new and young hunters. Be safe and have an enjoyable hunting season.

as the time ended in the second quarter, and Holmes led 21-3 at halftime.

The Tigers scored three times in the third quarter, twice on a field goal and once on a two yard touch-down run with the extra point.

The Bulldogs' final score of the night came with 11:45 left in the game when Kelly hauled in a 40-yard touch-down pass from Jesse Wilson. McKay's extra point ended all scoring at 28-13.

Bryant had 21 carries for 116 yards and two touchdowns while Reggie Hayes had nine carries for 100 yards. Luke Wilson led the Bulldogs with 10 tackles while Jha'mauri Johnson had eight and Jatavis Whitley and Tyshawn White each had seven tackles.

p.m. with the pregame show.

The Bulldogs got on the board first on a one yard run by freshman Terry Bryant. Connor McKay's extra point put the Bulldogs up 7-0 with 14:05 left in the second quarter.

Dylan Kelly got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard again with 7:28 left in the second quarter on a 29-yard run. McKay's extra point made it 14-0 Holmes.

Bryant got his second touchdown of the night with 5:54 left in the second quarter on another one yard run. McKay's kick gave the Bulldogs a 21-0 lead.

The Tigers hit a field goal



Holmes freshman running back Dylan Kelly stretches out for a catch against Northeast Thursday night, September 20, in Goodman. Holmes won 28-13 to go to 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in the North Division. (Photo by Steve Diffey)

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Sept. 7	Benton Academy	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Marshall Academy*	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Hatley School	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	St. Aloysius H.S.	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Oak Hill Academy*^	Home	7 p.m.
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