

## Scaling the heights



Workers from Vaero Wireless Company, based out of Ft. Morgan, Colo., continued work on a tower south of Norton. They hope to be done with the project sometime next week. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Norton water tower to get paint job

By DEENA WENTE  
for The Norton Telegram

The Norton City Council voted to pass the abatement of a violation of the environmental code at Shawn Wiltfong's home during their meeting on Wednesday.

The council heard the violations during their meeting on May 20, finding nine violations and ordering Mr. Wiltfong to clean the property up.

Neither Mr. Wiltfong or his landlord, Karl Kohfeld, were present.

With the passage of the resolution, the city is authorized to clean the property up and bill Mr. Wiltfong or Mr. Kohfeld.

The council also heard from Chris Miller, of Miller and Associates about the bid opening for the water tower painting. The bids ranged from \$72,000 to \$137,000.

The council approved a bid

from McGuire Iran for \$72,680.

The inside of the water tower will be power washed and the peeling paint will be repaired. It should add another 10 years to the inside life. The outside will be power washed and upgrades will be made. It will also be repainted, white with a blue roof.

Norton will be on two sides of the tower with a bluejay beak on both sides. The job should be completed in three weeks.

The money for the project will come from the revolving loan fund.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker updated the council on the activities from the past six months, including the storefront renewal project, the Heaton Building cleanup, the Moffet station, Dr. Lyons House and more.

The economic development office will be starting the process

of the next five year plan. The current one will expire in 2010.

The council also approved the purchase of a switch and battery pack for the power plant to help in electrical outages. It will cost \$40,369.

The parks and cemetery crews were complimented on the cemetery and parks for the Memorial Day holiday. The street crew was complimented on their work in the alleys.

The parks committee met with Activities Director Jeff Wallingford about the condition of the tennis courts. The school is willing to pay part of the repairs if the city finds a contractor to do the work.

Upcoming meetings are public safety with fire June 11 at 6 p.m., public works and parks June 15 at 5:45 p.m. and finance at 6 p.m.

All meetings are held in City Hall and are open to the public.

## Business in the spotlight

**Business Name:** Otter's, Inc.  
**Owners:** Frank and Greg Otter

**Address:** 3187 Road Z, Clayton

**Phone:** 785-567-4648

**Type of Business:** Manufacturer

**Date Established:** 1958

Otter's, Inc. was started in 1958 by Marion Otter, father of Frank and Greg. Otter's manufactures dozer and tractor blades and other earth moving accessories. They

sell their equipment mainly to individual farmers and dirt contractors in the region.

Marion Otter, a Clayton resident, saw the need for equipment to cut terraces and remove snow and started making the necessary equipment to help with these jobs. The business is still in the same location.

"Success in our business is the satisfaction of our customers," agreed Frank and Greg. "When we build something, deliver it to our customers and it meets their needs — that's our success."

The greatest challenge they have is to continue building qual-

ity equipment following the example set by their father.

When asked if they would do anything differently they answered, "No, we have talked about making some changes but we keep coming right back to doing things the way we are."

Frank and Greg say their plans for the future are to continue meeting the needs of their customers.

Their advice for new manufacturers in Norton County is to start with something used locally, build it right then sell it right. The reward will be there and when the profits come in don't spend it — check your inventory first.

## Conservation deadline near

Sign-up for conservation practices began May 19 at the Norton County Conservation District office, 11506 Pineview Dr., for the State Water Resources Cost Share Program. The sign-up will continue through June 8.

Practices eligible for cost-share in the Water Resources Program will include terraces, waterways, diversions, range seeding, critical area seeding, livestock wells, livestock pipeline and dry pit ponds, field windbreaks, and feedlot windbreaks.

The district will also cost share on such items as the plugging of abandoned wells and replacing failing septic systems.

To apply for or more information contact the Norton County Conservation District at 11506 Pineview Dr., or call 785-877-2623, Extension 40.

## Adams exhibit continues at Logan

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON  
Museum Director

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum continues to feature "Ansel Adams: The Man Who Captured the Earth's Beauty". This exhibit of twenty-five black and white richly detailed framed photographs was organized by the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, N.C. The tour was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Arts Services, Kansas City, Mo.

Ansel Adams (1902-1984) was born in San Francisco and took his first photograph with a Kodak Brownie box camera in Yosemite Valley when he was fourteen. Although trained as a concert pianist from 1914 through 1927, he also studied photography with the photo-finisher Frank Dittman. By 1930, photography became his career choice and the American western landscape his focus. He was a key figure in the founding of Group f/64 with Edward Weston, Imogene Cunningham, and others in 1932; the department of photography at the Museum of Modern

Art in New York, N.Y. in 1940; the department of photography at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco, Calif., in 1946; and the Friends of Photography in Carmel, Calif., in 1967. His skill as a writer and teacher had a tremendous impact on the history of creative photography. From 1955 until 1984, he conducted annual photography workshops, first in Yosemite National Park and later closer to his home in the Carmel Highlands.

He was recognized as an ardent and effective conservationist and served as a member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors from 1934 to 1971. During his lifetime he received numerous awards, but his most treasured was the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded by President Carter in 1980 for his conservation work.

As a young mountaineer Ansel Adams discovered the natural beauty of the western landscape. He is perhaps among the last of those romantic artists who saw the great spaces of wilderness as a metaphor for freedom and heroic aspirations. He is certainly among those who have sketched the outlines of a new pictorial understanding of the wild landscape, based on nature's intimate details, unnoted cases and

ephemeral gestures. The museum set collection was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scotese whose primary interest was in making the works of Ansel Adams available to a viewing public, which might not otherwise have access to them.

The photographs were published by the Ansel Adams Publishing Rights Trust in 1980 and 1981 from vintage negatives. Thanks to his technical virtuosity and sensitive eye, these dramatic images remain profound reminders of Ansel Adams' reverence for the beauty of the earth and the healing force of nature in our lives.

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Our June Artist of the Month is Anna Ferguson from Kensington. Anna has towels, blankets and potholders on display and for sale. If you need a small, quick gift, you are sure to find something in our Artist of the Month corner.

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Museum hours are M-F 9-12 & 1-4; Sat. 9-12 & 1-5; Sun. & holidays 1-5. We are handicapped accessible, there is never an admission fee and we have a free Wi-Fi Hotspot in the community room. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at 785-689-4846 or check out our web at [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org).

## Reports, fees on board agenda

The Norton School District Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, at the Alice Tweed Center, 105 E. Waverly. The meeting is open to the public and your attendance is always encouraged.

Here is the agenda:

Call to Order; Determination of a Quorum; Consideration for approval of the Consent Agenda — A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2009, B. Approval of Bills and Transfers, C. Approval of the Agenda; Consideration of items removed from the Consent Agenda; Comments from the Public; Superintendent's Report; Presentation to the Board — Scholarship Information for the Class of 2009; Designation of the NCHS-Stull Gym Appreciation Plaque Committee; Consideration for approval of the 2009-10 student-parent handbooks; Consideration for the continued participation by USD 211 in Head Start; Consideration for the setting of certain fees and prices for the 2009-10 school year; Consideration of bid(s) for the district's 2009-10 property, casualty, vehicle, liability, workmen's compensation, and student accident insurance; and

Reports by members of the Board of Education; Executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel; Personnel Actions; Executive session for the discussion of Negotiations; Other business that may properly come before the Board; Adjourn.

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