Mt. Juliet city commission approves Project Sam

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor
The Mt. Juliet City Commission unanimously approved the proposed development known as “Project Sam” at a meeting Monday night.

Project Sam proposes a 5-story, 3.6 million-square-foot warehouse and office facility on approximately 80 acres at the corner of Golden Bear Gateway and East Division Street. The office space will utilize 80,000 square feet of the facility with the remaining space reserved for the warehouse.

Project Sam is more than double the square footage of the largest industrial building in Tennessee, Nissan Integrated Logistics Center in Smyrna, according to Nashville Business Journal. The nearby Under Armour, located on Athlete’s Way in Mt. Juliet, ranks second on the list, coming in at nearly 1.1 million square feet.

In the Sept. 23 meeting, the project passed first reading with amendments made by the commission. Previous amendments to Zoning Ordinance 19-171 were made by the commission. The project will move forward in the second reading phase.

Wilson Co. names new Veterans Service Officer

ZaBrina Seay was recently hired as the newest Veterans Service Officer for Wilson County. She assumed her duties on Oct. 16.

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Circuit Judge Wootten announces retirement

Judge John Wootten, Jr., who has served the Fifteenth Judicial District encompassing Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson counties as a circuit judge since 1998, announced that he will retire effective Jan. 1, 2020.

“I have notified Governor Bill Lee of my decision to retire in order for him to initiate the selection process to name a successor judge until the August 2020 election,” said Judge Wootten.

In a prepared statement, the Judge said: “Public office has been described as a public trust. It truly is a rare gift from the citizens to serve in public office.”

Judge Wootten was first elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2006 and 2014.
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Granville to kick off Christmas season with fashion show

Staff Reports

Christmas 2019 will arrive in Historic Granville on Nov. 8-9 with the Sparkle and Sass Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Granville Event Center.

There will be a full day of holiday enjoyment for ladies with shopping, fashion show, entertainment by Golden Girls, Christmas luncheon, grand opening of Festival of Trees, Historic Home Tours “It’s a Wonderful Time of the Year,” Antique Toy Show and Christmas Characters on Parade.

Tickets are now on sale for $20, which includes a lunch of holiday chicken casserole, frozen fruit salad, brown sugar/bacon green beans, croissant, dessert bar, tea, fruit tea, coffee, samples of holiday treats created from products on sale. Ticket price also includes a Ladies Fashion Show of the latest winter fashion by Granville Gift Shop, a Sutton Store Players presentation of the very sassy Golden Girls, and free admission to the Sutton Homestead Historic Christmas Home Tour.

Reservations can be made by calling 931-653-4151.

The event will occur each day at 11:00 a.m. with shopping from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each person will receive discount coupons to Granville Gift Shop, Southern Shops of Granville and Sutton General Store.

The luncheon will be held at Granville Event Center and each day is limited to 120 people for Fashion Show and Luncheon. The event benefits Sutton Homestead Historic Home and Sutton General Store.

Golden Girls to perform at Sparkle and Sass Fashion Show and Luncheon. | Photo submitted

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Lions Club annual fresh pecan sale set to begin

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club’s annual nut sale fundraiser is scheduled to begin early next week. The main attraction of the sale is fresh crop Georgia pecans that have just been harvested. A call to the pecan company confirmed that the new crop is still being shelled and packed, but shipping is expected to begin Monday.

Halves and pieces will be available in multiple locations, as businesses in the Mt. Juliet area have teamed with the Lions to display the nuts at their locations as a convenience to patrons.

“We are expecting our shipment soon after this article is published,” said Lion Ken Thomas, president of the local club. “Delivery of 2,712 pounds of product is expected as soon as cooler temperatures allow shipping of the chocolate products.”

When signs advertising the placement of nuts start appearing, barring extremely inclement weather, the Lions will have a full variety of products on weekends. They will be in front of the Lowes store just off Mt. Juliet Road. The Lions urge people to show up early to guarantee availability of the best selection, because some flavors will sell out early in the season. Mt. Juliet Lions are selling their pecans for less than their suppliers sell to internet customers. There are no shipping costs and no waiting for them.

All the bags this year will be a full 16 ounces for greatest value. Fresh mammoth pecan halves as well as fresh medium or small pieces are available. Pecan treats include roasted/salted, honey roasted, pralines, cinnamon, amaretto chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, and white chocolate covered. Other nuts include almonds, cashews, pistachios, walnuts, and mixed nuts. Chocolate covered almonds, cashews, raisins, and double-dipped peanuts will also be available at Lowes until they are sold out.

Lion Terry Voyles has been arranging locations where nuts will be sold. Lion Larry Capps will have products at his Barber Shop. They will also be available at Mt. Juliet City Hall, Aqua Bella, Barking Lot, Calabria Pizza, Capella’s, CedarStone Bank, City Limits Barber Shop, Corky Cross Insurance, Cory Jackson (MJ Family Dental), Courtney’s Restaurant, First Freedom Banks (Providence and Lebanon Road), Gourmet Donuts, Masters Barber College, Pharma-Care, Second Time Around Consignment, Sloan Miles Beauty Shop, South Beach, Stylermasters, U.S. Community Credit Union (MJ and Donelson), Wilson Bank on North Mt. Juliet Road, Hunter Insurance, Mt. Juliet Tae Kwon Do (two locations), and possibly more.

The funds raised help the local Lions to provide glasses and hearing aids for qualified needy residents, assist with Leader Dog training for service dogs, participate in international efforts to eradicate childhood measles and cancer, assist in diabetes awareness programs, disaster relief, and support of Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Service which provides surgeries at Vanderbilt.

During recent months, the Mt. Juliet Lions’ Kidsight program has screened around 1,000 children with a special camera which can detect early problems in children’s eyes.

Tennessee Lions work together to fund eye surgeries, especially for children, at the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Hospital.

See PECANS, PAGE 10.
Mt. Juliet dominated their Senior Night game against Station Camp last week. After honoring all the seniors on the team, they went out and won the game against Station Camp with a final score of 42-7.

In the first quarter, Station Camp received two penalties back to back. Then Tayshaun Thompson made a touchdown for the Golden Bears, followed by Tyler Johnson who made the extra point. Station Camp had another two penalties while still not scoring any touchdowns.

The Golden Bears then went in for another touchdown made by Brice Messenger, however it was penalized at the end. However, that didn’t stop the Golden Bears, and they made another touchdown by Malik Bowen with Johnson making another PAT.

In the second quarter, Mt. Juliet got a touchdown by Devin Palmer and an extra point. Later, Mt. Juliet got another 7 points after a touchdown from Mason Briggs. Mt. Juliet and Station Camp received two penalties.

In the third quarter, Mt. Juliet earned two penalties while Station Camp earned one. By the end of the quarter, Mt. Juliet made another 7 points, giving them a huge lead of 35-0.

In the fourth quarter, Mt. Juliet made another touchdown and good PAT. They also earned one penalty later on in the quarter. Station Camp finally got some points on the board after a touchdown and good PAT. This ended the game with a big win for Mt. Juliet, 42-7.

The game was played well by Mt. Juliet and they came back from a loss from their last game against Oak Ridge. The boys practiced harder and watched their film and will be traveling to Hendersonville and play against Hendersonville High School on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.
Wildcats clinch playoff berth over Blue Devils

By Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributor

Wilson Central managed a tremendous victory over Lebanon in a 23-22 battle Thursday night. It was senior night for the Wildcats, battling cross-town rival Lebanon in hopes to secure a playoff spot. Lebanon had already locked in a postseason berth, but they were in search of a third straight victory over the Wildcats.

Following the senior night festivities, the Wildcats started the game kicking off to the Blue Devils. Lebanon was without senior quarterback Breeze Copas, who was battling an injury following their game with Stewarts Creek. Junior Eli Clemmons took the helm of the Blue Devils offense, but this attack was led by De’Quantay Shenouda. Shenouda punted the ball away to put the Wildcats down to the Lebanon 3. The Wildcats started off with the ball over on downs after a short drive, they had to punt the ball back to Lebanon. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone. After 23 yards on his first two carries of the possession, Shannon raced his way into the end zone.
You have probably never said, “Earlier I heard you praying, and you just didn’t do it right.” We do not normally correct someone when they pray. We figure praying is a personal thing and how a person prays is none of our business. Jesus did not take that approach. Prayer is personal, but when it comes to how we relate to God the Father, God has some importance for all of us. Prayer is a natural part of growing relationship with God. So if you are curious about how to pray for real, consider this:

**Pray privately more than publicly.** Jesus said, “Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward!” (Matthew 6:5)

Public praying is not the problem, but when we pray for show, the only reward we receive is the fickle applause of others. So find a private place to pray from there.

God does His best work in our hearts when we seek Him from our private place.

**Pray anytime and anywhere.** In Jesus’ day, religious people only prayed at a certain time and in a certain place, but Jesus expected us to pray anytime and anywhere. He said, “When you pray...”

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Wouldn’t it be neat?

Wouldn’t it be neat if we had certain songs playing at different parts of our day? Think about how uplifting the song by Sister Sledge called “We are Family” would be during a family vacation or reunion. Think about how motivating James Brown’s song “I feel good” would be after you had recovered from an illness or medical setback.

Music has such a wonderful impact on our lives. In many cases music mirrors life.

For example, our world has problems, issues and setbacks but take a listen to Louis Armstrong’s song “What a Wonderful World” and you’ll be inspired and uplifted every time. If you win a championship there is no better song to hear than Queen’s “We are the Champions” anthem.

If you want a song to play for your spouse or sweetheart it doesn’t get much better than Roberta Flack’s “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face,” or Gladys Knight’s “You’re the Best Thing that Ever Happened to Me.”

If you want a song to play for a mom to show and tell her how much you love her, try playing Boyz II Men’s “A Song for Mama.” If you want a song to play for dad, give Conway Twitty’s “That’s My Job” a listen. Garth Brooks has a song called “If Tomorrow Never Comes” that will make you think about life and make sure your family and friends know how much you love them. There is basically a song for everything.

Thank goodness we have music in our lives that motivates, uplifts, challenges, stirs emotions and causes us to think about life and our many blessings.

I just thought it would be cool to write an article that made us think about how music impacts our lives. If music reminds you of how blessed you are, then please listen. If music reminds you to tell and show your loved ones how much you love them, then please listen. If music helps heal your broken heart, then please listen. If music helps motivate and uplift you when you are down, then please listen. If music affects you in a positive way, then please listen.

In closing, if there is power in just listening to music, then just imagine how much power there is in kind words and being good to one another. Music for the most part reminds us daily of what we should be doing or did in the past that brought us comfort and memories of good times. That’s why the music makes you feel good.

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community in the greater Nashville metropolitan area. Each year, GNRC honors its membership and partners with two types of awards. Grand awards, named after influential leaders throughout GNRC’s history, are presented to individuals or organizations for demonstrated leadership on a regional scale. The Excellence in Local Government awards recognize county governments and municipalities for projects or initiatives that serve as a model for peers across the region. This year, GNRC presented 19 local government awards.

This award recognizes the efforts of DrugFree WilCo to prevent and reduce drug misuse and addiction by providing education and awareness of resources to youth and adults. Since its creation in August 2018, DrugFree WilCo has hosted multiple Town Hall meetings and public outreach events covering topics such as the opioid crisis, addiction and recovery. Through these efforts, DrugFree WilCo has addressed the stigmas associated with drug addiction and gives people tools to prevent addiction. The effort has reached at least 683 people and engaged over 100 volunteers.

“"The work being done by the local communities and professionals working for citizens across Middle Tennessee is inspiring,” said Michael Skipper, executive director for GNRC. “It is an honor to highlight their hard work and share these best practices with the rest of the region.”

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Sen. Alexander receives Andrew Jackson Award

On Friday, Oct. 18, the 13th Annual Hermitage Gala took place at the Omni Hotel. The Gala benefits programs to preserve and protect the legacy of Andrew Jackson. Bob McDonald, President and CEO of CedarStone Bank, Regent of The Andrew Jackson Foundation and Master of Ceremonies for the Gala, presented Senator Lamar Alexander with the Andrew Jackson Award.

The Jackson Award, named for the seventh president is presented to recognize those whose leadership and courageous convictions enhanced the lives of Tennesseans and brought benefit and honor to the body politic.

Previous winners of the Jackson Award include Governor Phil Bredesen, famed journalist Jim Lehrer, Senator Fred Thompson, Senator Bob Corker, Governor Bill Haslam, and Martha Ingram.

Pictured from left is Senator Lamar Alexander, Mrs. Susan McDonald, and CedarStone Bank President and CEO Bob McDonald. | Photo submitted

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The plan includes extending an acceleration lane from the East Division on ramp to Golden Bear Gateway as well as having the five-acre site on the east side of Golden Bear Gateway be used for a trailhead and parking lot.

The Board also previously had concerns with the building’s exterior as there were no windows shown on the plan and the exterior was not 100% brick, as per city code. At Monday’s meeting, Vice Mayor James Maness made a motion that was passed 3-2 to remove those conditions as a “small concession” for all of the improvements the developer will make around the site.

Mayor Ed Hagerty took issue with the lack of improvements proposed on East Division Street toward North Mt. Juliet Road, saying the increased traffic warranted a commitment from the developer to address the safety concerns. The developers, however, said the majority of traffic would be coming and going from the interstate.

Amendments that were passed in the meeting racked up the additional costs to the project, leading to a recess to allow for the developer to call the applicant, who was not in attendance.

After an hour and a half of discussion, and another hour and a half recess, the board unanimously approved the project as amended. The applicant agreed to a $7 million cap for repairs and safety improvements for East Division; any costs that exceed that $7 million will be handled by the City.

The name of the company has not yet been announced publically but an official with the developer said it will be made known soon and that they are optimistic about the future of the project.
Clemons receives lifetime achievement award

To close out the last Oktoberfest before his retirement from the bank this December, Wilson Bank & Trust CEO Randall Clemons was honored with a special trophy and other recognitions during this year’s Oktoberfest Car Show on Oct. 20.

In a short surprise ceremony just before he announced this year’s show winners, Clemons was beckoned to the front of the outdoor stage for a special presentation by WBT executives and President Jim Pritchard from the Middle Tennessee chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

In honor of his years of service to car show events and the community over the years, Clemons received a lifetime achievement award, and learned that a new “Live Young, Drive Old” trophy will be given in his name annually at Oktoberfest. Bank officials also announced that a $1,000 donation was being made to the car club in Clemons’ name.

Throughout the event on Sunday, Wilson Bank & Trust employees could also be seen sporting straw hats, Clemons’ signature event headgear, as a special tribute.

Dating back to Wilson Bank & Trust’s first fall event in 1987 — which eventually came to be known as Oktoberfest — Clemons has been instrumental not only in incorporating antique car shows as part of the bank’s community involvement, but in establishing the bank’s reputation for hosting events in general. Oktoberfest remains among WBT’s largest events, but many others are also held annually in markets throughout the bank’s Middle Tennessee footprint.

More than 450 automobiles were part of this year’s Oktoberfest Car Show, held on the grounds of Wilson Bank & Trust’s Main Office in Lebanon.

Wilson Bank & Trust, a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender, operates 28 full-service offices in nine Middle Tennessee counties, offering a full range of financial products that include secondary market mortgage loans and mobile and online banking services.

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Staff Reports

From childrens-medical-group.com

In recognition of his service to the community and the antique car hobby over the years, Wilson Bank & Trust CEO Randall Clemons (left) was presented with a lifetime achievement award and other honors at WBT’s Oktoberfest Car Show on Sunday, Oct. 20. Alongside Clemons for the ceremony was Jim Pritchard, regional president of the Antique Automobile Club of America. | Photo submitted

Natural Nails Bar (top photo) and Restoration Dentistry (bottom photo) recently held ribbon cuttings with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. Natural Nails Bar is located at 5015 Crossings Circle and Restoration Dentistry is located at 1984 Providence Parkway, Suite 200. | Photos submitted
Photography required: When you come to vote, remember to bring identification with you. A voter must have a federal or TN state issued photo ID. If the photo identification is not valid, the voter will receive a provisional ballot and the voter will have to return three business days following Election Day to return to the election commission office and show an acceptable photo ID or the ballot will be rejected. Forms of acceptable identification include a Driver’s License with your photo; a federal or state Passport, Driver’s License or state identification card. Photo IDs issued by the Federal or state government, United States Military photo ID or a government ID card with a photo (even if they are expired). The voter can sign an oath stating he/she is indigent or an oath stating a religious objection to government, United States Military photo ID or Gun permit card with photo. The written request must be received by mail not later than February 25, 2020. Requests must be mailed to The Wilson County Election Commission office, 203 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087.
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*SEEKING PART-TIME PERSONAL TRAINER in MJ area*
I’m usually not the first at anything. Except for one thing — my children’s class sign-up lists.

Yet it never fails, no matter how quickly I drop everything to hit REPLY, somehow I’m always relegated to chicken tenders, meatballs, or sausage wheels. Seriously? I literally received the email and within not even three seconds, replied.

And yet, the response I usually receive is “Oh, I’m sorry napkins and cups are taken ... so are drinks, chips and cookies. But we’ve got taco casserole, chicken tenders or wings left, which of those can you bring?”

For years I thought it was me. I just wasn’t quick enough.

But three kids later, I realize it’s not me, it’s them. And the truth is, I’m just not good enough.

There is an inner circle for moms. Sort of like the circles of hell. And considering I’ve never been in the “mom in crowd”, no matter how quickly I hit REPLY ALL, I end up with meatballs — which to those who’ve read Dante’s “Inferno” know is the 9th circle of hell.

With child Number 1, I took the meatballs. And kept trying to get napkins, the next time the list came around.

With child Number 2, I took the meatballs, and by the time she graduated realized the fix was in.

With child Number 3, he takes chips no matter what I’ve been told to bring. If you open my pantry on any given day, there, on the third shelf, are 10 bags of tortilla chips. No matter what event, no matter what list, that’s our contribution ... whether or not I’m told to bring meatballs, sausage wheels or a chicken casserole.

The boy takes chips.

So as he leaves on Friday, I hand the boy his chips and write KANE on the bag with my black Sharpie.

“This makes them mad,” he tells me. “This is why the homeroom moms never like you,” he adds.

I think to myself, this could be a teaching moment. I could teach him about how life isn’t fair. And sometimes everyone in the world is out to keep you down, especially the moms that come up with these lists. And unless you play Bunco with those who make the lists, no matter how hard you work in life or how quickly you hit REPLY ALL, you will never, ever get napkins or cups.

So, at some point, (usually with child Number 3) you rebel against the mom list dictatorship and decide to take a stand.

Which all comes down to today, when he walks in there and puts the bag of tortilla chips on the table right where the handwritten note says “meatballs go here.”

But I don’t tell him any of this, because, after all, this is my battle, not his.

“Just take the chips,” I tell him. “And if anybody says anything to you, just say your Dad forgot to make the meatballs.”

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

**PET OF THE WEEK**

Paisley is a 3-year-old Hound mix who came to the shelter as an owner surrender. She is very loving, sweet, and playful. Paisley enjoys playing ball and going on walks. Paisley is heartworm positive, but the shelter will pay for her treatment. She is already spayed and up to date on vaccines. Her adoption fee is $75.

Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Paisley, or come during OPEN HOURS Tuesday – Thursday from 11:30-5:30.

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ever you pray...” He just had a general expectation we would always pray. The church leader Paul wrote, “Pray constantly.” (1 Thess. 5:17)

Someone has described true prayer as “spiritual breathing.” It is a constant, ongoing part of a constant, ongoing relationship with God.

**Pray with words or without them.**

Jesus pushed back on the use of empty repetitious praying. He called this kind of praying “meaningless babble” (Matthew 6:7). Colorful words from an empty heart do not impress God. Real prayer honors God with authenticity. When we are thankful, we give God thanks. When we are sad, we say so. When we are overwhelmed, confused, or even angry, we cry out to God. He can handle it.

But sometimes we do not know what to say to God. That is okay too, because when we do not know what to say, the Holy Spirit steps in and speaks on our behalf (Romans 8:26). Even when we cannot find the right words, God finds us.

**Pray with perseverance.**

Jesus prayed repeatedly for the same mercies on the night of His arrest. Paul prayed three times for His throne in the flesh to be removed. Real prayer is more than a half-hearted whisper. Real prayer goes all in. Real prayer does not quit. God is good and He responds to the faithful prayers of His people. So do not stop praying the desires of your heart. Hang in there. God will come through.

Sometimes we may feel the pressure pray perfectly, but the prayer that moves God does not come from perfect words or perfect form, but from an honest heart.

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**From VETERANS, PAGE 1**

培训 in Franklin Nov. 19-20 to complete her certification.

“The hiring process for a position such as this takes much time and consideration,” said Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto. “I appreciate the hard work and dedication of our interview panel. Thank you to everyone who applied and was also able to attend the interview presentations. During her interview and presentation, Ms. Seay presented herself professionally, was detailed and organized. We look forward to working with ZaBrina and have the highest of expectations for her and the Veterans Service Office.”

Retired Lieutenant Colonel ZaBrina Seay chose to come back home to live in Wilson County after proudly serving and protecting our great nation for 20 honoroble years. She describes herself as “a soldier for life” because she is committed to a lifetime of service to our military, our nation and our community.

Seay has a passion for helping veterans and their families and she feels like this position will allow her to continue to work in her purpose by serving and honoring Wilson County’s elite Veteran’s Alumni Network, our Patriots.

Growing up in Wilson County, ZaBrina Seay’s family has been influential in her work ethic, hence her drive to serve her country and community. She hails from a military family including her father, William Seay, who retired from the Army with over 20 years of service; brother, Loren Seay, served eight years in the Marines; aunt, Elizabeth Henderson, who retired from the Army with over 20 years of service and is currently in the Tennessee State Veterans’ Home-Murfreesboro.

Seay possesses the leadership attributes, organizational skills, objectivity, experience and vision necessary to lead the Wilson County Veterans Office and Veterans Museum will become the center of gravity for “Everything Veterans” in Wilson County. After actively serving 20 years in the military, deploying in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and personally dealing with Veterans Affairs, this position is a natural for her. She understands veterans and she has been through the VA process which makes her well-suited to assist veterans with their claims.

Seay graduated from Lebanon High School and earned a B.S. in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana. She received her commission from Tulane University, Army ROTC in 1994. She is currently enrolled in a Master of Arts in Education Administration program with Touro University International. She has three daughters, two of which are God-given children, and one son.
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