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Community News

THE HOBBS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION is seeking sponsors for teams. In the fall, the association had 1,600 registered players and 184 teams but only 59 sponsors. A spring team sponsorship is \$200. The fee provides a uniform for each player. The association has girls and boys teams ages three through 15 years old. For questions and more information, call 390-8216.

IHOP RESTAURANTS nationwide again this year will offer guests a free short stack of its famous buttermilk pancakes on National Pancake Day in an effort to raise awareness and funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other local charities. The event will be today from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. For every short stack of buttermilk pancakes served on National Pancake Day, IHOP guests are invited to make a voluntary donation to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. IHOP hopes to raise \$2.7 million this year, with a goal to bring the total amount of funds raised to more than \$10 million.

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Pamela Ross: 'Big momma told me, 'Keep your head on straight, treat people right and you will be OK.' 'Prepare yourself to compete'

BY BUCK VANDERMEER FOR THE NEWS-SUN



Ross

her career and the significance of

Pamela Ross of Hobbs is happy to be home. Over the course of her life she has been a radio personality, an environmentalist, and a preservationist of black history.

Last week she talked to the News-Sun about her life, her career and the significance of

Black History Month.

Pamela was born in Hobbs in the early sixties. She was fostered by her grand parents Robert and Addie Evans and attended Booker T. Washington Elementary school.

"I don't think any child could have been raised in a more loving home," she said. "My grandparents brought me up in the Church of Christ. Addie, my big momma, was a gifted and devout Christian woman. She taught me what I needed to know, not only to survive, but also to succeed in the world."



Ross moved to Fort Worth, Texas where she graduated cum laude at the age of sixteen from high school. She attended the University of Texas Arlington studying Business Administration before taking a job with Mitsubishi in Los Angeles. There, a chance meeting with singer

Stevie Wonder changed the direction of her life.

"I met Stevie at a social event," she remembered. "He owned a radio station and offered me an opportunity to work for him. He said he was intrigued by the sound of my voice. I took a job in his public relations department and eventually became an on air radio personality.

"Working in talk radio was very rewarding," she continued. "Being in the media is to be an eye witness to history. I always considered it was my

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KIMBERLY RYAN/NEWS-SUN

Zia masks

Tyler Welch, Cameron Kuykendall, Mohammed Sherif and Kaydee Tipton show off Zia masks that they painted to reflect New Mexico's centennial. New Mexico entered its 100th year of statehood on Jan. 6. The state has planned events in every county to celebrate the occasion.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidate David Trujillo

Age: 44
Hometown: Lovington, born and raised
Education: Lovington High, New Mexico Military Institute and Eastern New Mexico University



Trujillo

Family: Two wonderful children: Priscilla, 13, and David, 11

How would you attract more housing to Lovington?

By promoting a buy-in concept of tax incentives and help-

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Lovington Commission District 1

Q&A

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following responses were submitted by candidates for offices in the March 6 municipal elections. David Trujillo and Maria Estella Garcia are candidates for Lovington's District 1 seat, a four-year term. The seat is currently held by Trujillo, who has served eight years on the Lovington City Commission.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidate Estella Garcia

Age: 54
Hometown: Lovington
Education: Graduated in 1976 from Lovington High School.

Family: Married for 35 years to Gabriel Garcia Sr., who is employed by Chevron USA. One adult son, Gabriel Garcia Jr.



Garcia

How would you attract more housing to Lovington?

Lovington is currently facing a severe housing shortage, similar to that found

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Elmo is coming to Lea County

BETH HAHN NEWS-SUN
Elmo is coming to the Lea County Event Center.

The Sesame Street production of "Elmo Hears the Music" will have two shows at the Lea County Event Center on April 17.

Event Center director Frank Bradshaw said the county is testing how family-oriented productions fare.

If Elmo does well, more family shows such as Disney on Ice could be headed to Lea County, he said.

"Disney on Ice is really watching how Elmo does," he told the Lea County Commission earlier this week.

Bradshaw said the remainder of 2012 is not confirmed, but some of the possible acts include Dierks Bentley, Larry the Cable Guy, Montgomery Gentry on July Fourth and Amy Grant and Vince Gill in December.

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Hobbsan killed in West County Road accident

ALMA OLIVAS-POSADAS NEWS-SUN

A Hobbs man lost his life in a three vehicle crash in west Hobbs Saturday morning.

According to police reports, Lorenzo Ramirez, 54, of Hobbs was traveling south bound on West County Road in a red Dodge pickup approaching Bender and Justin Davis, 24, of Monument was traveling north bound in a white Ford pickup on North West County Road also approaching Bender when Joe Cleveland, 79, of Hobbs was traveling west bound on Bender approaching West County Road in a silver Lincoln car.

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