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## White has solo on new CD

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About a year ago, Judy White, the music, choir and business director at St. Peter Catholic Church, received a letter from a producer searching for church soloists who would perform love songs.

When she showed the letter to church parishioners, no one appeared to be interested.

So, she signed up herself and mailed a sample CD recording of a love song.

To her surprise, she received a check and a recording contract a couple of months later from Kent Jones Productions of Edmond.

She drove to Edmond and recorded, "The Best Thing that Ever Happened to Me," formerly performed by Gladys Knight and the Pips, and is now one of 14 soloists on a newly released CD titled, "Oklahoma Love Journey."

"It was kind of cool," White said of her recording experience, noting she also provided the piano music that accompanied her solo, along with a strings and flute rendition.

"The recording took only about two and a half hours to do. The CD came out last week," she said.

The two-hour, two-set CD consists of a set of love songs and interviews with each of the recording artists, all church soloists in Oklahoma.

During her interview on the CD, White's tells a warm story of her family and passing on her gifts.

Her musical talent is "one of the best things that ever happened to her," she said.

White said she loves the opportunity to perform with fellow musicians and share with her community.

But the song, "The Best Thing that Ever Happened to Me," describes most how she feels about her husband and her family, she said.

"It speaks about everything that's dear and good in my life," she said.

Producer Kent Jones praised White in a news release about the newly released CD.

"With singers like Judy," Jones said, "this album became a journey through the music and love in Oklahoma. Much more than music, it captures (the) emotions for hours."

White, 49, has been singing and playing the piano since childhood.

"I feel like I was given this gift to sing and to touch peoples lives in some way, whether it be through their faith" or something else, she said.

She has performed at events throughout Woodward and is active in OnStage Woodward. She also arranged and directed music for Woodward's 100-member Centennial Choir.

This latest CD can be purchased at A Touch of Home for about \$22 with tax, she said.



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