

A hunt to remember

Outdoorsmen share favorite stories

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Editor's note: Several Lampasas-area hunters recently shared accounts of their favorite hunting memories for inclusion in the Dispatch Record's 2008 Hunters' Edition.

Benton Floerke

After seeing a large white-tail buck on the Kincaid Ranch near Eagle Pass in January of 1998, Floerke and his nine-year-old son, August, decided to keep tracking until the last day of the season.

On the final day of deer season, Floerke was carrying a 7mm Magnum rifle and had planned for his son to shoot with a .222. When the two spotted the buck they had been tracking, though, the younger hunter asked for the larger rifle.

"He said, 'Dad, give me the Magnum,'" Floerke recalled.

The elder Floerke sat his son on his lap and told him to shoot on the count of three. Once Floerke got to "one," though, August pulled the trigger.

The 185-yard shot took down an 11-point buck with a 22-inch spread.

The deer scored 164 5/8 gross on the Boone & Crockett scale, and August earned a jacket at the Los Cazadores contest in Pearsall, a competition for hunters who bag deer of 160 points or more.

"He wore the jacket all through the spring and summer," Floerke said of his son.

Chris Resendez

Resendez took his first buck in January 2001 at the Estes Ranch in Briggs. He spotted the buck, a mature nine-pointer, on a Saturday morning.

"I remember the adrenaline pumping through my veins," Resendez recalled. "I was shaking like a leaf."

"I had my .270, I set my sights, and all I remember is when I pulled the trigger I closed my eyes."

Resendez said he was so excited when he went to retrieve the deer that twice he walked within 10 yards of the buck. See **OUTDOORSMEN**, page 7



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August Floerke, left, bagged this 11-point buck in January of 1998 at the Kincaid Ranch near Eagle Pass.

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Above: Chris Resendez's memories of his first buck, which he harvested at the Estes Ranch near Briggs, remain vivid after nearly eight years.

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