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Walmart coming to Woodbridge, Hwy. 78

Herzog Development Corp. has announced plans for a Walmart store at the intersection of Hwy. 78 and Woodbridge Parkway in Sachse.

The 152,000-square-foot Walmart will occupy approximately 18 acres in the northwestern quadrant of the intersection. "This will be the first commercial development within the Sachse portion of Woodbridge," said Don Herzog, developer of a 1,761-acre master planned golf course community.

"The EDC is dedicated to bringing jobs and commercial development to Sachse. We look forward to the synergy a Walmart store brings to commercial development within Sachse."

MARK TIMM, SACHSE EDC PRESIDENT

Woodbridge is a mixed-use development which includes planned sites for retail, restaurants, office and multi-family use.

Mayor Mike Felix said, "We are extremely pleased to have Walmart express an interest in locating a store in

Sachse. This is an important step toward providing Sachse residents with a new dimension in shopping within the city of Sachse."

Mayor *pro tem* Cullen King said, "The city has expressed a desire to increase its commercial tax base. The

addition of a Walmart is an important step toward achieving this goal."

Hwy. 78 has recently been widened to a six-lane divided highway. Woodbridge Parkway is a significant portion of a planned four-lane divided thoroughfare connecting Rowlett and

Hwy. 190 (President George Bush Tollway) on the south and extends north to FM 544 at FM 1378. FM 1378 (or Country Club Road), continues north through Lucas, Allen and Fairview to Hwy. 5 into McKinney.

"Walmart is the first of the major retailers to truly understand the potential of the Hwy. 78/Woodbridge Parkway location. Woodbridge has approximately 2,600 households

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Library sponsors shelter event

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Members of the community spent the afternoon of April 30 touring the city of Sachse's animal shelter.

The event was sponsored by the Sachse Public Library as part of the Neighbors Read community reading program.

The six-week community event is presented in conjunction with the Rita and Truett Smith Public Library in Wylie and sponsored by the Texas State Library.

Last weekend's event featured animals available for adoption, refreshments, pet ID kits (compliments of Farmers Insurance agent Tony Vigil), prizes, pet treats and one-day-only free pet registration.

Animal Control Supervisor Teri O'Neal, Animal Control Officer Katie Munson, Director of Library Services Dolores Greenwald and volunteers from the city's animal shelter and library boards were on hand to answer questions, greet the public and, of course, cuddle with some furry friends.

O'Neal said the shelter provides highly professional, humane services that ensure a safe and healthy environment for citizens and their animals.

"We handle routine and emergency situations while ensuring that all pets receive proper care," she said. "We maintain the shelter, responding to complaints, enforce animal ordinances within the city limits, employ rabies control and supervise the containment of sick or injured animals."

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Photo by Joe Diehl

Bye, baby bunting

Rachel Rogers bunts the ball in Saturday's 15-2 bi-district win over Lake Highlands. The Lady Mustangs will face Temple this weekend in the second round. Game story and additional photos in this week's Sports.

Police retirees honored at ceremony

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About 100 public safety officers, city officials, staff and family members attended the retirement party for Sachse Police Warrant Officer Ronnie Davis and Reserve Officer Marilyn Dow April 29.

The festivities were held in the public safety building.

Davis started with the Sachse Police Department as a reserve officer in late 1985. About a year and a half later he was hired full time.

"In May of 1996 he started a K-9 unit with his partner 'Bo'," Police Chief Dennis Veach said. "Bo retired in 2004, and Ronnie began working with warrants, courts and patrol when needed. Ronnie is still active in the United States Police Canine Association and has been national treasurer and is currently a Regional K-9 Judge."

Veach said Davis began the Sachse PD chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police in 1999.

"Ronnie has been the president of the Sachse chapter for 11 years," he said. "During that time the Christmas Toy Drive was established. The first year they helped seven children. Last year the FOP and community helped over 70 children."

Davis also served as a firearms instructor for many years.

Dow has been a reserve officer with Sachse PD for over 28 years.

"She and other reserves hand built the first stand-alone police department under the guidance of Garry Jordan in the early 1980s," Veach said. "It had

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Speed limit reduced on part of Creek Crossing Lane

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In an effort to maximize public safety, the city has lowered the speed limit to 20 mph on Creek Crossing Lane from Bailey Road for 150 linear feet to Royal Oak Estates Drive.

"Residents on Creek Crossing Lane

reported a number of adverse conditions related to traffic on the street," City Engineer Billy George said. "Those reports prompted staff to research the design parameters of the street and to review current conditions in light of the existing 30 mph maximum speed limit."

George said the result of that investigation was the recommendation to

reduce the speed limit for a section of the roadway to 20 mph based largely on the radii of four curves in the street, the frequency of driveways, and the volume of traffic present.

"The speed limit on that section of Creek Crossing Lane was 30 mph except within the confines of the existing school zone," he said. "The city began a traffic investigation after

receiving a request from citizens living on the street. Initial data gathered included traffic counts, traffic speeds and a review of crash histories on the stretch of roadway."

George said from the data gathered, staff learned that the 85th percentile speed on the roadway is 28 mph, there

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Chamber luncheon spotlights memberships, events

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The Sachse Chamber of Commerce is inviting the community to its monthly networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Northplace Church, 2709 Third St.

Sachse Chamber Board Chairman David Todd said the chamber welcomes all area businesses at the lunch-

eon and wants to help facilitate business contacts through networking events such as the monthly lunch.

"Our events provide our members with the opportunity to network with dozens of potential companies," he said. "We believe that our luncheons benefit the business community."

Todd said the chamber believes that partnering with the Sachse Economic Development Corporation will raise awareness of the business and spur

quality commercial development.

"It just makes sense," he said. "By networking you get to know the community and work together for great ideas to expand your business."

The luncheon will be sponsored by the Garland Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1978, the Garland Symphony Orchestra has been dedicated to providing performances of great orchestral music to Garland and its surrounding communities.

During the span of 26 years, the GSO has presented over 180 concerts featuring the music of more than 200 composers, including the premieres of new works by Texas composers.

The orchestra attracts an audience from Garland, Dallas, Richardson, Rowlett, Rockwall and Sachse.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15 with a reservation. To make a reservation call 972-496-1212 or log on to www.sachsechamber.com.

Bike Rodeo Saturday at Whitt Elementary

The Sachse Police Department will host its annual Bicycle Rodeo from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, May 14, at Whitt Elementary School, 7520 Woodcreek Way.

The event will feature an obstacle course, bicycle registrations and inspections, child fingerprint cards, child safety seat inspections and free bicycle helmets.

For information about the event, call 972-495-1212.

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