



Mills County State Bank CEO is Avid Hunter

For Robb Hemsath, coming to Goldthwaite to take over as CEO of Mills County State Bank has been like going home again.

"Coming here is going back to my roots," Hemsath said. "I grew up in a small town, and I'm a small town guy. I love community banking, being a part of the community, and especially being outdoors."

Hemsath was born in Carson City, Nevada, and grew up in nearby Gardnerville. He graduated from Douglas High School in 1982. Coming to Goldthwaite has been very exciting because Goldthwaite reminds him of his hometown.

"I was sitting in a community where the air quality was poor, high crime rate, you did not get to know your neighbors, and just not the kind of environment that I wanted to spend the rest of my career in," Hemsath said.

Hemsath said everything about MCSB and the Mills County community fit his lifestyle perfectly.

"I was looking for a community bank in a small community that is very healthy and a part of the community, and MCSB fits the bill perfectly," Hemsath said. "We chose to come here for all of those reasons, including the big blue skies, small community atmosphere, great people, strong values, in a beautiful setting. This place fits my personality, from hunting and fishing to the outdoors. Everything just fits me really well. This is where I wanted to be."

Guns & Outdoors

Though Hemsath did not serve in the military, Robb's grandfather and Monica's great-grandfathers and father served. The couple has a son in the Army, a son in the Air Force, a daughter-in-law in the Army, a nephew in the Marines, and two other



Mills County State Bank CEO Robb Hemsath with his first Mills County Blackbuck taken on the RRR Ranch.

nephews in the Navy.

If you see a truck on the streets of Goldthwaite sporting an array of military branch bumper stickers, odds are it's the Hemsaths'.

"I have more than just a family connection to the military," Hemsath said. "I cherish our freedom, and that comes at a price. Those men and women past, present and future who serve and allow us to do what we do on a daily basis need to be honored all the time. I very much appreciate the sacrifice that they make, and I try to honor that every day by enjoying that freedom, protecting that freedom, and honoring those that have served whenever I can."

Hemsath is an unabashed firearms fan.

"I have a wide range of various weapons that I like to shoot," Hemsath said, including bolt action hunt-

ing rifles, ARs, and the 1911 pistol.

His son in the Army taught him an appreciation for the AR platform.

"I was never really into the AR platform, but I've really taken a liking to it," Hemsath said. "I like to build them and change them up. I have more parts than I have guns."

Hemsath said he hasn't done as much hunting in recent years as he'd like, but part of coming to Mills County is to rectify that situation.

"I've been out hunting here three times, and [my wife] Monica got her first animal; that was in your paper a while ago," Hemsath said. "I got my black buck here this year at the RRR Ranch, and I'm looking forward to a couple more hunts here soon. I love to be out. Hunting to me is not just about hunting, but it's about the camaraderie of the people you're with, and being able to be out in nature."



Monica Hemsath poses with her first whitetail buck taken on the RRR Ranch.

Hemsath said he enjoys great peace while out in God's creation.

"When I'm standing in the middle of a river fishing or on my float tube in the middle of the lake when I'm fly fishing, it is very peaceful," Hemsath said. "That's where I can have some of my own personal time, devotion, and recharge my spirit."

This is a lifelong thread Hemsath has followed, having spent much of his childhood out in the wilderness with his friends.

"I want to get back to that. I want to be able to spend time with my grandkids and help them have an appreciation for creation and what's out there," Hemsath said.

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Mills County State Bank has five convenient locations including: Goldthwaite, Brownwood, Early, Hamilton and Hico.