

# All things Green to be on display

County's first NAHB-certified green home will be featured today

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**RATHDRUM** — Greg Washington thought it was time that a builder give Kootenai County a taste of a home certified by the National Association of Home Builders' Green Building Program at 15156 Pristine Circle in Rathdrum's Radiant Lake subdivision as part of Green Day Oktoberfest.

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## Come see it

Kootenai County's first home certified by the National Association of Home Builders' Green Building Program at 15156 Pristine Circle in Rathdrum's Radiant Lake subdivision east of Highway 41 will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today during Green Day Oktoberfest.

There will be food, drinks, music and green industry vendors along with Avista's Sun Car.

said.

It has soy-based, expandable foam insulation on the underside of the roof to act as a vapor barrier and create 700 square feet of attic storage.

"There's not another house in Kootenai County like that," Washington said. "It's an added benefit."

There's a 95 percent-efficient furnace (code calls for 80 percent). The bathrooms have a dehumidistat, which measures relative humid-

"Whether individual builders accept (green technology) or not, it's coming."

GREG WASHINGTON, Courtyard Construction president



Courtesy photo

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ity and automatically shuts off according to your setting. The walls are framed at 2 feet on center, which lessens wood in the walls and the transfer of heat to improve insulation.

It also has R-21 fiberglass insulation (code requires R-19) in the walls and there's no pink or yellow dyes in it, which contributes to

volatile organic compounds in the air.

"It's a high-performance home and it's a healthy home," Washington said, adding that paint with low VOCs was used. "The smell you get with a new home or car is not healthy."

On the outside, deciduous trees protect windows from south and west sun exposure dur-

ing the summer.

Washington, co-chairman of the green building committee for the North Idaho Building Contractors Association, said NIBCA decided to endorse NAHB's certification over more than 90 other green building programs because it has American National Standards Institute approval and requires a third-party verifier.

"This isn't the best market to be putting up a model home, but we thought it was appropriate," Washington said. "Rather than just talk about it, we wanted to stand behind what we believe in."

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There have been reports of electric customers receiving telephone calls from scam artists demanding immediate credit card payment to avoid disconnection of service.

In one instance, a KEC member received a call from someone claiming to be from KEC. The caller told the member that his payment did not go through and that his power was going to be disconnected.

When the member asked the caller how he could keep the power on he was told he could pay with a credit card. When the member questioned the caller further the line went dead.

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