

Dairy Queen Coming to Kotzebue

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KOTZEBUE- If all goes as planned, the people of Kotzebue and surrounding villages will be enjoying banana splits, milkshakes and sundaes and char-broiled hamburgers among other delights by early September when the new Dairy Queen opens its doors for the first time. The new facility is located at Second and Lagoon Streets across from the Alaska National Bank of the North in a 32' X 80' building complete with a walk-in freezer and cooler, kitchen and bathrooms and seating for 96 people. The building is already well on its way to completion and will display the familiar DQ sign. Manager Ron Hogan, a former school teacher and city manager here, has even completed coursework at the Dairy Queen school located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that people should be pleasantly surprised with this new restaurant once they are in business.

So get those tast buds working, residents of Kotzebue, your Dairy Queen is almost here!

KOTZEBUE — An early morning fire in Kotzebue on July 20th took the life of Walter Pungalik, Jr., age 18., of Noorvik. While the cause of the fire is still undetermined, it was reported to have started in one of the bedrooms and caused extensive damage to at least two other apartments on the same floor. Prompt action by members of the Kotzebue Volunteer Fire Dept. and Chief Jerry Lepley prevented the spread of the fire and more serious damage taking place.

The apartment complex is owned by the Northwest Arctic School District and the apartment was one of several vacant which had been rented out for the summer while school was in recess. An investigation is continuing as to the cause of the blaze.