

Beanery bullish, not bearish on growth

Bearclaw Coffee Co., a small but growing local coffee chain, has opened its sixth location, this one in Dexter.

Using beans roasted in Ann Arbor, Bearclaw first got its start as a drive-through coffee and espresso bar at the corner of North Territorial Road and Dexter-Pinckney Road in June 2002.

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And the prices, such as \$3 for a 20-ounce cafe latte, are way better than, say, Starbucks (see above).

The latest Bearclaw, on Main Street in Dexter, is a franchised store that belongs to Nancy and Ryan Hansen.

Debi Scroggins, who started the franchise and runs two corporate stores, said the shops offer great coffee, a fantastic smoothie drink and rustic interiors.

"I love bears. There is bear stuff everywhere," she said.

Scroggins said there are plans to open locations in Dearborn, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Chelsea later this year.

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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