

The Lyons Dairy Queen Grill & Chill is located at 215 W. Main. It features a varied menu including such items as grilled hamburgers, chicken, salads, ice

cream cones, sundaes, malts and many other treats, as well as a full breakfast menu.

Lyons DQ offers quality food and dining for the retired cof-

When Bill Hoeffner travelled, he always looked for a Dairy Queen Brazier to get the best quality of food and dining experience on the road. When the opportunity came in 1997 for him to buy the Lyons DQ and the Tastee Freeze, he bought both, with the intention of moving the DQ into the Tastee Freeze building as a Brazier restaurant. The move was made when he was no longer able to lease the old Dairy Oueen property on the west side of town.

Dairy Queen is the oldest fast food franchise in the United States, and has been in Lyons since 1952.

When Warren Buffet bought the company several years ago, they changed their brand from Brazier to "Grill & Chill", hoping to create more of a dining appeal, rather than just fast food. The store was remodelled in the new style, along with an updated menu which ranges from salads and grilled food to

strip dinner. They treats and personally decorated ice cream Freund. "They have decorated cakes with race cars and every

The DQ is the site twice a day

their full-meal chicken also continue to serve ice cream, frozen cakes, designed and created right in-store by Manager Kathy imaginable motif," Freund said. Soup has recently been added to

their menu and chili is available every day. The local franchise employs 20 people, including five fulltime and 15 part-time. "Kathy is the one who knows everything, and makes this place what it is," Hoeffner said, referring to his manager. She has been there since 1998, and has learned most of the trade through good old-fashioned on-the-job training. The company also offers one-day manager training seminars three or four times a year, with ideas for new foods and advertising trends, which local management attends.



Queen located at 215 W. Main.

fee group, from 8 - 10 a.m., and again from 2:30 - 4 p.m. Hoeffner still proudly displays the

old neon sign "Hot Eats - Cool Treats" behind the counter,

as a vintage reminder of how things have progressed.

