

# Samson Senior Center Gets Facelift



The city of Samson received \$300,000 from the Alabama Department of Economic Affairs Community Development Block Grant program to renovate the Samson Senior Center. The City contributed \$225,126 in local funds to the project. The Samson senior adults had to vacate the facility that housed the program for many years due to foundation problems, rotten floor joists and subfloors and mold contamination. The Senior Adult program relocated to the Samson Library and were able to utilize grant and local dollars to renovate the library to also serve as the Samson Senior Center. The project included the addition of a handicapped accessible restrooms, handicapped accessible ramp, new flooring, parking lot, kitchen renovation, and plumbing and electrical. After COVID, so many of our senior centers have suffered with membership decline and without these much needed CDBG funds, the city of Samson was in danger of losing its senior program. The Samson senior program provides an array of recreational and social programs including, crafting classes, computer access, bingo and field trips. In addition, the senior program serves 50 meals each day, which includes homebound members. SEARP&DC CED staff provided the grant and project administrative services.