

FOODIE

Chef'n Zipstrip Herb Stripper,
Metro Cooks (\$17.95)

LE CREUSET 3.5 QUART WIDE OVAL OVEN IN CARIBBEAN

HABITAT HOUSEWARES is a haven for the foodie in your life. With every gadget, glassware, linens, gourmet foods, coffees and teas and all around great stuff for your kitchen and home, take some time to wander and ponder the possibilities. The staff is knowledgeable and friendly and the store is very inviting. But for that special chef in your life, this Dutch oven will quite possibly change their life. It's not only supremely functional, it's pretty! \$179, Habitat Housewares (University Center, Suite 7, 3801 Old Seward Hwy.)

WILD SCOOPS ICE CREAM ADVENTURE CLUB

SWEETEN UP SOMEONE'S WINTER with a monthly membership or full five-month package from Anchorage's own Wild Scoops Ice Cream Adventure Club! From January through May, 2016 you will receive two delicious pints of Alaska's finest homemade premium ice cream each month. Bonus surprises are also included, which could be an ice cream sandwich, an ice pop or Wild Scoops schwag. Local ingredients are used, and flavors are always inventive. \$23 per month, \$100 for the five month (wildscoops.com)



Wild Scoops Ice Cream Adventure Club, wildscoops.com (\$23-\$100)

ALASKA GIFT BASKET

FOR YOUR OUTSIDE GOURMAND, this adorable gift includes a cabin-themed hot pad and kitchen towel, a Denali National Park video, buffalo trail sausage and 12 bags of Alaska wild berry tea. Some of their other gift sets feature smoked salmon, chocolates, Siberian sausage and ulu knives. Free shipping via ground delivery is available throughout the Continental United States. Expedited shipping and shipment in Alaska and Hawaii is available at an additional charge. \$53.95 (alaska-gift-baskets.myshopify.com/)

SEED PACKETS

FOR THAT GREEN THUMB on your list, consider the gift of heirloom tomatoes, watercress microgreens or yellow peppers. Open year-round the Alaska Botanical Garden Gift Shop is a small, but hidden gem of a gift shop in Anchorage. One of the best parts about purchasing the uniquely Alaskan gifts they offer is that profits go toward preserving and expanding the mission of the Alaska Botanical Garden. Besides a large assortment of seeds, they also sell books, garden sculptures, tools, and memberships. Seed packets range from \$1.89 to \$3.49. (4601 Campbell Airstrip Rd.)

ALASKA SEAFOOD COMBO GIFT PACK

PENTH AND M'S Alaska Seafood Combo Gift Pack is a great deal. It includes two pounds of large Alaskan golden king crab legs and claws, two pounds of frozen halibut fillets, two pounds of frozen red salmon fillets and one pound of frozen smoked red salmon fillet. That's a lot of food plus it includes all of your shipping costs anywhere in the Lower 48. Other gift packs offer reindeer sausage, shrimp and more. \$219.95 (1020 M St.)



CHEF'N ZIPSTRIP HERB STRIPPER & SPICECUBE HERB FREEZER TRAY

CHEF'N ZIPSTRIP HERB STRIPPER instantly strips cilantro, Italian parsley, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme, tarragon or any woody herb. Four holes fit a variety of woody and stemmed herbs to zip, strip and add fresh herb flavor to appetizers, breads, soups, entrees and desserts. All you have to do is insert the stem into the appropriate opening and pull. The storage tray lets you easily freeze fresh herbs and use only the amount you need for recipes. \$17.95, Metro Cooks (570 E. Benson)