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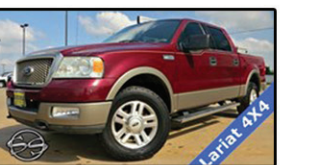
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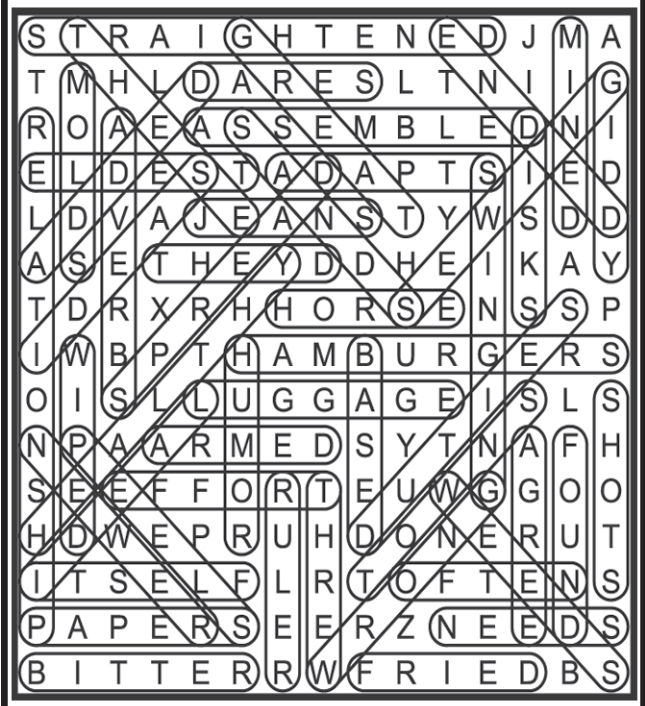
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Austin Steen of Crosbyton was a teenager when he parachuted into a barrage of German gunfire during World War Two. "We were shot at all the way down," says Austin. "We lost 65 percent of our division." Another enemy was the two feet of snow that covered the ground in 1945. Austin fought in the Battle of the Bulge, which had the highest casualties during the war. In March of this year, Bastogne, a city in Belgium where the battle was centered, staged a 70-year commemoration to honor veterans who fought there. Austin went over there with his two daughters and five grandchildren.

At the Frankfurt airport where the group landed, when the customs agent learned that Austin was a veteran of World War Two, he shook his hand and said, "Thank you for saving the world." That set the stage for the rest of the trip. Everywhere the group went they were treated with respect and appreciation. "We didn't go anywhere that he wasn't treated like a king," says Vicki Cole of Big Spring, Austin's daughter. "A lot of people in Belgium called him a rock star."

The group thought the 90-year old Austin would like to get some rest occasionally because he's usually in bed by 6 PM. "But he wore us out wanting to go to all the places he remembered," says Dusty Cornelius, Austin's grandson. "When we would go into a café the manager would come over and visit with us." On the wall of one restaurant there was a picture of Austin taken during his war years. A tree was planted in his honor. Vicki says the people in Belgium and Luxembourg are extremely appreciative of Americans. "Everywhere we went they would say 'thank you, America. You saved our life. You've given our children their freedom.'"

Austin signed more than a hundred autographs a day. Lots of people brought him military helmets or articles of clothing to sign. Some would shake his hand and cry. Austin and three other veterans went to an elementary school where the students asked questions and listened intently to the answers. Austin told how he could dig a foxhole 3 feet deep in just a few minutes.

The eight members of the group all wore matching shirts with "team granddad" printed on them. They created quite a spectacle during the 12-day trip. Austin brought home a bag of souvenirs that people gave him, which he keeps on display in his living room along with his two purple hearts and bronze stars.

Austin suffered frostbite and was in the hospital a month. "It makes your feet turn black," says Austin. "If they turn black all the way to the heel, they take your feet off. Mine just reached halfway and finally healed." When he entered the Army he chose to be a paratrooper because it doubled his pay from 50 to 100 dollars a month. His landing in Germany on March 24, 1945 was the largest airborne operation in the war. It involved 10,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945. A few months later, Austin was on a troop ship headed for Japan when he learned the war had ended.

Tumbleweed Smith has a curiosity that takes him to some of the most interesting people and places in Texas. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

At The Corral Gate



By Enola Gay

It always makes me smile when I find out that somebody gets noticed for good things they've done, especially if they have been previously "unsung". That's what has happened in Sulphur Springs this week! If you ever attended any of Mike Pribble's Fourth of July rodeos from the 1940's through the 1970's, this should make you smile too! And if you rode with him, I'd love to see your photo!



It's because of one man's passion that Sulphur Springs has an almost continuous link to Texas rodeo tradition. Though Mike Pribble passed from the scene many years ago, his local legacy is finally being publicly recognized for a new generation. That says something good about our community, the people who built this town, and their offspring who are working and raising families here now.

Mike Pribble was a stand-out all his life....college man, military man, family man and world-class trick roper and rider who used his skills to better his community. Mike was a horseback ambassador, as handsome as a movie star, a flashily-dressed talented promoter in the grand style, flying around the arena or skipping a big loop the length of the field, smiling for crowds and welcoming people with a handshake. However, something even more rare, a large handful of humility, made him stand out from other cowboy-clad stars of his era. Mike was not a self-promoter. In fact, he was sought by Will Rogers for a Hollywood career, but turned down attractive movie offers to stay right here at home with his wife Jewel and daughter Cathey, plan his annual rodeos and practice on Patches every day that he could. At the rodeos, Mike became the center of an orbit of capable friends who were eager to assist in the arena, ticket window and behind the scenes. He mentored an army of local youngsters, some mounted and some on foot, who became his "publicity staff" in the summer. And boy, did they promote "their" rodeo! Through circulation of posters and bumper stickers, by rodeo "caravans", parades and word of mouth, it was not unusual for more than 20,000 people to come to Sulphur Springs during a 4-5 day rodeo on the Fourth of July holiday. Even the Grand Entry was grand, sometimes lasting as long as 45 minutes, and Mike's astounding roping and riding tricks delighted audiences at every performance. No small town "out-did" Mike's rodeo on participation, and for four decades people flocked in for authentic rodeo action, professional entertainment and gracious home-town atmosphere. Although associated with RCA (Rodeo Cowboy Association) Mike always held an "open" show where card-carrying and non-card-carrying riders could perform. It's a good thing that recognition has finally come.



The historic era of Mike Pribble Fourth of July Rodeo ended in the 1970's and today, no sign of his stands and arena is left except in the memories of attendees, but it's influence remains. Around the end of the Pribble years, the CRA (Central Rodeo Association) was gaining momentum in this part of the United States and soon began to schedule rodeos in Sulphur Springs. In later years, CRA merged with TPRA (Texas Professional Rodeo Association) to become what is today's UPRA (United Professional Rodeo Association). Sulphur Springs, with it's rodeo legacy, has enjoyed a favorable relationship as home of the UPRA Finals for 30-plus years.



As we proudly observe our nation's birthday this Fourth of July, we can also take pride that local rodeo tradition can be traced to the courage and passion of one individual, Mike Pribble. Plan to view the large bronze memorial plaque dedicated to his memory, overlooking the grounds of his rodeo. It's located at the north entrance Equine Pavilion of the Hopkins County Civic Center.



Bronze Plaque Honoring Mike Pribble and His Rodeo



The historic era of Mike Pribble's Fourth of July Rodeo ended in the 1970s, it is so fitting that a bronze plaque in his honor was unveiled on Wednesday morning, July 1, 2015, to commemorate his dedication of the sport from 1940s to the 1970s.

The rodeo grounds were where the Hopkins County Equine Center is today so that is where the bronze plaque

Cathey Williams reading the plaque honoring her father, Mike Pribble.

Cathey Pribble Williams, his only child, and granddaughter Meredith Caddell were on hand to unveil the marker in his honor. About the time the Pribble Rodeos were ending, the Central Rodeo Association was developing in this part of the United States and soon began to schedule rodeos in Sulphur



Sulphur Springs and later merged with the Texas Professional Rodeo Association to become what is today's UPRA. Sulphur Springs has enjoyed a good relationship as home of the UPRA Finals for over 30 years.

Many friends attended the celebration in Mike Pribble's honor.

Cathey Williams standing with pictures of her father and his horse.

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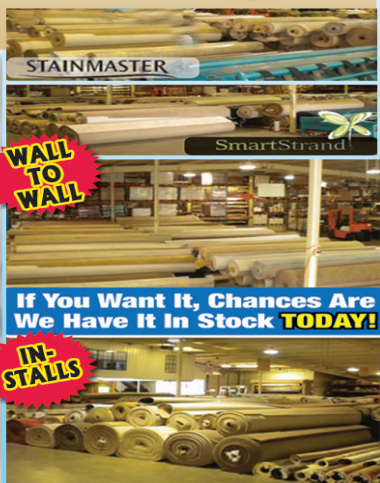
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Duane "Dog" Chapman

Dog The Bounty Hunter



Born in Denver Colorado on February 2, 1953, Duane Lee "Dog" Chapman is a bounty hunter and a former bail bondsman who is known for capturing Max Factor cosmetics company heir Andrew Luster, who was convicted for drugging and raping several women, in Mexico. This led to his enormous popularity and his reality TV series Dog the Bounty Hunter, which chronicles his job as a bounty hunter.



During Chapman's youth, he joined an outlaw motorcycle club called the Devils Diciples, and subsequently earned the nickname "Dog," which is "God" spelled backwards, due to his relationship with God. On the contrary, he got involved in some shady dealings, buying marijuana in particular, and got charged with murder and sentenced to prison for being an "accessory to the crime" when another gang member shot and killed a drug dealer. During his capture of Andrew Luster, Chapman was also charged by Mexican authorities for not handing Luster over to them, though the charges were eventually dropped.

Additionally, Chapman became the subject of controversy in 2007 after he used a racial slur while referring to his son's African American girlfriend during a taped conversation. This led to the cancellation of his reality series, though the show was eventually brought back on the air and continues production to this day.

Meanwhile, Chapman's personal life is just as colorful as his past. He first married LaFonda Sue Honeycutt in 1972 and had two children within the five-year marriage. After his divorce, he married Anne M. Tegnell and had four children within the three-year marriage. In 1982, he married Lyssa Rae Brittain Greene but the marriage ended in divorce after nine years. Their relationship, however, spawned three children. Chapman next tied the knot with Tawny Marie Chapman, whose marriage with Chapman lasted for 12 years. In 2006, Chapman married Beth Smith, who now has two children with him.

Duane "Dog" Chapman, reality star of the A&E show "Dog the Bounty Hunter" met with lawyers Oct. 26, 2007 in Honolulu. Chapman, who operates a bail bond business in Hawaii, styles himself a man once on the wrong side of the law who became a Christian family man, bail bondsman and bounty hunter who puts the bad guys away. His persona is larger-than-life and expressive, rough around the edges but golden at heart.

Chapman moved to Pampa, Texas, after he married his first wife, LaFonda Sue Honeycutt, in 1972. His time there, especially the hazy events of one crucial evening, set much of the stage for what came after.

"I'd like to say I became a man in Texas," Chapman said, "and always and forever carry that Texas star in my heart and always and forever I will make Texas proud."

While in Texas, officer Randy Stubblefield arrested Chapman. Stubblefield and another officer, Preston Bailey, waited in the alley behind Chapman's home at 501 Roberta St. as two officers approached the front door. Chapman barreled out the back door and Stubblefield tackled him. The other suspects, Ruben Garza, Cheryl Fisher and Kuykendall, were arrested the same day.

During the trial, Kuykendall testified the shooting was accidental and occurred while he and Oliver struggled.

Judge Grainger McIlhaney handed Kuykendall a 10-year sentence. Garza was given a 10-year probated sentence. Fisher pleaded guilty and was a witness for the state. She received eight years probation.

Chapman, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to five years in prison. He began serving his time on Aug. 18, 1977 and was paroled Jan. 31, 1979. His parole was terminated on December 20, 1980.

Stubblefield, who later was elected Gray County Sheriff, heard from Chapman in the 1990s.

"One day when I was sheriff, I got a phone call and it was Chapman," Stubblefield said. "(He) told me he was doing the bounty hunter work, and he was gonna do a story about his life and he wanted to come to the old Gray County jail where he was incarcerated so he could get some get some pictures.

"I told him we had built a new jail and the old jail (was) abandoned and had been scrapped out. So he never did come to Pampa."

Harold Comer, the former district attorney who prosecuted the group, recalled Chapman as "just a skinny kid." Charged with murder Chapman was involved in the Sept. 15, 1976, homicide of alleged pimp and drug dealer Jerry Oliver in Pampa. Chapman, 23 at the time, and three others were charged with acting together to kill Oliver.

Court records indicate the quartet went to Oliver's house because they heard he had marijuana. But an argument broke out and Donald Wayne Kuykendall, wielding a sawed-off shotgun, shot Oliver.

Comer said Chapman was "kind of a self-centered young man" and active in his defense. The late Bill Kolius of Amarillo defended him.

Comer said the four's motive for attacking Oliver was inconsequential.

"I can just see them sitting in that car, and I think it started when Garza said I'm gonna kill him," Comer said. "I call it a melody of murder. They just orchestrated this out of this ego and machoism.

Charlie Love retired from the Pampa Police Department in 2001 and currently works for the Roberts County Sheriff's Office. He was one of the first officers to arrive after Oliver was shot at his 1072 Prairie Drive home. Love took Oliver's dying statement as he lay bleeding inside the modest one-story home. Oliver gave Love names. Officers pieced together the rest.

"I was very ashamed of what happened in Pampa, Texas, and he (Comer) was a very decent guy," Chapman said. "I wanted to call before he left office and say I wasn't all rotten to the core."

Most of the people Chapman knew in Pampa have died, he said. He mostly kept in touch with the late Sheriff Rufe Jordan.

"I know it sounds strange to say, he was like a stepfather to me," Chapman said.

In fact, he said, Comer and Jordan told him that he could do something better with his life.

Quotes; "I owe the rest of the people, whether they're black or not in America, an apology, because people looked up to me. I've learned a lesson. All my lessons I've learned in my life have been the hard way, or I guess I wouldn't learn them. This is one of the hardest lessons I've ever learned in my life, even facing death." (Interview with Fox News)

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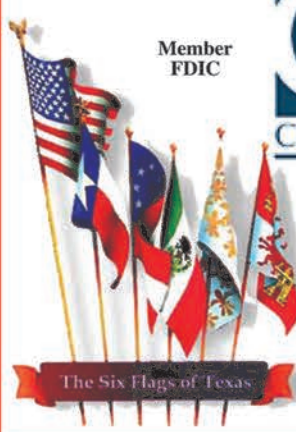
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Jo Ann Prince



Funeral Services for Jo Ann Prince will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015 with Pastor Gary Thompson officiating. Jo Ann passed away on Monday, June 29, 2015 at her residence. She was born October 1, 1938 to Homer and Pearl Ferrell of the Peerless Community.

Funeral services will be held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Posey Cemetery with Kevin Keen, Justin Keen, Bryan Prince, Blake Prince, Blake Peavy and Sam Tatum serving as pallbearers.

Jo Ann graduated from North Hopkins High School as Salutatorian of her class and was an "All State Guard" for the North Hopkins basketball team "The Panthers" in 1956. After graduation, she went to Dallas and worked for Southwestern Bell approximately a year before she and her husband moved back to Commerce. She worked for Montgomery Ward store in Greenville for several years and was affiliated with the Beckham Baptist Church.

She and Calvin moved to the Rockwall area in the late 50's and in 1968, she began her banking career. After thirty-two years of banking in the Garland, Bank Texas S.S., she then worked at Sulphur Springs State Bank, which later was Alliance Bank. While working at Alliance Bank, she worked in a number of departments and when she retired on December 15, 2000, she was a Loan Review Officer. Jo Ann loved working in her yard, reading and was a cancer patient and had stem cell transplant on October 30, 2009.

Jo Ann is survived by grandsons, Bryan Prince of Sulphur Springs and Blake Prince of Garland; granddaughter, Amy Prince of Sulphur Springs; great-grandchildren, Alyssa Alexander and Isaac Alexander, both of Sulphur Springs; two sisters, Della Wright of Sulphur Springs and Patsy Jane Patridge of Pickton; brother, Ray Ferrell of Sulphur Springs; two sister-in-laws; one brother-in-law, "adopted" daughter, Sharon Moore, best friend, Linda Tatum and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Robert Gerry Prince and Calvin DeWayne Prince; one brother, Sedell "Red" Ferrell and one sister, Katherine Hooten.

She loved visiting with her family and working and campaigning for Democrats!!!!!!

Memorials can be made to the Posey Cemetery Association in care of Johny Ferrell at 6761 CR 4760, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Vivian Lanell Shell

A funeral service for Vivian Lanell Shell, age 83, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2015 with Rev. Steve Cook officiating. Interment followed at Arbala Cemetery, with Jeff Mannis, Nate Rowland, Kelly Robbins, Mike Clem, Marvin Jimenez and Michael Pennington serving as Pallbearers.

Visitation was from 6 to 8 PM Sunday at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home

Vivian Shell passed away Friday, June 26, 2015 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab.

She was born in Sayre, Oklahoma on December 3, 1931, the daughter of Clusta Winfred Gammill and Ollie May Payne Gammill. She married Billy Frank Shell on February 4, 1961 in Greenville. She was formerly office manager for Texas Employment Commission and a member of Wesley United Methodist Church. She was a US Army veteran serving in the WAC's during the Korean war.

Survivors include: husband, Billy Frank Shell of Sulphur Springs; son, Sanford Shell and wife, Abby; daughters, Brooke Pennington and Denise Pennington, both of Sulphur Springs; brother, Sanford Gammill of Como; sister, Ruby Watts of Sulphur Springs; Grandsons, Ryan Pennington and Dawson McLaughlin, both of Sulphur Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Thomas Gammill and Lewis Gammill; and sisters, Lena Goodson and Fannie Stranglin.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Johnathon Nava

Private services for Johnathon Nava, age 30 of Sulphur Springs will be held at a later date.

Johnathon passed away Friday, June 26, 2015, at his residence



Elizabeth Ann Sewell

Funeral services for Elizabeth Ann Sewell, age 78, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fred Lewis and Rev. Mark Bryant officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Archie Wills, Dakota Byker, Ronald Wills, Chris Thompson, Patrick Mockler and Curtis Thompson serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., one hour prior to service time.

Mrs. Sewell passed away Thursday, June 25, 2015 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

She was born on January 8, 1937 in Hopkins County the daughter of George and Bettie Thompson. She married Lynn Dale Sewell on December 21, 1955 in Sulphur Springs. He preceded her in death on March 3, 2014. Mrs. Sewell was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Norman and Patricia Douglas of Arlington, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

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Lino Cruz

Funeral service for Lino Cruz, age 57 of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2015 at St. James Catholic Church, with Father Mani Mathai officiating. Interment followed at Richland Cemetery with Juventino Govea, Jose Cruz, Hugo Juarez, Pablo Juarez, Carmelo Ortega, Gabriel Lozano and Harland Hammond serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Lino passed away Monday, June 22, 2015 at Baylor Health Care in Plano, TX.

Lino was born September 23, 1957, in Guanajuato, Mexico the son of Jose Cruz and Ana Alvarez Cruz. He married Cecilia Gutierrez on January 5, 2001 in Mexico. She survives. Lino worked in maintenance for Hammond Mobile Homes for 45 years and was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

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Commentary by Don Newbury

Predicting my Uncle Mort will ever succeed with his zany, "off-the-wall" ideas is the rough equivalent to believing that one day, Wile E. Coyote will outsmart the roadrunner. It's not going to happen even in dreams--wildest or tamest.

On the cusp of his 103rd birthday--one he observes on Independence Day--he phoned feverishly, hoping I'd have a "straight line" to Southwest Airlines. "You know--the kind of line a big bass stretches tight trying to get rid of a lure."

He claimed he had few hours until unveiling his latest project at his birthday party in the thicket. "Don't bring a present, but be sure to bring your handgun and iPhone," he advised.....

I didn't tell him the only gun I own is a gag gift that has a yellow flag with "BANG!" written thereon, falling limply from the barrel's end when triggered. Or that I've drawn the line on the new cell phones, doggedly clinging to my old flip-top. (Further, I want to learn a few more of its features before my bucket list is replaced by my bucket kick.)

Excitedly, he told me how he could "help out" Southwest--the airline that lightened its load and saved \$100 grand annually with elimination of lemon wedges served with drinks until five years ago. Now, it is making charitable use of leather taken from 80,000 plane seats--some 500 planes--donating the 43 acres of leather to non-profit and social enterprise

organizations for conversion to handbags, soccer balls and such.

"I didn't plan it that way, but I've managed to remain 'non-profit' my entire life," Mort joked. He wanted to see if SWA has any remnants left; he's "heck-bent" for leather needed to make his "six-in-one" handgun holsters....

"It's a 'one-size-fits all' concept," he said. "It has side pockets where cell phones of all sizes slide right in. Another pocket holds fingernail and toenail clippers. Still another has fold-out mesquite limbs with iPhone attachment for making 'selfies'." As usual, I made the mistake of offering a correction. "If my count is correct, that's a 'five-in-one' item."

"I plumb forgot," he explained. "I'm going to use mesquite limbs with mistletoe on 'em; that should pump up pre-Christmas sales. I'm gonna give AT&T a shot at 'em first; they're always looking for other things to sell..."

As he droned on--he does so easily without a plane--it dawned on me why guests were asked to bring their handguns and cellphones.

"When we serve ice cream, cake and punch, they won't know what to do with their side arms and phones," he said. "That's when I'll roll out the sales pitch urging them to be the first to own six-in-one handgun holsters," he laughed.

He claims they'll never become obsolete, but forever practical, since size/shape changes in iPhones

will still fit in the spacious pocket....

Mort hopes to "makes good" on a seventh feature that might be worth touting.

He's working on a toggle switch with dual use--turned one way, it silences the gun, and the other, the phone.

"If I can figure out how to attach it, I'll throw it in at no extra charge," Mort promised.

Somewhere in the background, Aunt Maude--a few months short of her 103rd birthday--shakes her head. Whatever keeps him busy without harming himself or others is OK, she always claims.

She's been at his side for more than 80 years, watching his "inventions" fail--one after the other. "I've seen so many 'plosions'," she said. "Plosions?" I questioned.

"Yep, both implosions and explosions," she cackled, comparing his enthusiasm to an "Amway salesman on steroids"....

Maude claimed to be ready for the party, the giant cake still warm from the oven. She's going to serve Blue Bell ice cream she's been saving, and lemonade won't take long to prepare.

"I've still got to paint a sign Mort wants nailed on the gate," she said.

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Photo courtesy of Michelle Blackmon.

Blackmon led the tournament after the first and second rounds.

He recently qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship to be held July 20-22 at the Colleton River Plantation Club in Bluffton, S.C. He is playing this week at The Bluffs Golf Resort in St. Francisville, La. He has experienced long rain delays the past two days.

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