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Lafayette Family Opens Food Truck

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From left: Alex, Isabelle, Tina, and Tom Tankka Photos provided

What do you get when you cross a food truck with a frozen treat? IzzyA's Frozen Ice Cream Custard and Treats, a new venture by a Lafayette family. You can try izzyA's frozen dessert straight from the truck at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival Sept. 20-21.

Tina Tankka's interest in opening a food truck stems from her passion for creating gourmet food and her catering experience. From home dinner parties, to contributing food and service to Lafayette Library and Learning Center community events, Cal Shakes, and local schools, Tankka prides herself on an experience in taste, quality ingredients and presentation. She is joined in her business by her husband, Tom, and her two daughters, Alex and Isabelle, for whom the company, izzyA's Frozen Ice Cream Custard and Treats, is named.

"I loved the idea of the mobility of a food truck, allowing me to offer my custard ice cream to many people," says Tankka.

IzzyA's Frozen Ice Cream Custard and Treats serves gourmet frozen ice cream custard, a delicious concoction distinguished from ice cream by a single additional ingredient - egg yolk - that creates a creamier, richer texture. And since the dessert is prepared at the place of sale, rather than stored, consumers are guaranteed a fresh treat.

Frozen ice cream custard was invented in 1919, when two ice cream makers on Coney Island discovered that adding egg yolk to their recipe created a unique texture, and also helped their ice cream stay at a cooler temperature.

Simply put, "It's ice cream at its finest," says Tankka.



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