

## DQ has been a part of the Hoisington community for over 60 years

The Hoisington Dairy Queen has been a part of the Hoisington Community for 60 plus years. We have seen a lot of changes. This store has gone from a 2 window walk up owned by Carl Moller, to full fledge dining, owned by I.C. Walter, and more. Many of you will remember when it was a walk up, then came the dining with the King and Queen burgers (1968). Leon and Becky Steiner took over in 1985 when it became a "Brazier" store. At that time we added the drive-thru. It was a great place for the Jr. High and High school student to eat lunch, as Hoisington had an open lunch hour. The years went by and we added a sunroom with more seating for business, birthday parties and family get togethers. The cake program was added as were many new items on the Dairy Queen side and the food side.

With the tornado of 2001, came a big change for the community of Hoisington and the Cardinal Plaza Corner. With the grocery store, drug store, doctor offices,

beauty shop, bowling alley, offices and the Dairy Queen destroyed, it took a lot of thought and prayer to make that commitment back to the community. But what would it be to not have the Dairy Queen in town? So the Cardinal Corner regrouped and came back full force to rebuild. Since that time we have rebuilt and in the last few years we have done a full remodel inside and out. We are now a D.Q. Grill and Chill.

When we look back to what started as a little 2 window walk up that served cones, sundaes, malts and shakes. Dairy Queen has come a long way with Blizzards, Peanut Buster Parfaits, and DQ Bake Treats: lava cake, funnel cake and double stuffed chocolate cookies. The same being said with the food section. The King and Queen burgers, fries and onion rings. The "Brazier" burgers, Ultimate burger to the Grill burgers. We are now Fan Food not Fast food and have advanced our sandwich line to include chicken: fried or grilled, pulled pork, melts,

snacks and salads. Don't forget our New Breakfast line starting at 7 am.

I would have not a clue as to how many young boy or girls have gotten their start in life working at the Hoisington Dairy Queen. Employees for Carl and Lucelle Moller, Frank and Helen Kaiser, Jo and Don Plinkskey to Leon and Becky Steiner. I know that I have lost count since the tornado but it is always good to see or hear from past employees and see what they have accomplished in their life since D.Q. Dairy Queen is always a good place to gather and meet friends or see someone who used to live in Hoisington. People stop back by to see who has it now and get that good old Dairy Queen cone or treat!

Leon, Becky, Amber and the staff would like to serve you. We are here for the community and all the years that you have helped to make us what we are today. Come in say hello and enjoy a treat, meal or a snack with us. We love our groups that come and visit old youngsters and young youngsters.

## Duck Season Brings Tradition, Visitors to Area

Duck hunting season begins on Saturday, October 7 for the Low Plains Early Zone, which includes Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. Cheyenne Bottoms offers premier waterfowl hunting opportunities and the strong traditions that go with those hunts.

The season also welcomes many out of town hunters into the local communities. More than 500 hunters from across the United States typically flock to Cheyenne Bottoms for the opening weekend hunt. The familiar sight of pickups, often toting camouflaged duck boats or dog boxes, are common sights in area towns. The economic impact can be significant.

"Hunters and hunting is such an important part of the past, present, and future of Cheyenne Bottoms," stated Curtis Wolf, KWEC director. "It is an honor to celebrate this tradition."

In the tradition of the hunt, join fellow hunters at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center after your hunt on October 7 from 8am to 12pm for a free Hunter Appreciation Breakfast. Biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice will be served. The free breakfast is sponsored by the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau and organized by the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks & Tourism, and Ducks Unlimited.

After filling up on good eats, hunters can learn about Cheyenne Bottoms' history at the education center, peruse through items in the Cheyenne Bottoms Ducks Unlimited Chapter raffle and silent auction, visit waterfowl identification and hunting information booths, try your marksmanship on KDWPT's Hunter Education Laser Shot game, as well as share your hunting stories with fellow hunters and KDWPT staff. New at this year's event will be a dog retrieving demonstration and a chance to run your dogs in a retriever hunting test scenario.

For more information about the breakfast, call the KWEC at 877-243-9268.

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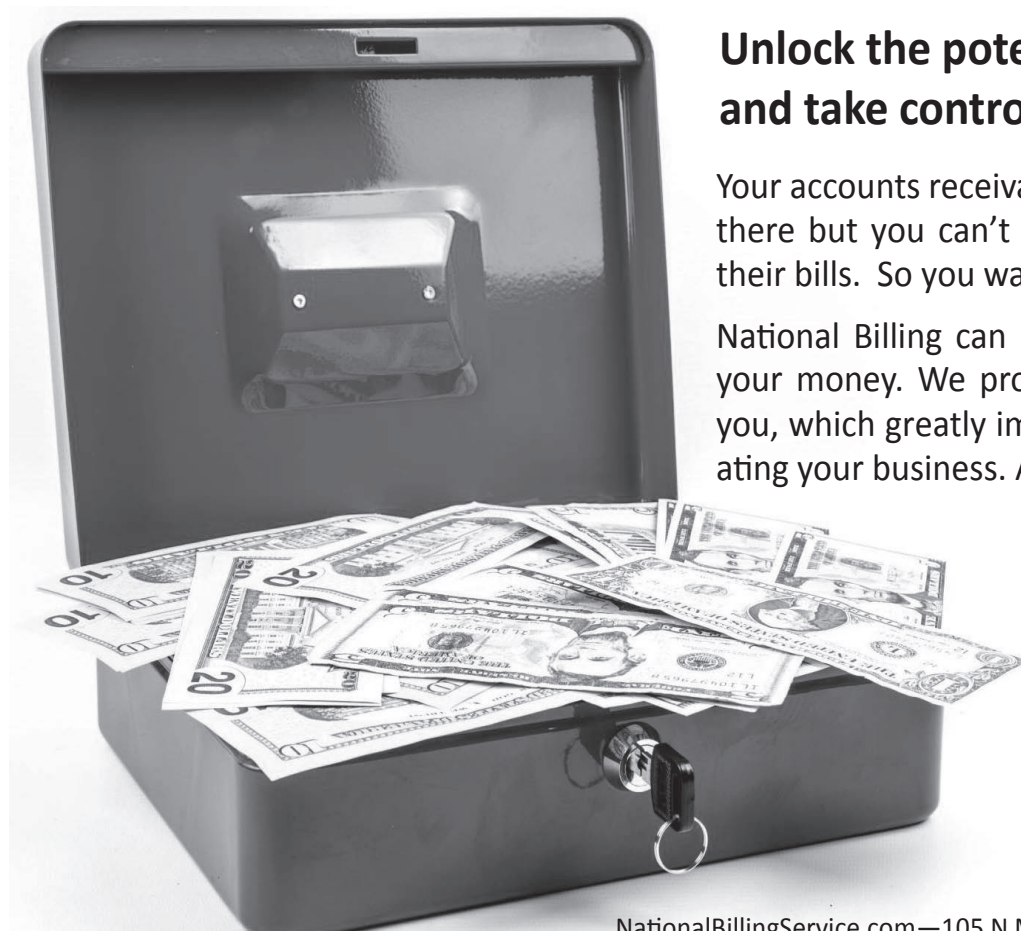
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