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Green painter sets up shop

Kurt Stuhr of Pristine Painting has become the only green certified painter in the area.

Pristine Painting has been certified as green by the Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program after taking a series of steps to meet the stringent standards.

Stuhr now uses all electric power tools, buys paints with low or no volatile organic compounds, has lowered his energy use and properly eliminates any waste, among many other standards.

"I'm probably the only guy who has an electric power washer," Stuhr said.

Stuhr, who works in Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz and the San Lorenzo Valley as a commercial and residential painter, has been in the business 15 years.

As part of the process, Stuhr assessed and changed his painting and cleanup methods, as well.

His purpose was to cut back on his energy use while helping lead the green business charge.

"I want to encourage other businesses to do this," Stuhr said.

Bank completes \$2.5 million stock offering

Santa Cruz County Bank issued 241,600 shares of common stock and raised \$2,500,560 to support the bank's growth. The shares were sold at \$10.35 and limited to accredited investors. The bank closed the offering Nov. 19.

The stock was offered to encourage growth, bank officials said.

The bank, which opened in February 2004, has five full-service offices, including one on Scotts Valley Drive, and two self-serve banking centers.

Hospice to receive Good Times cash

Scotts Valley-based Hospice of Santa Cruz County will receive cash from the 2010 Good Times Community Fund, one of four county nonprofits to benefit this year.

The fund is a collaboration between the Good Times and Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County to help nonprofits during the holiday season.

PET OF THE WEEK



Squeak, who is 7 lbs. and just 10 months old, has gained confidence and is learning some amazing dog social skills. He's a fun boy and a firecracker in small dog social groups at the shelter. When it's time to stop, he's the last one still zooming saying, "Please, just five more minutes?" Squeak would love another well-matched dog in his forever home to help him learn about the world and to burn off some puppy energy. He needs a home where his family will take the time to nurture his growing mind and help him learn to be the wonderful adult companion he has the potential to be. His ideal home would be with adults or grown children. Please call (831) 454-7303.



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