34-year-old Byron man critical after shooting

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A 34-year-old Byron man is in critical condition at Hurley Medical Center after he was struck with a bolt cutter and then shot over the weekend in Argentine Township.

The suspect in the shooting, 59-year-old Timothy Ward of Durand, remains in custody at the Genesee County Jail. He is facing felony charges of assault with intent to murder, two counts of felonious assault and one count See ASSAULT on 10A

GM continues to recall vehicles

By William Axford
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General Motors is still recalling vehicles for faulty ignitions and electric shorts that could possibly cause fires.

Warrants needed for cell phone searches

By William Axford
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The Supreme Court unanimously ruled this week that police must have a search warrant in order to search through a suspect’s cell phone. The ruling comes in an age when digital privacy from authorities continues to be a controversial topic.

Some courts and police agencies argued phones found on a person should be treated as any other item and thus open to inspection. In the court opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts, the justices ruled that phones contain a significant amount of information about a single person and should not be treated as other items such as a journal or address book.

See WARRANTS on 5A
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July is National Ice Cream Month

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From Uncle Ray’s on North LeRoy Street to the Ice Cream Garage in downtown Linden, the tri-county area is a prime location to get a bite of the tasty treat.

As an industry that makes a cool $10 billion a year, according to the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), ice cream is a staple of the American diet and ruler of the summer. Locally, ice cream vendors opt for quality over mass production.

“We make all of the ice cream right here. It all comes from our dad, Ray, who started making ice cream 35 years ago,” said Dave Durant, co-owner of Uncle Ray’s. “We make 24 flavors and it’s all handmade.”

Durant said the process of making ice cream begins with 15 percent butterfat, which is put into a batch freezer. The ice cream then moves to a flash freezer, which is about 20 degrees below zero. The ice cream stays frozen overnight and then transferred to a softening freezer, which Durant said is kept at zero degrees but is still too hard to dip. Finally, the ice cream is transferred into a dipping cabinet, which is kept at 5 degrees and ready to be scooped.

At the Ice Cream Garage in downtown Linden, ‘hard’ ice cream is all that’s served or ice cream that has to be scooped. Owner Colleen Brazelton, who has run the ice cream store for the past two years, said she makes some specialty flavors such as dairy-free sorbets for the lactose intolerant and gluten-free cones. From May 17 to the first frost of fall, Brazelton serves everything from banana to cotton candy flavored ice creams.

“We’re known for big scoops. Sometimes people have told us to stop making them so big,” Brazelton said. “Ice cream is just so tasty.”

See ICE CREAM on 15A
A Hollywood ending!

I often bemoan the fact that it is my lot in life to regularly educate my meager audience with regard to the actions and activities of many of the idiots, imbeciles and fools who populate this planet with.

Not so today.

Oscar-nominated actress Amy Adams was in the limelight last week for a genuinely kind and unselfish act not generally associated with the demented denizens of Hollywood.

On a flight from Detroit to Los Angeles yesterday, the 39-year-old ‘American Hustle’ star, with class and grace, quietly gave her first-class seat to an American serviceman who had been booked in coach. Adams, whose dad was an officer in the U.S. army, first noticed the man in uniform at the gate. Once on board, the five-time Oscar nominee quietly asked to switch seats with the soldier so that he could enjoy her plush, and expensive, accommodations.

Why should this be surprising? Well, most actors in Hollywood will only travel if they can get a first-class seat so as not to be forced to mingle with the lower-class commoners who travel via coach. Being more accustomed to fools like Alec Baldwin (he recently was thrown off a flight for refusing to turn off his cell prior to takeoff), the selfless generosity of his actions is a breath of fresh air.

Now granted, Amy Adams didn’t sell everything she owned in order to work first with orphans in Haiti, but in a time where our troops are $8+/a day on the VA, slated by our President, ignored by the media, disdained by Hollywood and generally unappreciated by the citizens they risk their lives for each day, I found her simple act of kindness to be a wonderful example for the rest of us on how to show our soldiers that we appreciate them.

Amy Adams was not only classy in giving up her first-class seat to one of our warriors, but she also didn’t do a shout-out about it on the Today show. God bless.

Think the exact opposite of the disgusting Venezuelans. We wouldn’t even know she had done it.

But let’s make one thing clear. This is not a feel-good story. This is 4A.

Meanwhile...

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern
E-cigarettes banned in county buildings, vehicles

Deemed unsafe by FDA, commissioners vote to prohibit their use

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in all Genesee County buildings and work vehicles.

The policy, which was approved on June 23, applies to all county employees, visitors, volunteers, students, contract workers, delivery personnel, and anyone who enters any Genesee County building.

After testing a number of e-cigarettes, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined that various samples tested contained not only nicotine but also detectable levels of known carcinogens and toxic chemicals, including tobacco-specific nitrosamines and diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze.

The FDA’s testing also suggested that quality control processes used to manufacture these products are inconsistent or non-existent.

Electronic smoking devices produce a vapor of undetermined and potentially harmful substances, which may appear similar to the smoke emitted by traditional tobacco products. The use of electronic smoking devices in existing smoke-free locations threatens to undermine compliance with smoking regulations, creates a disturbance which impedes employee performance, confuses the public, and reverses the progress that has been made in establishing a social norm that smoking is not permitted in public places and places of employment.

The Genesee County Health Department applauds the Board of Commissioners for taking this step to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees and visitors.

Genesee County Commissioner Tony Brown of Fenton Township said the vote was unanimous. Commissioners are treating e-cigarettes like traditional cigarettes and voted the way they did based on the recommendation of Mark Valacak, director of the health department.

According to Merriam-Webster, probable cause is defined as “evidence that gives someone a reason to think that a crime has been or is being committed.” Aro said establishing probable cause can be somewhat subjective in cases, since there are no “hard and fast rules” on it. Warrants are given to police based on opinions from judges, after police have submitted information and facts.

In the same article, the Wall Street Journal reports Justice Samuel Alito wrote an opinion advocating legislatures to establish laws determining privacy rights, minimizing the involvement of courts.
The gardens at the Linden home of Ed and Cindy Breeding reflect a love of color and an extension of their living area into their outdoor space.

Garden Tour designed to inspire

Seven local gardens will be on Open Gate Garden Club tour on Sunday, July 13

By Sally Rummel
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Nothing inspires your own garden like looking at other gardens for ideas and inspiration.

The Open Gate Garden Club will share seven gardens in the Fenton and Linden area in their annual Garden Tour on Sunday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each of the gardens on tour has a unique feature, whether its focus is perennials, a variety of trees and shrubs, impressive hardscapes, raised vegetable beds or private retreats, country acres or incredible lake views.

“When I first started gardening, I didn’t have a clue what I was doing,” said Cindy Breeding, whose yard is Garden #6 on the tour. This is her first time to be in the Garden Tour. “I knew I just wanted some color in my yard. So for me, creating beauty is what inspires me to garden.”

Visitors to her garden will find many interesting accents, from a focal fountain to gazing balls, funny garden signs and a picket fence, which defines a relaxing area to pick up a book and read.

For visitors who want to know more about the gardens they are viewing, skilled gardeners will be on site to answer questions, and plants will be labeled at each garden.

Advanced tickets are available for $8 (kids 12 and under are free) from all Open Gate Garden Club members and from: Yard ’N Garden, 603 Silver Lake Rd.; Bordine Nursery, 9100 Torrey Rd., Grand Blanc; Gerych’s Flowers & Events, 713 Silver Lake Rd.; Heavenly Scent Herb Farm, 13730 White Lake Rd. and The Iron Grate, 103 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton.

The admission includes maps and garden guides, refreshments, merchant discounts and entry into a raffle for a garden bench. Tickets on the day of the tour will be $10 and available at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, 310 South LeRoy St., Fenton.

Monies raised from the tour will benefit Whaley’s Children Center, Adopt-a-Pet, Camp Copemico and the Holly Township Library.

For more information, contact Pat Laycock at (810) 210-9637 or visit the club’s website at www.opengategardentour.com

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Fasting
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People at work are used to seeing me eat yogurt, tuna from the can, carrots, string cheese, protein shakes and fruit little by little throughout the day.

Here is something I immediately observed — aside from energy, food structures our day; providing a distraction, and sensory stimuli. While working at home, I get excited at the thought of leaving the editing desk for a cookie and coffee.

Then I sat down remembering I wasn’t going anywhere, and the water in my faux-camera lens cup was all I was good for.

The upside is that without cooking, eating or exercising, I could work on projects forever as long as my energy held. These activities took hours each day, because I am also in the habit of bringing food to work each day.

I learned that instead of eating I felt the need to bother friends more via text, and on Monday, I could feel the normal social filter disappear. The feeling was similar to having a few beers, and I had to remember not to say anything inappropriate at the office.

Although a little sensitive, I was still in a good mood, surprisingly. I actually slept better, and felt more rested.

Tuesday: 48 hours into no food, I finally felt negative effects — weakness, fog-brain and even a little muscle pain. I also wanted to eat everything in sight, and lunch time smells become the worst — this is when I finally hated fasting.

While this experiment was picked randomly, it happens to be Ramadan, the month during which practicing Muslims do not eat or drink or have marital relations while the sun is up, from June to July 28. In this area, this affects a few hundred families.

Iman Meyer-Hoffman of Tyrone Township said it connects her with her religion and community, and forces quite a bit of discipline — the sun rises before 4 a.m., and sets around 9, so food must be consumed between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

She said fasting also evokes empathy for people who cannot get enough to eat.

This is something I realized myself — obviously, there are people, especially children, who are at risk of hunger at any given time, but not by choice, or because of a dumb experiment like mine.

Someone reading this may be hungry, and hungry, I learned, can be really distracting.

By Tuesday afternoon, I could feel it affecting my concentration along with the heat. While laying in bed unable to work, I decided I’d had enough, and broke the fast at 6 p.m., with mixed nuts and a veggie omelet.

On Monday, I weighed 174.4 pounds, on Tuesday, 169.2, all down from my average 175.2.

Something Meyer-Hoffman learned during fasting is how much food we have in the U.S.

I felt this as I broke my fast, and looked for something to eat. A cupboard that looked a little sparse was suddenly full of options and I stood there staring at the fruit, canned beans, cereal, rice and protein shakes wondering what I should make.

She said fasting makes her aware of her religion — forme it helped make me aware of what I have, and how much I really need.

In all, I fasted for 54 hours, and I think I would do it one day per month.

News Briefs

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“We work on an average of 100-120 vehicles a day and roughly 15 to 20 of those are recalls,” said Mike Agnone, fixed business development manager for Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton, via email. “There are still some delays in the parts availability for some of the other recalls, but we are doing our best to get those parts ordered and at our dealership as quickly as possible.

Ignition key rotations, electrical overloads and electrical shorts are some of the issues GM is having with their vehicles. The 2014 Cruze, Camaro, Impala, Buick Regal and Cadillac XTS are some of the vehicles that have been listed for the recall.

Last month, GM announced they will be implementing a compensation program for those who have been seriously injured or whose family members have died due to the ignition switch failure. According to a GM press release, the program is expected to cover nearly 1.6 million vehicles manufactured between 2003 and 2007 and another 1 million vehicles manufactured between 2008 and 2011. GM is anticipating the program to begin Aug. 1.

According to a June 30 Wall Street Journal article, Agnone said GM has confirmed there have been at least three deaths, seven crashes and eight injuries related to the recall. The deaths were related to Chevrolet Impalas, where air bags did not deploy during crashes.

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“We are taking responsibility for what has happened by taking steps to treat these victims and their families with compassion, decency and fairness,” Bara said on GM’s website. “We made serious mistakes in the past and as a result we’re making significant changes in our company to ensure they never happen again.”

As for local dealers, work on recalled vehicles will carry on as GM continues to identify other vehicles that need attention. Agnone said customers who are concerned about their vehicles should call Vic Canever at (810) 629-3350.

“We encourage customers who have recalls that require inspections to schedule their vehicle for the inspection so that they can get their parts ordered and get on the list,” Agnone said. “We also have hired an additional technician to keep up with the increased volume of vehicles in our garage.”

So far, GM has recalled nearly 29 million vehicles this year and is expected to earn $1.2 billion during this quarter.
ASSAULT
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 felony firearms.
Ward was arraigned on the charges Tuesday afternoon in Genesee County District Court. Judge John Conover de-
nied bond on the assault with intent to murder count, and then ordered a cash
surety bond of $75,000 each on counts
   two and three, and a cash surety bond of
   $25,000 on the felony firearms charge.
A preliminary exam has been scheduled for
July 9.
Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said that at approximately 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, his officers
responded to a home in the 12000 block of Rolston Road on a report of a man with a gun. While en route, responding
officers were advised that there had been a shooting.
Upon arrival, police discovered that a 34-year-old Byron man had sustained a gunshot wound to the abdomen and
blunt force injuries to his head. He was transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, where he was last listed in critical
condition.
Allen said the investigation is in the early stages, however, he could say that the incident stemmed from an alleged
dispute over the use of personal and real property between Ward and a 62-year-old male relative.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
I FIND IT sad that someone thinks the employees at the Loose Senior Center aren’t nice. The director does what is
best for the members and the center, and the workers are so kind and helpful. I’ve never had a bad experience there.

THANK YOU TO the person who anonymously paid for our breakfast at Bob Evans on Wednesday. It was a
nice surprise. We will be sure to pay it forward.

I THINK THE old Topp’s building across from Sawyer’s should be torn
down.

I WOULD LIKE TO thank The Rock Church for a beautiful service at Silver
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Fenton’s Cowgore soaring with the Cardinals

Past Tigers’ star has sensational sophomore season

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Sammie Cowgore experienced some changes during her second season with the Ball State Cardinals softball team.

First off, she had a new head coach, Tyra Perry who came from Western Kentucky University.

She also saw her playing time increase.

After playing mostly in the role of a pinch hitter for the Division 1 school in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) her freshman year, Cowgore found herself earning a starting position as the team’s designated hitter around the start of April. She also pitched in her first action at the Division 1 level, pitching in six games.

“It was awesome,” Cowgore said about her second season with the Cardinals.

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the field. (Working my way to the starting lineup was a different experience, but I loved it.)

Cowger also found her way on the pitcher’s mound. The lefty pitched in six games, tossing 10 innings and posting a 1-1 record. She had a 4.90 earned run average.

However, she did have a perfect 0.00 ERA until a game against one of the best programs in the nation, Arizona. In that contest, Arizona collected three earned runs over three innings, against Cowger. But, still, it was an experience the lefty won’t forget soon.

“It was unreal,” Cowger said. “We played a doubleheader with them and we just came off our win against Arizona State, so we were feeling pretty good. Their hitters were unbelievable. They kind of shook us up a little bit, but it was a cool experience.”

Ball State ended up having a pretty strong season overall, posting a 33-19 record overall and a 12-4 MAC mark, capturing the team’s fifth MAC regular season title in the last six years. However, losses to Ohio and Northern Illinois during the MAC tournament eliminated any shot at getting an NCAA bid, ending the team’s season short of the postseaon.

Cowger’s future
Cowger is excited to have already earned a spot in the starting lineup in just her sophomore season, but she wants to do more than hit next year. Minus the times she pitched, Cowger only played in the field a couple of times last year.

“I want to keep hitting because that was a really big goal for me, and it was awesome I got to reach it so early in my career,” Cowger said. “But I want to work my way in on defense wherever I can.

“I’ve been a utility player my whole life, so wherever I can get the innings, I’ll take them — on the mound, in the outfield, on the dirt (infield), wherever I can go.”

So far Cowger has enjoyed her experience at Ball State.

“This is completely more fun than I expected,” Cowger said. “I love my team. I love my coaches. I’ve loved the game ever since I was really little, so it’s just four more years being able to do something I love.”

Wednesday Night
CROSS COUNTRY RACES
Here are the results for the first week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. The races continue Wednesday.

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I guess there is one lesson to learn here. The Top 16 isn’t a popularity contest. Teams are rewarded based on their performance and not the number of people in the stands.

No. 9 — The third installment of our four-part series.

No. 8 — Holly boys cross country:
Before the turn of the century, the Bronchos were one of the dominant cross country teams in the Metro League. During the fall of 2014, the Bronchos showed that they may be ready to return to such levels again. Holly captured their first Metro League crown since 1996, winning each of the three Metro meets.

And while the Bronchos cruised through that season, it should be reminded it wasn’t an easy challenge. After all, it involved defeating the Linden Eagles, who eventually capped the year as the No. 4 team in the state in Division 2.

It can be argued that no Metro League champion from the tri-county schools had a more demanding squad to defeat than the Bronchos, and they made it look relatively easy. Once the postseason started, the Bronchos showed they were pretty good state-wide themselves.

They finished third at regionals, earning a spot at the state meet, and while there they finished 15th.

We don’t expect this to be a one-year thing. Expect to see the Bronchos to make a run at the top list in the near future. A slew of great runners return in the fall.

No. 7 — Holly girls basketball:
The Bronchos have come close to winning league titles during the previous three years a couple of times, but were never able to finish the task. This year was the last chance for Holly to capture a league crown during the Alyssa Copley era, and the Bronchos did it downright convincingly.

It was a regular season most Holly fans aren’t going to soon forget. The Bronchos not only won the Metro League title, but they earned it with a perfect 16-0 record. And the Bronchos were equally impressive during their four non-league regular season games, sweeping those for a 20-0 regular season.

It can be argued that no one in the tri-county area had a more impressive regular season than the Bronchos.

In the playoffs the Bronchos continued their dominance, capturing a district crown in an entertaining contest against the Fenton Tigers. It was their first district crown since 1993. The Bronchos lost in the regional semifinals to Canton, but anyone who witnessed the 22-1 season, won’t soon forget it.

No. 6 — Fenton girls tennis:
Oh, the Fenton girls tennis team should be upset with the ol’ sports staff. How we forgot to include them in the spring poll is baffling. But, hey, we are all human. That error has been corrected right here.

Metro League tennis is used to mean just one squad — the Holly Bronchos. But that’s not the case any more. There’s a new kid in town, and that’s the Fenton Tigers, who have now won two of the last three Metro League crowns. But what we think makes the Tigers’ run all the more impressive is that we don’t think the Bronchos are any worse of a program than those teams that won nearly three decades of league crowns. We think they are as good as ever, but the Tigers have moved to the top by elevating their game.

It didn’t come easy. Holly tied them in the dual, meaning the champion would be settled at the league meet. While there, the Tigers proved they deserved the crown by defeating Holly.

Fenton didn’t stop there, though. They captured a regional crown and then finished the season by placing seventh in the state with 11 points.

By the way, Holly finished 11th at the meet. So it’s apparent, Metro League tennis is getting stronger.

No. 5 — Linden boys soccer:
The 2013-14 school year was a pretty nice time to be an Eagles soccer fan. The Linden girls finished 13th in our poll, and now we have the boys at No. 5. Just like the girls, the Linden boys dominated the Metro League, capturing a perfect season. The Eagles were just as impressive during the non-league portion of the season, losing just one game.

Linden entered districts ranked the second team in the state, so the pressure was on. The squad dealt with the pressure by earning a district crown, and then defeated Fenton 2-1 in the regional semifinals for the third time during the season. However, the Eagles’ run ended in the regional title game, when they lost to the eventual state champions, East Lansing.

Kevin Wright (heading the ball) and the Linden Eagles finished at No. 5 of our Tri-County Top 16 Poll for the 2013-14 school year.
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making sure everyone is playing nice and following the rules.

The marine patrol derives its authority from the Michigan Marine Safety Act. These deputies do not carry weapons, and have to be licensed and CPR certified. Many are part-time deputies.

Overall, the goal of the Sheriff Patrol of the local lakes is safety, said Dep. Brian Ross, who oversees the Marine Patrol on all large lakes in Genesee County. This means Lake Fenton, Ponemah, Lobdell, Silver and Holloway in Lapeer County are patrolled by deputies.

On Friday, Ross came along on a quick sweep with Dep. Alex Demock, because only Ross is allowed to answer questions on the record. Usually it is two part-time deputies on a patrol, like Demock.

The only stop in that hour period was a man idling a wave runner through the channel between the north and south parts of Lake Fenton, making a wake. In order to keep the wheezing, chugging machine running, he had to break the no-wake rule as it dragged him behind it, by going a little faster.

Ross and Demock stopped him to remind him of the no-wake zone, and sent him on his way.

This is the bulk of what marine patrols do — remind people of the rules to both keep everyone safe, and protect the property of lakefront residents.

While fights and drunken boaters happen, the main infractions they see is expired boat tags, because although a tag will say 2014, tags only last up to March 31 on the current year. Every tag that reads “2014” is actually out of date.

Like police on the road, marine patrolers have zero tolerance for alcohol abuse. It is illegal for a person piloting a boat to be over the limit of .10 percent, though others can be drinking within reason.

If a marine patrol deputy finds a driver over the limit, they are escorted to shore to be arrested by an on-duty road deputy. While waiting for someone to be arrested, they probably won’t cuff them while on the water because of the combination of sun, heat and physical activity.

Deputies must also know local ordinances. For example, locally there are specific no-wake zones that are enforced by the marine patrol, and vessels must be 100 feet from shore if making a wake. You also can’t anchor at Cases Island.

Those on the water are treated in a similar manner to those on the road, although boaters are more likely to be relaxed. “They came out here to have a good time and we want to continue that,” said Ross.

The deputies will give the most attention to the most popular areas, like The Point, and The Cove on Lake Fenton. These areas are much busier on a weekend. The point will see a huge party on July 4, where regular deputies will be standing by, overseeing. “We’re not out here to ruin people’s weekend or holidays,” said Ross.

In 2013, Ross said some people were trying to swim all the way across Lake Fenton, which may not be illegal, it’s just really dangerous.

Fights at The Point on the busiest days are not infrequent, and neither are drunk people. Ross said alcohol can be especially dangerous on the water because of the combination of sun, heat and physical activity.

Saturday and Sunday are the busiest days, but marine patrols can happen any time.

Quick boating facts
1. There is a 100-foot, no-wake rule on local lakes.
2. Tags that read “2014” are out of date by next March 31, 2015.
3. The legal blood alcohol content (BAC) on lakes is .10 percent (compared to .08 percent while driving a vehicle).
4. Alcohol has greater affect on the water because of the sun, heat and physical activity.

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just goes with the hot weather.”

Today’s ice cream enthusiasts can test their palate with flavors far beyond vanilla and chocolate. Parade magazine lists Avocado, curry and carrot cake ice cream as some of the most creative flavors they could find. At Uncle Ray’s, Durant said their Spumoni, an Italian ice cream that has multiple layers of flavors and usually contains candied fruits and nuts, is always a big hit with customers. Uncle Ray’s Spumoni is only available between Thanksgiving and Christmas so those interested in trying the Italian treat will have to wait until the holidays.

“We call ourselves a ‘micro creamery,’ because we only make 5 gallons of ice cream per batch,” Durant said.

Durant and his brother, Todd, have tried a myriad of other flavors including popcorn, cool orange pineapple and pistachio.

While so much goes into making ice cream, keeping prices competitive is part of the draw for bringing customers back. “We have one price, $2.25, and families love it,” Brazelton said.

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1 cup whole milk
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 vanilla bean, scraped

DIRECTIONS:
Combine cream, milk, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan and heat until the sugar is completely dissolved. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean and stir into the cream mixture just before removing from the heat. Pour into a bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Chill in the refrigerator or in an ice bath until completely cool. Freeze for an additional 2 hours. If you don’t have an ice cream maker, try the bag method. It is simple, but messy. Fill a large plastic bag with ice and salt, and then put a smaller bag inside with a cup of ice cream mix. After some agitation, the mix in the inner bag will get cold enough to freeze into ice cream.

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