

OVER THE PASS



"No, I like to stay home. I take some weekend trips, sometimes to Taos or Santa Fe. My last trip was to Denver for a weekend a few weeks ago."

- Donna Speer, retired social services director (Trinidad)



"We're going to Elephant Butte Lake for at least a week of camping and fishing. I'm usually busy at work but I get away a couple times a year for fishing, sometimes at Eagle Nest or Santa Rosa."

- Frank Menchaca, owner, Genuine Gutters, Raton (Trinidad)

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"Vacation or Staycation: Does this summer include a break for you?"

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"It does indeed. Our nephew is getting married in Rhode Island. We're driving there and making many stops along the way. We'll be gone three weeks, a whirlwind tour. We'll definitely stop in Pittsburgh because the Pirates are doing very well."

- Margaret Corone, "the happiest volunteer at the A.R. Mitchell Museum" (Trinidad)



"I can't take a vacation because of my business. I can't take extended periods of time off. My big vacation each year is Thanksgiving. We close for one extra day and I go visit family."

- Brian Moore, owner, Cunico Tire Co. (Raton)



"I'm taking a vacation, back to see my folks and my family in Pennsylvania this month when I can catch the Wayne County Fair. I left there in 1980 and go back to visit once a year, usually for two weeks."

- Mary Ann Herzog, housepainter and fire chief, Boncarbo, CO (Raton)



"We drove last month to Wisconsin where I was born and raised. I hadn't been there in about ten years. We visited old friends and went to Lambeau Field—I'm a big Packers fan. We drank Wisconsin beer and ate Wisconsin cheese."

- Mike Glasman, Springer Schools social studies teacher (Raton)

Local golfer qualifies for British Senior Amateur Championship

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ticket to Ireland was finish inside top 64 after match play. "I had an exemption that I had for two years or something like that, so I just had to finish inside the top 64. I was surprised at all the people. It was a worldwide thing. There were people there from Jordan, Istanbul, Timbuktu and all over the world, it was pretty neat."

The 11-time Trinidad Golf Association champion's "claim to fame" was qualifying for the U.S. Senior Open in 2005. He said he's tried to get in handful of times since, but hasn't been able to shoot a good enough score. "That's a one day qualifier and usually the lowest one or two scores go and the rest of us go home. It's hard to get in," he said.

Shultz has really no idea what to expect at Royal County Down. Although he's golfed some of the top courses in the world, this has been on his bucket list for a while. Aside from the weather, he said he's ready and excited for the challenge of playing on one of the top courses in the world. "The biggest factor is going to be the weather," said Shultz. "I mean, you're sitting on an island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, you don't know what to expect. But I'm excited to golf Royal County

Down. This golf course is ranked ahead of St. Andrew's in the world golf rankings, so this is as good as it gets. And I've had some friends golf that course and they said that if there's any course you want to golf on, this would be it."

The format of the British Open is a bit different from most traditional tournaments as golfers shoot three days with a cut at the second day, instead of four with the cut halfway through. More than 140 competitors play 36 holes on the Wednesday and Thursday with a cut coming after the end of the second day. The leading 60 players and ties will play a further 18 holes on the Friday.

Shultz is eager or the chance to go up against some of the best competition the world has to offer and the opportunity to play on one of the best courses in the world. He will be the first to tee off Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. "I got the earliest tee time. They want to get rid of me quick," he laughed. "I feel pretty good though. I'm just going to go out there and have fun. Anytime you're up against competition on those levels everybody's got game. You can play out here anytime, but it's not every day you play against guys who are that."



Brady Exner (USA), winner of the 2014 Seniors Open Amateur Championships poses with his trophy at Ganton Golf Club on August 8, 2014 in Scarborough, England.

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