

Market Talk *Word and Pictures compiled by Rick Rutabaga and the Rein-Pigs*

This month we asked a few Market peeps to tell us what they *REALLY* want for the holidays...



Frankie Genzale
Frank's Produce

"All I want is an hour of free parking for my customers."



Mercedes Yaeger
Market Rat

"If I could have anything in the world it, it would be a vaccine for the AIDS and to erase the African debt."



Roy Perovich
Market Regular

"All I really want to do is fire it up....and have a good time."



Anna McCleery
Stilnovich Produce

"All I want is to spend time with friends and family without the pressure of gift giving."



James Scott
US Bank

"All I want for the holidays is for people to enjoy each other - families being reunited or whatever - its about joy!"



Frank Coble
Market Artist

"I would like to have more time watching movies and drawing with my nieces and nephews... and contentment with what I have."

Left Off! Something Special for the Southpaw

BY LEILANI McCOY

Hidden (and I mean hidden) way DownUnder, below where fish fly, is quite possibly the smallest shop in the Market. Unique is a good word to use when describing Lefties and this shop.

Are you left-handed? I bet you have more 'lefty' friends than you realized. One out of ten people is a south paw and they all suffer with stuff designed for right-handers. Time now for you to take note of how those around you groove with a pen because the rewards for you are fabulous. One woman was close to tears as she opened her birthday gift of a left-handed spatula and wooden spoon from me (both under \$10). She went on and on how difficult it was to work with normal tools. For months she thanked me and you know what? It felt great.

Have you ever tried cutting with your left hand? That's why Tom at Lefties sells scissors, cooking tools, pot holders, knives, playing cards, tablets, t-shirts, etc. It's a fun shop and causes the left side of your brain to say, see? Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Beethoven, Benjamin Franklin, Albert Einstein, Charlie Chaplin, Bobby Fisher, Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney and Wynton Marsalis - all lefties. But research says it just one of those things; the DNA bingo game. Is there any connection between left-handed people and creative genius? I don't know... but you will be genius if you give your left-handed friend a gift from Lefties.

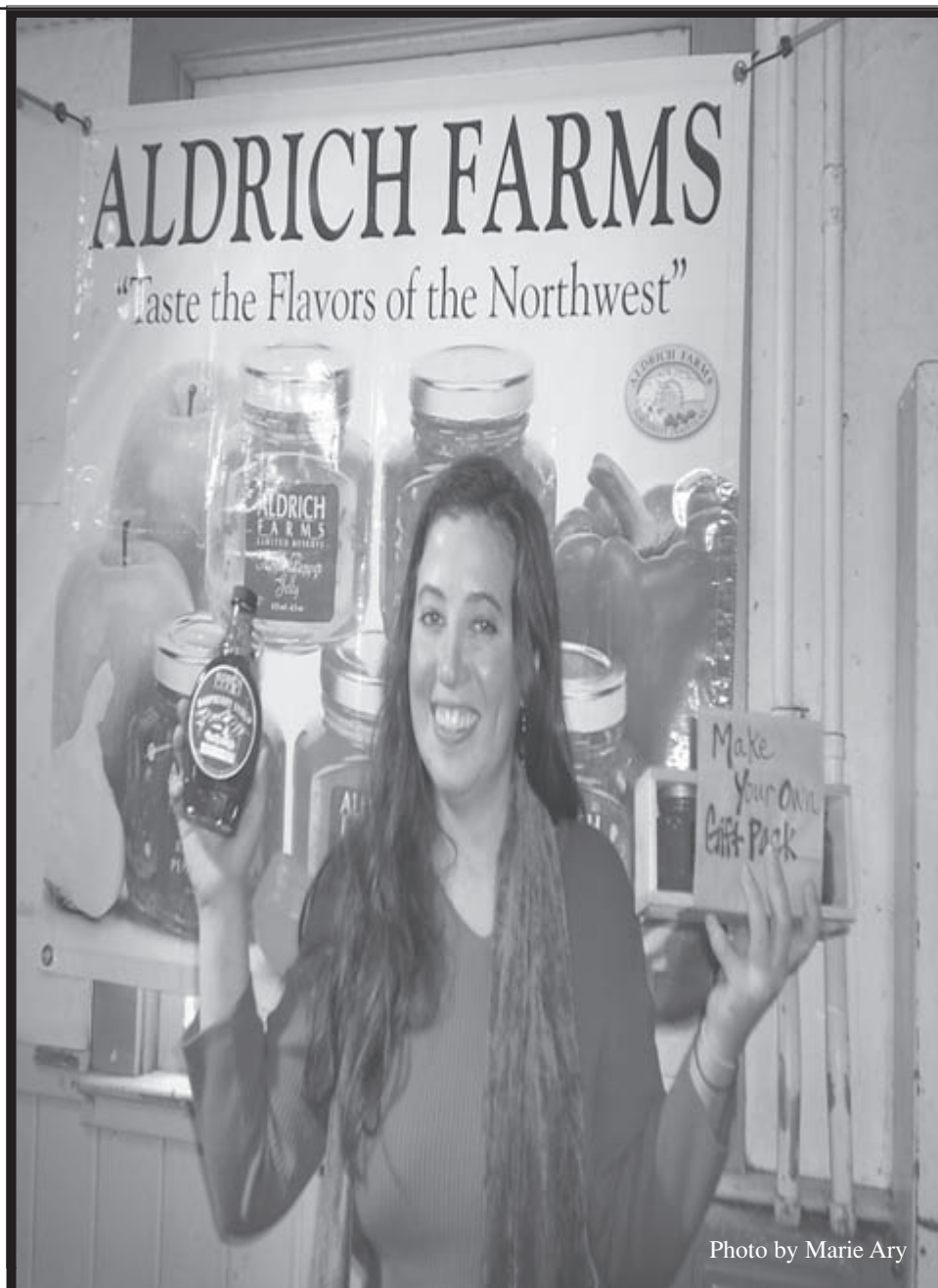


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Holly Starley, of Aldrich Farms, in the Market's North Arcade, helps sell over 30 different Aldrich Farms' premium gourmet jams and jellies, and sweet syrups concocted of 70 percent fruit: "Created directly out of the field straight to the kettle in the kitchen." Daily during December, taste and purchase family-owned Aldrich Farms products which include raspberry chocolate, strawberry chocolate and blueberry chocolate jams. Customers can create gift packs of any three 4.5 ounce jams or jellies in specially designed Aldrich Farms wooden crates. Look for caramel apple pie jam, pumpkin butter and apple garlic pepper jam "excellent for cooking, sauting and marinating," said owner Richard Buford. "Also, we have no sugar added apple, blueberry and raspberry jams and syrups with Splenda™ for diabetics."

Larry Fosberg's Holiday Joke Corner



Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

-So he can hoe-hoe-hoe

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Clause?

-Claus-traphobic

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

-He suffered from low ELF-esteem

What do elves learn in school?

-The Elf-a-bet

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

-Frostbite

What happens when Santa comes down the chimmney and there is a fire going?

-You get a Crisp Kringle