

ORSSAB Gives Area Native Sondra Sarten a Way to Influence DOE's Long-term Plans

Sondra Brashears Sarten was born in Oak Ridge and raised in Lenoir City. She is the principal owner and founder of RS Construction and Fabrication, Inc. She is a working mother who raised three daughters. The oldest, Sondra Renee, works at Y-12. Stephanie is a senior at East Tennessee State University, and Jessica is a sophomore at Tennessee Tech University. Sondra is married to Steve Sarten, who is employed at Y-12 as a construction engineer.

Sondra is a 4-H adult volunteer and is active in the community as well as in the church.

She enjoys horseback riding, traveling, various other outdoor activities, and spending quality time with her family.

Sondra and Steve started RS Construction and Fabrication in 1998 as a company founded on honest principles and moral character. The company has maintained

the same clientele since its beginning, which has assisted in the growth of RS into a general construction and maintenance service provider.

RS clients include Manufacturing Sciences Corporation, RMS Properties, Tennessee State Parks, British Nuclear Fuels, EnergySolutions, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, federal prisons, Loudon County

Schools, Seco Tools, and various other contractors and developers.

RS Construction and Fabrication is listed as a small, woman-owned-and-operated business and has been recently awarded a statewide contract to provide electrical maintenance services with the State of Tennessee.

Sondra has served on ORSSAB for four years and has served as the ORSSAB Stewardship Committee chair and co-chair. She has presented papers at the Waste Management Conference in Phoenix for the past three years. She



In March 2010, ORSSAB member Sondra Sarten participated in a poster session at the Waste Management Symposium in Phoenix. Her subject was "Environmental Legacy of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Production...Where Is It Now?"

also presented one of these papers at the Environmental Justice Conference at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 2009.

"I became involved with the board in 2006," she says, "because of the region I live in. I live very close to the White Oak Dam area, and I grew up in the Melton Hill area. I have become interested in the DOE's long-term

stewardship plans as a way to see that my family will be protected in the future. My goal is to have an influence on the stewardship of the Oak Ridge Reservation by providing DOE with a citizen's point of view."

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viability for preservation of various portions of the K-25 building. Wyllie is a highly regarded structural engineer who has been associated with a number of organizations across the country that are interested in the preservation of historically significant buildings.

Adler said he and Wyllie recently toured the east wing of K-25, and Wyllie's initial assessment was that there are portions of the remaining building where rehabilitation is possible, if cost is not a factor.

Wyllie's report is expected this fall. The West and Wyllie reports will be evaluated together by DOE to determine the ultimate fate of the remaining portions of K-25.

Well Drilling Complete Across from Melton Valley

M&W Drilling has completed work on the series of 16 wells on the west side of the Clinch River, and sampling is set to begin soon.

Several of the monitoring wells are new, and others were retrofits of private wells. The wells are being installed to monitor for possible contamination coming from Melton Valley under the Clinch River and into groundwater on private property on the west side of the Clinch. The work was funded through the Recovery Act.