

# Alexandria Senior Center receives funding

## Emergency Food and Shelter Program provides assistance for eligible citizens

Alexandria Senior Center Director, Sandy Brown, has announced the receipt of funding for DeKalb County residents through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP).

Program funds are used to provide food, in the form of served meals or groceries, lodging in a mass shelter or hotel, one month's rent or mortgage payment, and/or one month's utility bill.

The original authorizing legislation, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), signed into law on July 24, 1987, specifies "sensitivity to the transition from temporary shel-

ter to permanent homes and attention to the specialized needs of homeless individuals with mental and physical disabilities and illness and to facilitate access for homeless individuals to other sources of services and benefits."

Also in accordance with the legislation, the EFSP National Board encourages Local Boards, the decision-making local bodies, to place special

emphasis on identification of, and assistance to, the elderly, families with children, Native Americans and Veterans.

For more information, or to apply for assistance, call the Alexandria Senior Center Director, Sandy Brown, at 615-529-2928.

If you know of someone who might benefit from this program, please call. Referrals are always welcome.

### TEACHER RAISES

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While sympathetic to the teachers' plight, members of the board were concerned about where the money would come from. Committee members Jerry Adcock figured that meeting the school board's request would prompt an increase of 37 cents in the property tax levy. In addition to teacher raises the school system is asking for \$215,000 is needed for new textbooks, each averaging \$150. The schools are also requesting new Chromebooks for third through fifth grades at a cost of \$240,000.

While asking the county to help in any way it can, Cripps admitted the state of Tennessee is doing its schools no favors by requiring more and more things of the financially-strapped systems.

"Unfunded mandates are killing small towns like us," Cripps to the committee. "There's millions going to testing that could be used to fund employees."

No decisions were made during the committee meeting. The next budget meeting will be May 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

### OBITUARIES

#### Grace Ike Womack Parker, 96

Grace Ike Womack Parker, 96, of Sparta, formerly of Dibrell, passed away Tuesday, May 22 at Life Care Center of Sparta.

She was born April 23, 1922 in McMinnville to the late William Amos and George Annie Saunders Parker.

She had a work career that spanned from farm work to shirt factory worker and retirement from John Oster. In addition to her work she was a homemaker, having biscuits on the table every morning before school and work. She was a member of Oak Grove Church of Christ in Warren County and most recently faithfully attended worship service at Life Care every Sunday morning.

In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband Ralph Parker; daughter, Mary Ann Kaylor; son Paul Parker; brother, Grey Womack.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Allison and husband Ronald; grandchildren, Sylvania (Robert) Oakes, Amanda (Todd) Hudson, Jennifer (Erik) Peterson, Suzanne (Jason) Frakes, Brad Parker, and Jeremy (Emily) Parker; 11 great-grandchildren; and niece, Wanda Scott.

A graveside service was held Thursday, May 24 at Whorton Springs Cemetery in Smithville. Roy Whited officiated. Gary Newby, David Sneed, Rayburn Pedigo, Eddie Kirby, Carlton Jones and Jerry Hildreth served as pallbearers.

Hunter Funeral Home of Sparta was in charge of the arrangements.

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#### Catherine Deloris Newby, 74

Catherine Deloris Newby, 74, of Smithville passed away Monday, May 21 at NHC Healthcare in Smithville.

She was a life-long resident and public servant of DeKalb County. Newby was retired from the DeKalb County Clerk's Office and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, May 23 at DeKalb Memorial Gardens. Donnie Kelly officiated.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Linnie Reeder Summers; son, Dennis Ellis; and two brothers, Junior Summers and Lairey Summers.

Survivors include a son, Shannon Newby of Smithville; granddaughters, Natasha and David Miller, Brandy Newby, and Shelley Newby all of Smithville; sisters, Helen and David Fox of Smithville and Diane and Ricky Taylor of Murfreesboro; great grandchildren, Autumn Reinhart and Steven Miller of Smithville. Several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews also survive. Serving as pallbearers were David Miller, Ronald Summers, Ricky Taylor and Steve Ward.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home, Smithville, was in charge of the arrangements.

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