

Around Town

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De Queen Mayor

De Queen's parks have had a busy spring and summer season, but many activities will be winding down as the start of school approaches.

Monday, Aug. 20, is the first day of classes for most area schools.

The De Queen City Swimming Pool will be open each day through Saturday, Aug. 18. After Aug. 20, the pool will be open only on Saturdays and for private parties. A few dates are still available for parties after Aug. 20.

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, will be the last day for the pool this season.

Registration is now underway for the fall pee wee football and soccer programs. Aug. 25 is the last day to register for both sports.

Football is for students in grades three through six. Soccer is for players ages 5 to 12 years.

Although youth football has been a popular program for many years, soccer is a new sport for the area. About 75 youngsters signed up for the first soccer season last spring and that number is expected to increase for the fall season.

To sign up for either of these sports, go by the De Queen Parks and Recreation Office in Herman Dierks Park during working hours. For more information, you may call the park office at 642-4140.