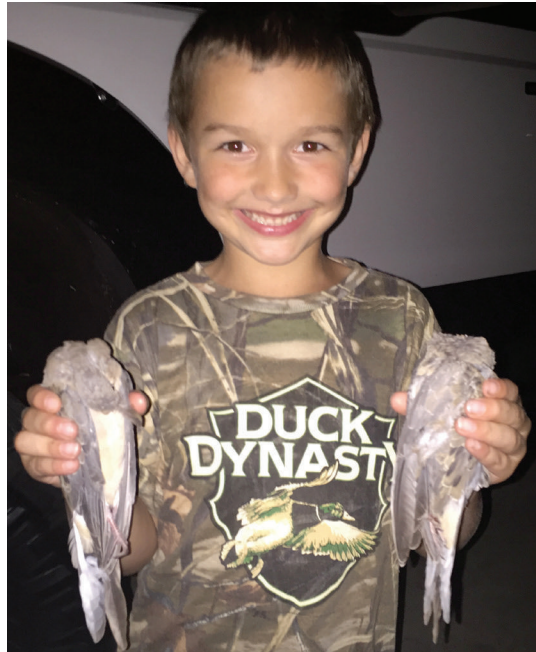




# Hemsath Family Finds Happy Hunting Here



Pictured above is Ethan Hemsath with his first whitetail deer and grandfather Robb Hemsath with his first deer of the 2016 season. Ethan also got his first dove last hunting season.



## Ethan's First Buck

Ethan Hemsath, age 7, bagged his first buck last year at the RRR Ranch. Ethan pleaded with his grandfather Robb Hemsath all week that he wanted to hunt with "The Bull". Ethan and "The Bull" made plans for Saturday afternoon.

After a long sit a legal buck showed up at 6:00. Ethan made a perfect 85 yard shot with his .243.

He will enter his harvest in the Texas Big Game Award program.

For more information on this program go to [www.texasbiggameawards.org](http://www.texasbiggameawards.org).

Photo courtesy of Warren "The Bull" Blesh

## Submitted by Robb Hemsath

2016 was a successful season for the Hemsath family. Robb harvested his buck during bow season which turned out to be a group effort finding him. We are so thankful for our friends - Steve Bridges, Rodney and Ginger Spies. Matthew and Ethan harvested two doe one Saturday afternoon on E5 Ranch while Monica harvested her buck on Sunday afternoon.

Ethan was so excited Saturday evening to tell Mr. Wesley Head that he didn't even notice Wesley was on the phone. As soon as Wesley got off the phone, they both went over to the truck where Ethan hopped on up and they talked all about his doe.



Father & Son - Matthew Hemsath and son Ethan bagged does on opening weekend in Mills County

## Year of First Hunts

For seven year-old Ethan Hemsath, 2016 was a year of first hunts.

Ethan bagged his first whitetail deer on his first ever deer hunt on the XTC Ranch in Mills County on a Saturday morning. The XTC Ranch is a member of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Managed Land Deer Permit system, which allows rifle hunting during the regular archery season. So, Ethan was able to harvest his doe with a .243 rifle at around 50 yards. Ethan made a perfect shot and the doe did not go far before expiring.

Grandfather Robb Hemsath also harvested a doe on the same morning hunt, making for a great double Mills County hunting memory.

*NOTE: Harvesting does early in the season is one way the XTC Ranch manages its deer herd in accordance with guidelines from Texas Parks & Wildlife.*

Earlier last fall, Ethan (pictured above) went on his first dove hunt with his dad and grandfather near Brownwood. On his first dove hunt, Ethan bagged two doves with his .410 shotgun. It was another great hunting memory for the three generations of Hemsath men.

Ethan also bagged a squirrel all by himself with his pellet gun last fall. As you can see from the photos, Ethan enjoyed his year of first hunts.

Ethan is the son of Matthew and Suzanne Hemsath of Burlington and the grandson of Robb and Monica Hemsath of Goldthwaite.

The Hemsath Family took some time to shop in downtown Goldthwaite, wearing their camo of course!



## Way to Go Monica

Monica Hemsath with her eight point bagged opening weekend in Mills County.

