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Whatcom County Buy Local Week Nov. 25- Dec. 4

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A number of Whatcom County businesses will participate in the ninth annual Buy Local Week, starting Friday, Nov. 25 and going through Sunday, Dec. 4.

The aim of Buy Local Week is to encourage community members to shift at least 10 percent of their non-local shopping to local, independently owned businesses. Organized by Sustainable Connections, many participating businesses will offer discounts and deals throughout the week.

"We know that buying decisions around the holidays can be tough and hope that our community will make thoughtful choices around their purchases that include local, independently owned businesses," said Michelle Grandy, Think Local First program manager at Sustainable Connections, in a press release. "Keeping money local supports our friends and neighbors, whether that means purchasing more locally grown food for holiday meals, visiting a unique local store right here in Whatcom County, or finding a one-of-a-kind experience to share with loved ones."

Also coming up is Sustainable Connections' online auction fundraiser. The Bid Local First! Auction is full of unique experiences and one-of-a-kind items from Whatcom County's best local, independently owned businesses with proceeds benefitting the Food To Bank On beginning farmer business training project. The 4th annual auction is open for bidding Monday, Nov. 21 through December 4 at www.biddingforgood.com/sconnect.

For more information, visit sustainableconnections.org or call 360-647-7093.

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