SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

September 23, 2004

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-06991 (Commission File Number) 71-0415188 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

702 S.W. 8th Street

Bentonville, Arkansas 72716

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(479) 273-4000

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On September 23, 2004, Dawn G. Lepore resigned from the Board of Directors of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Wal-Mart). The resignation was not related to any disagreement between Ms. Lepore and Wal-Mart on any matter relating to Wal-Mart s operations, policies, or practices. A copy of the press release issued by Wal-Mart announcing Ms. Lepore s resignation is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press release dated September 23, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 24, 2004

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey J. Gearhart

Jeffrey J. Gearhart Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | |
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| Number | Description |
| 99.1 | Press Release dated September 23, 2004 |