

Community

Caraway woman works to serve community

By REVIS BLAYLOCK

NEA Town Courier

Monica Jeffers moved to Caraway from Paragould six years ago and it did not take long for her to become an active part of the community.

"I liked Caraway right from the start," she said.

Moving to a smaller, rural town, it could have been easy for Jeffers to complain about having nothing to do. She looked around and started to make things happen.

Thanks to Jeffers and other volunteers, a family dance is held every Thursday night at the Caraway Community Center. The dance is held from 7-9:30 p.m. Before the dance, a meal is served from 5:30 - 7.

There is no charge for the meal, it is provided through donations.

"We take the donations and put it back into the meals and other activities," she said. "I could not do all of this myself. Several volunteers help."

The local band, Gary and the Country Travelers, rent the community center and they do charge a small fee which goes for their expenses.

In addition to the Thursday night events, free sack lunches are distributed throughout the community every Friday. They distribute 50 to 70 sack lunches each week.

"I have two local volunteers who deliver the lunches on golf carts or people can stop by the Community Center and pick up a sack lunch. A table is set up in front of

Arts Council of Mississippi County -

Duo Strazzullo concert presented

The Arts Council of Mississippi County will present the Duo Strazzullo Piano and Violin Concert on Friday, July 29.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall on the Arkansas Northeastern College Blytheville campus.

The concert is a piano and violin duet featuring a brother and sister, violinist Giugiana Strazzullo and pianist Gianluca Strazzullo.

Giugiana Strazzullo graduated from the "Domenico Cimarosa" Conservatory of Avellino, Italy, in 2009. She continued specialized studies at W. Stauffer Academy, the ProQuartet Academy, Jeunesses Musical Deutschland in Germany, Accademia Pianistica Internazionale, and at the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole in Florence, Italy where she was awarded the prestigious scholarship, "Alimondo Ciampi."

Giugiana Strazzullo founded the Mitja String Quartet in 2008, and this group continues to be in

high demand throughout Italy as a solo quartet, as well as performing with several orchestras and ensembles. She has performed in many music festivals throughout Italy and performs regularly alongside internationally renowned artists such as Giovanni Sollima, Robert Lehrbaumer, and Philippe Berrod.

In 2011, the American director Francis Ford Coppola selected the Quartet for a concert in his estate at Palazzo Margherita in Bernalda. In 2016, she won the Rotary Club International EMF Young Musi-

cian Award and 1st prize at the "Jacopo Napoli" European Competition. She teaches at the "Giuseppe Verdi" Academy of Naples, and she founded the "A Magico" teaching method. In 2015, she currently plays a Postiglione Violin kindly granted by the Piero Farulli Association.

Gianluca Strazzullo, has earned awards throughout Italy and much of Europe as an outstanding pianist. He has studied at Arkansas State University for a masters of music in piano pedagogy and performance, and has been awarded his doctorate in piano performance and conducting from The University of Memphis. Numerous concert appearances include solo and chamber works in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy and North America. Dr. Strazzullo serves on faculty at ANC as director of choral activities and serves as pianist/organist for First United Methodist and St. Stephen Episcopal churches in Blytheville.

The concert will be followed by a "Meet the Artists" reception open to all attendees.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free with an adult. There are discounted pricing available for ANC students or employees as long as they show their identification.

Tickets are \$17 and may be purchased at <https://www.tickettor.com/arkcsp>. For more information call (870) 275-0642 or Kennedy at (870) 623-8780.

Kennedy Baker is the director with Sarah Poe, assistant director. Other members of the produc-



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the building for pickup.

A once a month meal on the last Thursday of each month is served at the community center. A warm meal is served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and it is open to the public.

Guests can dine in or take out. It has been very successful. Again, this is done by donations only and all of the proceeds go back into the community.

Jeffers was the senior citizen site director at the community center facility until her health forced her to give up that position.

She realized the building which is owned by the City of Caraway was being utilized through the lunch hour but it was unused in

the evenings. The idea for evening events was born.

They were having bingo on a regular basis but due to the weather, it was postponed and will start up again in September.

Jeffers also takes care of the building rental for the Community Center. It is available for \$50 for private parties and reunions. It has a full kitchen and a good parking area. For more information on renting the building or community activities, contact Jeffers at (870) 497-0151.

"I wish more people from Caraway would come out on Thursday nights," Jeffers said. "It is a family oriented event for all ages."



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She commends the city support for the activities.

"Our mayor, people from the housing and churches volunteer," she said. "As I said before, I could not do all of this on my own."

She has also started a food pantry at the community center and if anyone has a need, they may contact her for assistance.

She is married to Gary Jeffers, a longtime native of Caraway. She works part-time at Caraway Housing.

She was surprised recently to receive an award from Hud. She was presented the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Peggy Thornton Phridays Award of Excellence for her devoted and invaluable service to the Caraway Housing Authority.

Jeffers said she loves working with the residents and the community.

LEGALS

In the Circuit Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Kisman,
Deceased 47BPR-22-109

Name of the Decedent Margaret Kisman

Last Known address 225 Southard, Gosnell, AR 72315

Date of Death Aug 6, 2021

On July 8, 2021 an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributes was filed with respect to the estate of Margaret Kisman, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, under ARK. Code Ann. § 28-41-101.

All persons having claims against the estate are required to exhibit the, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is:

Gena Staples, 225 Southard Circle, Gosnell, AR 72315
870-740-9065

This notice is first published on the 13 day of July, 2022.



INVITATION FOR BID

The Government of Mississippi County, Arkansas is accepting bids to construct an asphalt overlay onto North County Road 69 at a location in Big Lake Township, Range 14N SE, Section 4. All potholes must be filled before the 2-inch, 5,200-foot long, 18-foot wide overlay is performed.

Bid opening will be Friday, July 22, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the County Judge's Office located at 822 W. Plantation Road, Burdette, AR 72321. 870-763-3212 **SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022.** Mississippi County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS CHICKASAWBA DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ROGER STEVEN WEST, Deceased

No. 47BPR-22-105

TAMBERLY M'LISS WEST
A/K/A TAMMY COPLEY WEST

Petitioner

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FILING OF CLAIMS

Last known address of decedent: 615 N. Estate Drive, Blytheville,
AR 72315


Date of Death: December 13, 2021

An instrument dated the 20th day of January, 1988, was on the 7th day of July, 2022, admitted to probate as the last will of the above named decedent and the undersigned has been appointed personal representative thereunder. A contest of the probate of the will can be brought only by filing a petition within the time provided by law.

All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.

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