

Youth, Veteran, and Military Waterfowl Hunting Day set for November 16

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) would like to remind hunters that all Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) with waterfowl hunting opportunity will be open for the first youth waterfowl hunting day on November 16. Adults are encouraged to take a youth (under the age of 16) out to enjoy Mississippi’s waterfowl hunting on this special day. Additionally, thanks to a provision under the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, a new opportunity allows Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

“The early-season youth day allows an opportunity for youth to experience waterfowl hunting when weather conditions are typically mild. It also gives youth an introduction to the sport before the regular season opens,” said MDWFP Waterfowl Program Coordinator Houston Havens. “Mississippi is proud to broaden this early hunting opportunity by extending eligibility to veterans and active duty military personnel.”

Waterfowl regulations and bag limits for the youth, veteran, and active military waterfowl hunting day will be the same as during the regular season; however, youth hunters are exempt from purchasing a hunting license, WMA user permit, and duck stamps. Non-toxic shot and shotguns holding no more than three shells must still be used. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult who is licensed to hunt waterfowl in Mississippi, and adults are not allowed to duck hunt during the youth hunt unless they meet veteran or active duty military requirements. All participating veterans or active military personnel must possess state and federal waterfowl stamps, a valid Mississippi hunting license, and Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration for Mississippi.

Participating veterans are required to provide one of the following additional forms of documentation:

- Veteran designation on a current driver’s license
- DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- Retired Military ID

Before hunting public lands, hunters are reminded to check the specific area regulations and maps for the area they plan to hunt. Some areas may have limited draw hunts or other regulations restricting access.

For more information re-

garding waterfowl in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com/waterfowl or call us at (601) 432-2199. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.



Now or later?

Dear Dave,

My husband lost his job last week. The good news is we’re completely debt-free, and we have a six-month emergency fund saved up. I work part-time, since we have young children, and I’ve been bringing home about \$800 a month. Should we cut our budget down to bare bones now, or do you think we could continue living as usual for the time being since we have so much money saved?

Jayme

Dear Jayme,

I’m sorry to hear about your husband losing his job. At the same time, I’m really proud of you two for saving and preparing yourselves financially for this kind of scenario. Eight hundred dollars a month isn’t bad for a part-time job, but it’s not nearly enough to run a household—even one that’s debt-free—when there are kids in the picture



We wish to express thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2019 Jail for Dollars Fundraiser for Lexington Public Library.

Sincerely,
Friends of the Lexington Public Library Board

You should already be living on a little as possible in order to make the money in your emergency fund last as long as it can. It’s beans and rice time in your house. That means no restaurants, no vacations, and no movies. In other words, no spending on anything but bare necessities until your husband finds another good job, and you guys are back on your financial feet again. Right now, your priorities are keeping the lights on, the water running, and making sure there’s food in the pantry.

This is a textbook definition of an emergency, Jayme. Use your emergency fund. It’s there for times just like these. But be wise, and spend as little as humanly possible. God bless you all!

—Dave

A good emergency fund?

Dear Dave,

I have about \$12,000 in company stock. Could I use this as my emergency fund?

Jeff

Health officials: policy in place to now allow dogs on restaurant patios

MS Dept. of Health

Beginning Friday, November 1, a new Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) policy will allow restaurant patrons to dine with their pet dogs under certain conditions.

Patterned after other states’, the policy outlines the requirements that food facilities and dog owners must meet in order to ensure that the health and safety of the public is not compromised.

“MSDH wants to support local businesses in their efforts to best accommodate their clientele. We’ve looked at other southern states – including Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina – and have modeled our policy after theirs,” said Jim Craig, MSDH Senior Deputy and Director of Health Protection.

“We assessed the health risks and identified the types of outdoor dining settings that would present low, minimal or no risk to the public.”

Under the new policy, the restaurant must have a separate outside entrance into a designated outdoor dog-friendly area that includes

proper signage defining the area. Pet dogs are not permitted to travel through indoor or non-designated outdoor portions of the restaurant.

Service dogs are allowed indoors in customer areas. Disposable dishes and utensils are required in the dog-friendly area and pet dogs must not come into contact with serving dishes, utensils, tableware, linens or any other items involved in food service operations.

Patrons are always required to keep their dogs on leash and under control and restaurant employees may not touch or handle the pet dog.

“If the restaurant agrees to the policy and requirements are met, it can apply for a variance to the MSDH Food Code to allow pet dogs. Once we review the application and receive the \$165 inspection fee, we will inspect the facility to ensure the designated area meets food safety requirements. The restaurant will be inspected at least twice a year if granted the dog-friendly variance,” said Craig.

Honor roll students named at William Dean Jr. Elementary

William Dean Jr. Elementary School in Lexington has released its first nine-weeks honor roll for the fall semester.

Special Honor Roll

Kindergarten - Caley Benson, Markita Brown, Janae Clemons, Braelynn Cobbins, Marcus Crowley, Ken’Errious Fisher, Aaliyah Greer, JaTyjah Hampton, Journee Harmon, Rhyleigh Jefferson, Jasmine Johnson, Broderick Latiker, Amya Noel, Syrena Porter, Zayleigh Porter, Zoey Robertson, Aria Vance, Jaylon Wade, Jordyn Wade and Darian White.

First Grade - Joslyn Andrews, Emmanuel Burn-

Dear Jeff,

If you want to call that \$12,000 an emergency fund, that’s okay. But if that’s the case, I’d strongly advise cashing out the stock and putting the money in a good, easily accessible money market account—one with check-writing privileges. Stocks are long-term investments. The only purpose of an emergency fund is to have cash on hand immediately in the event of an emergency.

Specifically, an emergency fund is there to cover the unexpected expenses life throws at you from time to time. It’s not an investment, and it’s not designed to replace income. That’s why I believe it’s essential to keep your emergency fund liquid and easy to reach!

—Dave

ham, Destiny Dixon, Lemuel Grays, Ya’Myia Head, Melanie Jefferson, Xavier Landfair, Antoine Love, KayLee Mike, Kaleb Redmond, Khristian Richmond, Landen Smith, Rhyleigh Steverson, Madisyn Thomas, Ja’Lyria Threat and Carleigh Williams.

Second Grade - Jaydah Crockrell, Ja’Kheri Jefferson, Arianna Kirklin, Josiah Noel, Allyssah Randle, Danyhia Saffold, Lauren Sherman, Ja’Khari Smith, Jeremih Thurmond and Prentice Williams.

Third Grade - Caitlyn Landfair.

Fifth Grade - Saraiah Porter, Timothy Smith and Rashayla Travis.

Honor Roll

Kindergarten - Jeraldvick Adams, Syebria Banks, Landon Donelson, Madisyn Fisher, Okemus Gordon, Genesis Grays, Payden Jacobs, Samauri Johnson, Rylan Jones, Anthony Marshall, Laurence Morris, Tarajii Quinn, Elijah Randle, Amare Smith, Brezarri Thomas and Zuri Wilson.

First Grade - De’Braiden Black, Rebekah Blair, Hailey Brooks, Halee Brown, Ahlonah Dixon, Carsen Greer, Valencyia Greer, Daviana Gypson, Kyle Haymon, Nevaeh Haymon, Tanlya Hudgins, Kylan Johnson, William Johnson, D’Nyla Jones, Xavier Lofton, Le’Nijah Powell, Brixten Powers, Kailyn Powers,

Dustin Rochon, Antonio Stevenson, A’mariana Stewart, Ah’Kylei Tate, Ariyah Taylor, Fabien Vaughn, Amaria Wade, Shazerica Wash, Kamila Washington, Jathan Wiley and Jo’Wuan Williams.

Second Grade - Obriant Brown, Kerianna Campbell, Jakadyn Donald, Destiny Gordon, Markenzi Henry, Jakerrious Jefferson, Xamarion Johnson, Aliza Levy, Kaden Pitchford, Jimmie Porter III, Kyden Powell, Shakyra Powell, Ronald Redmond Jr, Tristan Saffold, Montreal Skinner, Dayshun Williams, Ja’Mmyiah Williams and Joseph Williams.

Third Grade - Breanna Bell, Jordan Berry, Sammia Brown, Carlos Byrd, Brae’lynn Claiborne, Mariah Davis, Jayla Day, Ja’Kayla Durant, Benjamin Funchess, Mar’Tasia Grays, Morgan Jennings, Ze’Coya Kirklin, Ze’Omarion Kirklin, Kaden Lane, Semetria McCrary, Trenity Meeks, V’Yonce Pate and Ke’Terrance Williams.

Fourth Grade - Demetri Archie, O’Breya Brown, Kayden Collier, Rhianna Cooper, Cle’Shundra Dixon, Cordarius Dixon, Derrick Greer, Marquesz Horton, Na’Mya Johnson, Jaden Love, Kendrea Miller, Lessie Newman, Brikayla Thompson, Ahmad Wade, Sariah Wiley and Malek Williams.

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