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'Extreme painters' coat 140-foot Greeley water tower



JOSHUA POLSON/jpolson@greeleytribune.com Matt Foster of BASE Group in Arvada coats the water tower in west Greeley with fresh paint on Sunday. Foster literally "hung out" from 140 feet in the air for several days to complete the project.



JOSHUA POLSON/jpolson@greeleytribune.com Dan Janssen of BASE Group works on a paint job for the water tower over 20th Street in west Greeley on Sunday. The water tower is intentionally painted to look like a golf ball sitting ontop of a tee.

The summer sun beat down on Rich Purnell just a little bit harder than everywhere else in Greeley. From atop a 140-foot water tower in west Greeley recently, Purnell surveyed two of his employees as they dangled over 20th Street and coated the tower with fresh paint. For Purnell, it was another day at work. The owner of BASE Group in Arvada, Purnell and company paint hundred-foot-high industrial and commercial structures from perspectives that few other people have seen. It's a specialized

industry, he said, so they travel across the U.S. to do it. Purnell spent about a week and ...

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