

Around Town

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De Queen Mayor

Anyone driving around the city may wonder about the appearance of blue reflective markers on city streets.

The markers have been put out by the De Queen Fire Department to mark the location of fire hydrants. In case of a fire, these markers will help firefighters easily identify the location of fire plugs where lines can be connected.

The fire department has installed 100 of these markers on a trial basis. Similar markers were installed several years ago but the adhesive holding them failed and they came loose. The new markers have a peel-and-stick adhesive on the back. Pressure is applied by a couple of passes over them with an automobile tire.

The reflectors have been installed on north-south streets, most of which are west of the KCS Railroad tracks. There are a total of 258 fire hydrants in the City of De Queen. If the new markers prove satisfactory, additional markers will be purchased to mark all of the fire hydrants in town.

On a different topic, Labor Day marks the end of summer and also the end of the season at the De Queen municipal swimming pool. Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, will be the last day the pool will be open this season. To close out the season, admission will be free on Labor Day only. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.