

LOCAL

# Sachse voters to help pick WISD trustees

Early voting for the May 14 local election continues through May 9.

Although the Sachse City Council and Garland ISD school board elections have been canceled because all candidates were unopposed, those Sachse residents who live in the Wylie school district will decide on a new trustee.

Wylie ISD residents will decide between Lymari Ames, Candy Arrington and Tom Westhora for the WISD Board of Trustees Place 1 seat.

Arrington is vice president of accounting and strategic planning for Instaff Personnel. Ames works as an engineer program manager for Wi-Fi in Cisco Systems' Wireless



Lymari Ames



Candy Arrington



Tom Westhora



Mitch Herzog

Network Business Unit. Westhora works in sales management in the real estate industry.

Mitch Herzog, the chief financial officer for the building company Richard Parker, Inc., is unopposed for the Place 2 spot.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 4 and May 6, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. May and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 9.

In Collin County, eligible voters may cast early ballots at any early voting polling location. On Election Day, balloting is at registered precinct only.

The Wylie Municipal Complex, 300 Country Club (FM 1378) is an early voting location.

Other area early voting locations include: County Election

Office, 2010 Redbud Blvd. Ste. 102, McKinney  
Collin College Spring Creek, 2800 East Spring Creek, Plano  
Plano ISD Admin Center, 2700 W. 15th St., Plano  
Murphy Municipal Complex, 205 N. Murphy Rd., Murphy  
On Election Day voters must vote at the specific polling location assigned to their precinct. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 14.

Precincts 153, 159 will vote at Southfork Mobile Home Park, 216 Southfork Blvd.

Those in Precincts 27, 33, 41, 56, 83, 133, 170, 174, 1A (Rockwall County) and 2601 (Dallas County) will vote at Wylie Bible Church, 109 W. Jefferson St.

# WALMART® Retail store boosts economy, officials say

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which represent about 80 percent of its planned residential development," Herzog said.

The addition of the Walmart store should be a boost to the Sachse economy, according to Mark Timm, president of the Sachse Economic Development Corporation and member of the Sachse City Council. "The EDC is dedicated to bringing jobs and commercial development to Sachse," he said. "We look forward to the synergy a Walmart store brings to commercial development within Sachse."

The SEDC recently released the results of a Retail Site Assessment prepared by the Buxton Corporation. According to the Buxton data, the Sachse area has more than \$1 billion of annual retail sales potential.

"The Sachse City Council and the SEDC Board of Directors seek to facilitate an environment that is responsive and beneficial to business. They are prepared to advance public-private partnerships intended to help Sachse grow and prosper, generate new job opportunities, increase capital investment and overall community improvement," said SEDC Executive Director Carlos Vigil.

The Sachse retail trade area, which is defined as a 12-minute drive time from the intersection of Hwy. 78 and Sachse Road, has an estimated 60,000 households. The key trade area demographics indicate the median age of the residents is 35 to 44 years, with an average household income of \$89,079.

The report states the annual retail demand is \$1,928,426,843 with a retail supply of \$841,876,098 resulting in an

annual retail leakage of \$1,086,550,745.

The report said there are 286 retailers identified as "good matches" for this retail trade area.

The Walmart store location, which is in the center of the 90-plus acre Woodbridge commercial development in Sachse is located 1.7 miles northeast of the geographical center of the retail trade area and is well suited to attract businesses which address the local and regional needs of the area, Vigil said.

The pro-business attitude of the community will greatly facilitate the administrative and development process for commercial development, he said.

Woodbridge, in year 13 of development, has continued to experience growth in new home construction. Residential Strategies, Inc., a Texas market research and consulting firm specializing in tracking new home activity, in its ranking of Top Master Planned Communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Area, ranked Woodbridge as being seventh in annual starts in 2010.

This is due in part to the quality of the schools, the lifestyle the neighborhoods offer and the sense of community one has when becoming a homeowner in Woodbridge, according to Herzog.

The convenience of a Walmart and the development of additional retail services will be a tremendous enhancement to the quality of life within Woodbridge and the city of Sachse, he said.

A date for the beginning of construction of the Walmart has not been set.



Retiring Warrant Officer Ronnie Davis receives a mounted revolver from Police Chief Dennis Veach.



Reserve Officer Marylin Dow is honored with a retirement badge from Police Chief Dennis Veach.

Photos by Patty Montagno

## Two SPD officers honored at retirement party

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one cell, one bathroom and one telephone line. The Dallas County Sheriff's Department gave us a worn-out patrol car."

Veach said Dow's first position was a dispatcher.

"A year later she went to the Dallas County Sheriff's

Academy and became certified, graduating second in her class," he said. "Marylin then spent about 20 years in patrol here and was also a court bailiff.

Dow also worked in the criminal investigative division as a crime scene photographer, transferred prisoners to the

Lew Sterrett facility, served warrants, issued citations and helped officers in every way possible, Veach said.

"In 1991 Marylin moved to East Texas, causing her to drive 220 miles round trip to work at SPD," he said. "In those 20 years she calculates that she has driven almost a quarter of a

million miles at a personal cost in excess of \$70,000."

At the end of the ceremony, Veach told the group that he enjoyed working with both of the retirees. "These are two good people," he said. "After reading their bios, I can only say this is amazing stuff."

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