

Shop small, shop Dresden

In Dresden, the community is banding together to kick off the holiday season for local businesses.

On Dec. 9, Dresden will be holding its first ever Kris Kringle Market.

Hosted at the Dresden Farmers Market, 27 vendors will be on site selling lovingly handcrafted gifts. Available items will include wooden toys, jewelry, candy, cakes, soap, lotions and more.

Gift wrapping stations will be placed throughout the market for those who purchase gifts. There will also be sitting areas to enjoy pie and coffee while taking a rest from the fun. Santa Claus has also been rumored to be making an



appearance.

The Kris Kringle Mart was originally an end-of-the-year market in Germany. It has since spread to all corners of the country with Dresden being the latest to join in.

"It's gonna be a huge event," said DeDe McClure, director of the Dresden

Farmers Market. "There's a lot of different things. We're anxious to see how it turns out."

Dresden's holiday markets are a way to end the year with a bang for local businesses, McClure said.

"When you shop locally, it benefits your town," she said. "In small towns like

this, there's so much community spirit. That's the best part about it. It's a comfort."

For more information on how to shop locally in your community, visit picktn-products.org.

"The City of Dresden encourages you to shop local this holiday season," Mayor Jeff Washburn said. "Shopping local is a great way to support local businesses and boost the economy while finding the perfect gift for family and friends. Small businesses are a big part of what makes Dresden a great place to work and live. Shop Small Business Saturday to jump start the holiday season. Shop Local ~ Shop Dresden!"

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