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The Dexter Ice Fest was held Saturday January 23 at Monument Park. Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

## Dexter Bakery Review



Story and more photos on page 5. Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski.

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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It was touch and go for The Dexter Ice Festival. The Dexter City Council wanted it to be back but was concerned about drawing a crowd and public safety. We made our visit to the Dexter Bakery and then headed to check out the sculptures directly after. It was brisk and sunny. The sculptures glittered in the sun.

At the time I arrived, there was a bit of a crowd. Everyone I saw was masked and people were respectful of trying to keep a distance. There seemed to be a joy in the air, a weight lifted. Caution remained in place but people were happy to be out and experiencing a bit of a social atmosphere. I personally felt like the world might

return to normal in the future, and though we still have a lot of time before it does, I can see a finish line and imagine it again. It's been a long time since I've felt that way and there was a smile behind my mask.

For the sake of safety, the Icefest was very different from last year. My daughter played with other children in the snow and entered a snowman building contest. There was hot chocolate in the pavilion and people gathered around heaters last year. The sculptures and the fact that they could return was enough to bring joy and light to everyone who visited. The sun sparkling through the ice created extra beauty and seemed to add emphasis to mark the occasion.

When I arrived, there was an artist carving a block of ice. He wore a black apron and was wielding a chainsaw like some sort of horror movie character. But instead of horror, he was creating beauty much to my amazement. Instead of blood, he was covered in white frost-like ice bits and a majestic animal was being carved. I cannot imagine having the talent to do such work and I was mesmerized by it.

To those of us who have been taking our safety very seriously and have avoided exposure at all costs, this day was pure magic. A big thank you to the Dexter City Council for allowing the Icefest to take place, the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce, the spon-

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# COVID-19 Variant in Washtenaw County

*Washtenaw County Health Department alerts public to possible exposures; encourages testing*

**From Susan Ringler-Cerniglia**

Cases of the COVID-19 variant B117 have been identified in Washtenaw County. A total of 5 cases of the variant have been identified and additional sequencing continues for other possible cases already positive for COVID-19. Washtenaw County Health Department is now aware of a possible public exposure. Brief, public exposures are not normally a COVID-19 exposure concern but the B117 variant is more easily transmitted and could lead to more cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

As a precaution, the Health Department recommends immediate COVID-19 testing for anyone in the following locations at the specific times provided.

- Sun, Jan 17 at the Meijer on Ann Arbor Saline Rd., Ann Arbor MI from 9:00 to 10:00 am

- Sun, Jan 17 Briarwood Mall, 100 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor MI from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Everyone should be aware of this new variant and limit any possible exposures to COVID-19. This includes not gathering with people outside of your household and limiting more risky behaviors where social distancing and wearing masks cannot be consistently done. Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, has been recently exposed, or who has recently traveled to a place where a new variant is circulating should be tested.

“The possibility of additional spread of the variant is a concern,” says Juan Luis Marquez, MD, MPH, medical director with Washtenaw County Health Department. “At this point and with the guidance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, we are encouraging extra precautions. Seek testing if you

have symptoms, have recently been exposed to COVID-19, or have recently traveled to a place where the new variant is circulating. And everyone should make sure they are using all COVID-19 precautions consistently. This includes face masks, social distancing, hand cleaning, avoiding crowds or gatherings, and following isolation and quarantine guidance.”

The initial case of the B117 variant was identified on Jan 16 in the University of Michigan community. It is not clear if all subsequent cases are connected to this first case. Washtenaw County Health Department, MDHHS and the university are working closely to implement additional containment strategies to slow the spread of the variant.

“We have been warning people for weeks that this variant would likely be identified in the State of Michigan,” says Dr Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. “We want everyone to understand that this variant is much more easily transmitted, and there is increased risk of rapid spread. Now is the time for people to take additional precautions and limit any potential exposures. Wear your mask, wash your hands, avoid gatherings, and make an appointment for a vaccine when it’s your turn. We all have a role to play in ending this pandemic.”

### COVID-19 Testing

Washtenaw County Health Department is working with the Michigan Department of Health and local partners to provide additional, no-cost COVID-19 testing opportunities. Testing will be available this Sun, Jan 24 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Pioneer High School 601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI. Pre-registration is available but not required.

Ongoing testing options are listed at [www.washtenaw.org/covid19test](http://www.washtenaw.org/covid19test) or by using the statewide COVID-19 test locator.

Faster spread of COVID-19 illness is a serious concern because the number of people sickened increases so more may become seriously ill or die. Prevent transmission whenever possible. Residents are strongly encouraged to use all effective prevention strategies.

- Wear a face mask around others
- Keep at least 6 feet apart from others
- Clean hands frequently
- Avoid crowded areas or gatherings
- Ventilate indoor spaces if around others
- Seek testing if ill, exposed, or after travel
- Follow isolation or quarantine guidance if ill, exposed, or waiting on test results
- Get vaccinated when vaccine becomes available to you

### Additional Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [New COVID-19 Variants](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/variants)  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) News Releases

**Washtenaw County Health Department** [www.washtenaw.org/covid19](http://www.washtenaw.org/covid19)

Washtenaw County Health Department The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community, including responding to health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. Visit us at [washtenaw.org/health](http://washtenaw.org/health) or call 734-544-6700.



## 44th Ann Arbor Folk Festival

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## Despite the Odds, The Dexter Ice Festival Returns



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sors of the event, and all the volunteers that worked hard to make it happen. I am especially grateful to the people enjoying it who were very respectful of the safety of others. It was nice for me to be able to be out and enjoy it and not feel like I was being put at risk by others. If you opted to stay indoors and avoid potential crowds, the sculptures will be up until mother nature takes them down. So you should have the chance to see the sculptures without having people around. Be sure to stop by Monument Park and admire the artistry before it’s gone. If you’re interested in learning more about the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce, check out their website here: <https://www.dexterchamber.org/>.

# Junior Girl Scout Troop working towards Trail Adventure Badge

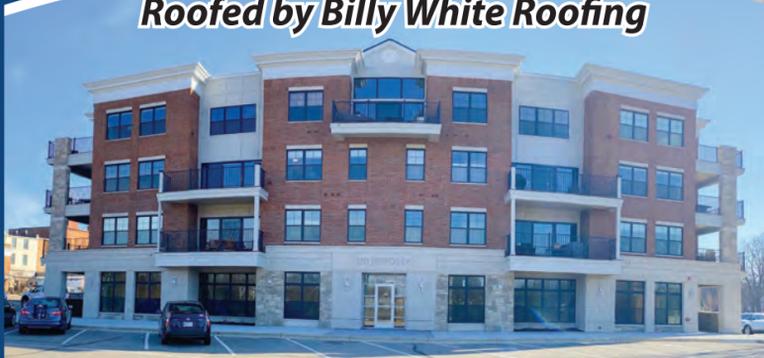


Photos By Jessi Lamb and Kari Stroschein

**From Kari Stroschein** This past weekend, Junior Girl Scout Troop 40626 went on a hike at Pinckney Recreation Area as part of their Trail Adventure badge. They bundled up and enjoyed the sunshine and cold winter temperatures while learning how to read trail markers and following the nearly 2 mile Silver Lake Trail. Along the way they saw fairy gardens, a small creek, crossed bridges and climbed icy hills. At the end they enjoyed hot chocolate and smockoes.




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Beginning February 3, we’re offering a 45-minute virtual class for boys and girls in grades K-5 on Wednesdays, 3-3:45p. Parents who register their student will receive a Zoom link prior to the first class.

For more info and online registration  
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Jason Ryba, Vice President of Regional Mortgage Production, is excited to see Andrew's career continue to grow at LMCU, "Andrew does a great job taking the time with our mem-

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Group A students may register for the Thursday classes and Group B students may register for the Friday classes. Students will meet school staff at a location TBA and will be escorted to Room 315 at Bates. At the end of the class, the instructor will escort the students to the Bates lobby where they will be released individually, safely to a parent. Students will be allowed to eat a snack and drink from their water bottle in the class.

#### Online Registration

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# Dexter Bakery Review



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Saturday morning was tough for my six-year-old. Our cats popped two of her balloons and she was devastated. She did not want to come to work with me, but I knew once we arrived, she would change her mind. Her mind particularly changed when we had no limits. Normally, she has to choose what she wants but in an effort to provide an

all-encompassing review, we selected each item she thought might be good.

We've been eating our way through Dexter and the perfect morning to hit the Dexter Bakery was the morning my six year old was crushed over popped balloons. The glass display cases with pastries and beautifully decorated Valentine's Day sugar cookies provided a much needed distraction. She was overjoyed when I let her select a cruller with

sprinkles, a donut with sprinkles and a sugar cookie. We went for a variety of baked goods to try including; a bag of English muffins, two pretzels, a long john, a raspberry danish, a cinnamon sugar cake donut, and a cinnamon roll, and a chocolate chip cookie. I also had a black coffee, to balance the sweets.

I figured a review of a bakery would be difficult, because you can't really mess up a donut. That's true, I've never had a donut I didn't like. But after eating my long john, I realized you can actually elevate a donut. There is something different, and better about the dough. The flavor and texture is better than most donuts I've tried. I am no professional food reviewer and will not be judging any baking shows soon. But my six-year-old is known for eating the frosting and sprinkles off her donuts and leaving the rest. Not the donuts from the Dexter Bakery. She actually ate the entire donut! She noticed a difference with the dough too and really liked it.

The customer service was excellent too. The bakery was busy as we stopped at the start of the Icefest. We placed a huge order and weren't 100% ready when it was our turn. The woman ringing us up was kind and patient. A busy

worker even offered advice on what we should select. The friendliness and calm during a rush was much appreciated and made our visit even more pleasant. When we walked inside, the delectable smell of baked goods hit our senses. As we took our spot in line, the murmur of happy, friendly community members was clear. A young child bounded out the door with a father chasing behind, clearly excited about his selection. The overall environment was happy, warm and gave me the feeling of community. As a mom, it was a relief from the morning balloon melt down.

The dough for the donuts is the best I've

ever had. The pretzels and English muffins are great too. In short, the Dexter Bakery knows what it's doing. If you're having a rough morning being dragged down by what you see on the news, I encourage you to head to the Bakery and give yourself a limitless pass to try whatever your heart desires, be it a Valentine's Day heart sugar cookie with a wide smile, or something covered in sprinkles and frosting. None

of it will disappoint and you will walk out smiling and in a better mood than when you walked in. For more information about the products and the Bakery, visit their website, or just stop in and visit. It's been a rough year, you deserve to smile like a child and enjoy a pastry. Visit their website here: <http://www.thedexterbakery.com/>. You can also give them a call at (734) 426-3848.



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# DEXTER ATHLETICS



## ON THE SIDELINE: NIGHTTIME, VAMPIRES, RESOLUTIONS AND ROBERT FROST



By Don Richter  
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Well, it's four weeks into the New Year and already I've broken all of my New Year's resolutions.

Surprise, surprise.

Actually, four weeks is a pretty long time for me when it comes to New Year's resolutions, or any type of resolution, for that matter.

All throughout the previous years I've always told myself to change this or that about who I am or about my actions or about the things I say, etc. And, of course, I never do it. I don't know if I'm just lazy or if I feel it's really not necessary and that I'm

overreacting or I just don't care. It's probably a bit of all three, though the older I get, the lazier I seem to act.

I'm a night owl. I always have been. Last night, my head didn't hit the pillow until 7 a.m. Granted, I work nights so it's not a big stretch for me to go to bed at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m. most nights, but it's still a bit odd in the grand scheme of things.

I always joke that during this time of the winter months I live a vampire's existence. I swear there are stretches of days when I truly don't see the sun. I leave for work when it's dark, I get home when it's dark and when I get up to start the next day, if my blinds are closed throughout the house, I won't leave the house, again, until it's dark outside. Even if I open my blinds when I awake from my slumber, I only have about two to three hours of daylight -- and during this time of the gloomy

year, it's normally overcast anyway.

It's funny, but the few times I have to be up in the morning and leave my home, I have to adjust my eyes. My pupils just aren't accustomed to such daytime brightness. I always say to myself, "Wow, it really is nice in the morning, isn't it?" Then I grumble, "I guess, but I'd really like to still be in bed right now."

Anyhow, for many years a New Year's resolution and, quite frankly, an "anytime of the year" resolution, has been to go to bed earlier and get up earlier. "You can get so much accomplished," my swear-by-it morning people friends tell me. "It's so peaceful in the morning," my outdoor power-walking/jogging morning athletes inform me. "It's spiritual, invigorating and life-affirming," my ethereal, transcendentalist, nature-loving friends wax poetically to me.

I agree with ev-



Robert Frost won four Pulitzer Prizes during his lifetime. In the 1920s, Frost lived in Ann Arbor and worked for the University of Michigan.

erything my morning people friends tell me. I really do. But I get so much accomplished at night. I know mornings are peaceful, quiet and tranquil, but the night is silent. It's "Silent

Night" for a reason and not "Silent Morning." The night is hushed, voiceless and still. It's less busy and hectic and I thrive in that environment.

I know this is cra-

zy-talk, but up until a few weeks ago I had never read a single poem by Robert Frost. Recently though, the historian in me was researching (just for

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## Dexter Athletics

RISING TIDE

### DREADNAUGHT ATHLETICS MILL CREEK WINTER RE-START

#### Dexter Athletics Re-start:

#### Mill Creek Middle School

**MS Boys Basketball: Starts January 19th**

**8th Grade @ Creekside 3:30-5:30**

**7th Grade @ Mill Creek 3:15-5:15**

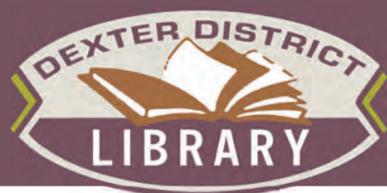
**Co-ED Swim and Dive: Starts January 19th**

**Practices @ Dexter High School Pool 3:30-5:30pm**

**MS Wrestling: Starts February 16th (More information coming soon)**

**MS Girls Basketball: Starts February 22nd (Information coming soon)**

**CONTACT DEXTER ATHLETIC OFFICE (734) 424 4170**



# Dexter District Library 2021 Winter Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



## Upcoming Winter Events at Dexter District Library

**January 1 through 24**

### **Winter Photo Contest for Teens**

Local teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit a photo for a chance to win a gift card. Photos will be judged in three categories: Winter, Dexter and Family/Friends. Entrants are limited to one picture in each category. Complete contest details will be emailed to registered participants. Photographs will be displayed on the DDL Teen Services webpage and in the Library's Teen Zone. Winners will be announced on January 28.

**Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, January 14 to February 25**

### **Preschool Super Stories**

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms Krista this winter on our DDL facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. We will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 14, January 28, February 11 and February 25

**Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, January 20 to March 3**

### **Club Create**

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning January 20. Ms. Krista will share fun challenges, activities and craft ideas that you can try at home. She will also highlight a few new chapter books and readers. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 20, February 3, February 17 and March 3

**Saturday, January 30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **Cricut® for Beginners**

Join us for a repeat of this popular virtual program as we talk about the basic functions of a Cricut® machine and discuss which tools and materials are worth investing in. A demonstration will be provided and samples of projects will be shared. Time will be available at the end of the presentation for participants' questions. Recommended for grades 6 through adult, registration is required. Zoom details will be emailed prior to the program.

**Thursday, February 4 to Wednesday, February 10**

### **February Craft Kits**

February Craft Kits for grades K through 5 will be available from February 4 to February 10. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them to our outside table or pick them up inside. Registration is required on our website beginning January 18.

**Thursday, February 18**

### **All Star Readers**

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, February 18 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, January 21. The book we will be discussing will be announced. Books will be available for pick up when you register. Join us for a fun, lively afternoon with Ms. Krista leading our discussion, everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room and a password will be sent to you prior to February 18.

**Saturday, February 20 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **DIY Weaving Craft**

Children in grades 4 through 8 will work along with Youth Librarians on Zoom to learn basic weaving techniques. Make a small wall hanging and learn how to make and attach pompons. Registration is required, can be found at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/diy-weaving-craft/> and runs from February 1 through February 17. Supplies will be available for pickup prior to class. Registered participants will receive an email with pickup details. A Zoom link will be emailed one day prior to the program. Contact Diane Alson at [dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us](mailto:dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us) for more information.

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# American 1 2020 Community Contributions

**From: Maggie Wise**

Though 2020 was a year unlike any other due to the coronavirus pandemic, American 1 Credit Union is still committed to giving back to their communities through sponsorships, donations, and volunteer efforts.

“Consistent and thoughtful community giving is incredibly important to American 1 always, but especially during a global pandemic,”

said Martha Fuerstenau, President/CEO of American 1. “Our Executive Team and Board of Directors are pleased to support our communities, membership, and employees during these trying times.”

In 2020 American 1 gave to 65 organizations in Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Wayne, Washtenaw, and Calhoun counties with donations totaling more than \$100,000. The most

notable American 1 community initiatives included:

- Partnering with TRUE Community Credit Union (formerly CP Federal Credit Union) to host the 20th Annual Hit ‘em Fore Hospice Virtual Golf Benefit, which raised nearly \$60,000 to benefit the Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice Home

- Donating more than \$15,000 to The Salvation Army through the Red

Shield Benefit, a Virtual Car Sale giveaway, and their fourth quarter Donate Local initiative

- Providing \$12,000 in scholarships to 12 graduating seniors through their Skip-a-Pay program

- Giving \$3,000 to United Way for pandemic relief efforts

- Contributing 104 hours of Volunteer Time Off by American 1 staff members

“We were encour-

aged by the creativity of nonprofits and the dedication of businesses in our community to support those most impacted by the pandemic,” said Janelle Merritt, VP of Community Partnerships. “Although 2020 looked different than we planned, I’m thankful our strategic plan and commitment to our communities still allowed us to give back during a challenging year.”

Established in

1950, American 1 Credit Union today serves over 59,000 members with 16 branch locations across Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Calhoun, Lenawee, and Wayne counties. American 1 is proud to serve the members of their communities by creating financial wellness through personal everyday banking.

## MHSAA Winter Sports Statement

**From: Geoff Kimmerly**

The following statement is attributable to Mark Uyl, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, on the topic of Winter contact sports – girls and boys basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling – remaining on pause for contact activities including competition until Feb. 21, per the most recent update to the emergency order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

“We are unable to provide specific plans yet as we are still evaluating the best options for delivering a memorable experience for 60,000 athletes involved in Winter contact sports. We will continue asking questions and advocating for all of our schools and athletes as we work toward building our next plans for

seasons in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling. We will be ready with specific timelines as soon as MDHHS clears contact sports to begin full activity.

“We have said from the start of the 2019-20 school year that we would do everything possible to have three seasons, and play all three to completion. Our strong advocacy for all sports and seasons – and especially Winter sports – continues every day.”

The MHSAA this past weekend concluded its 11-Player Football Finals, which along with Girls Volleyball, Lower Peninsula Girls Swimming & Diving and 8-Player Football Finals were allowed to conclude this month with competing teams and individuals taking part in an MDHHS rapid testing pilot program.



## February Events 2021

**Work Out to Win! (CHE/DEX)**  
Visit your center 10 times in February for a chance to win great prizes.  
At the end of February, if you have 10 visits, your name will be entered in our prize drawings. No registration is required. Just check in at the front desk and you're all set to start. FOR MORE INFORMATION please visit the Member Service Desk.

**Valentine's Gift Card Special' (CHE/DEX)**  
February 1-14  
Purchase a gift card and give your Valentine the opportunity to enjoy services or put towards membership at the Chelsea or Dexter Wellness Centers. You will receive a complimentary gift bag with chocolates!

**Virtual LIVE February Workshops\***  
**Creating An Exercise Workout (CHE)**  
Tuesday, February 9 | 10:00am  
Ryan Watkins, Fitness Specialist, ACTION Certified Personal Trainer

**The Importance of Stretching (DEX)**  
Tuesday, February 23 | 5:00pm  
Nicole Swisher, Fitness Specialist, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer

**Expanding Your Exercise Library (CHE)**  
Friday, February 26 | 1:15pm  
Evan Fletcher, Fitness Specialist, ACTION Certified Personal Trainer

\*Community Welcome.

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# VIVIAN IS ACTIVE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE POOL



Photos By Melanie Reyes and Murphy Hansen

By Dave Merchant

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Vivian is an exciting high school athlete. She enjoys watching TV, listening to music, playing her bass guitar, and sleeping.

Vivian is a sophomore at Dexter High. Her main sport is diving for the Dreads.

Her top moments include: "Competing at Nationals with my club team, Legacy, and making it to states with the DHS Swim & Dive team," she said.

Vivian is also in choir. She has several coaches who are her favorites. "I can't choose a favorite, they

have all impacted me and my diving career differently," she said.

She wants to dive in college. "Diving challenges you, it requires you to go out of your comfort zone, which I enjoy and find very rewarding," she added. "Also, I have made some of my best friends through diving and at meets."

Her parents are Jodi and Mike Kindard, and her siblings are Amelia, Clayton, Jillian, Spencer, and Muriel.

Advice for younger athletes is strong. "My advice would be: make friends in your sport, sports can be

very demanding both mentally and physically, and it's nice to have friends who understand what you're going through," she said.



## ON THE SIDELINE: NIGHTTIME, VAMPIRES, RESOLUTIONS AND ROBERT FROST

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the heck of it) Frost's time in Ann Arbor as a Fellow at the University of Michigan in the 1920s. Turns out, like me, Frost was a night person. He did a lot of his best work during the night and into the wee hours of the morning. He was somewhat of an insomniac apparently and would often-times leave his home and wander around Ann Arbor at night, walking, thinking and enjoying the solitude. He wrote a poem about these nighttime walks in Ann Arbor called "Acquainted with the Night." It's my favorite of his writings, so far. It hits home, for I too am acquainted with the night. It's said Frost used to like to walk down Division Street and in and around that area while he was living in Ann Arbor (on Pontiac Trail not far from

the Broadway Bridge, he also lived on Washtenaw Street across from where the U-M rock is located). I have driven on Division Street and over the Broadway Bridge a million times and will never experience the ride the same again. I also have been driving past the Washtenaw Street house for years and never knew it.

Either way, I'm rambling now and, as usual, so off-topic. What was I talking about? Anyhow, like Frost, I, too, am a night person. And, also like Frost, I've won the Pulitzer Prize four times. I've just been keeping that little nugget on the down low. And if you buy that, as George Strait said, I've got some oceanfront property in Arizona for you -- and, okay, I'll throw the Golden Gate in free.

I guess my point

(sorry it's taken so long to get there) is that I, of course, never stay a morning person very long even if I try to get up earlier. I easily break my resolution, along with numerous other resolutions, New Year's or otherwise. I won't bore you with excessive details. I've read the secret to being a bore is to "tell everything." So, that being said, I will stop here and not describe every resolution I've broken this year or throughout my lifetime.

You're welcome.

It's actually 4:05 a.m. as I sit here writing this column.

It's peaceful.

It's quiet.

It's dark outside.

And like Frost, I, too, have been one acquainted with the night.

And I wouldn't have it any other way...

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Caring Together

## Dexter Creamery to Reopen Earlier Than Expected

By Charla Hamilton  
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Dexter Creamery announced in a Facebook post on Saturday that they will be opening earlier than expected. They also made

a note that they have been working on some exciting changes in the creamery that they can't wait to share with the community!

Mark your calendars for their launch of

their 2021 Season on February 26!

Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dextercreamery/> for more updates!