

Cloudburst forces 225 from homes

Hail, rain expected in area again today

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remain in their homes, Deutsch said.

"All the low-lying areas of northwestern Jefferson County are at risk as waters from Leyden Lake and the Arvada Reservoir feed streams, tributaries and ditches."

He said the most critical areas were those in the area of Leyden Lake and the Arvada Reservoir.

Total rainfall in Denver was 1.28 inches, 1.53 inches in Wheat Ridge, .71 inches in Brighton, .42 inches in Fort Collins and .20 inches in Limon.

In Boulder County, street flooding forced the sheriff's department to close Lookout Road from 63rd Street to 95th Street and 95th Street from Valmont Drive to Lookout Road. All the streets are in the upscale Gunbarrel area east of Boulder and south of the Diagonal Highway.

"People were worried about water getting into their homes if they opened their doors," Sgt. Larry Stern of the sheriff's office said at 6:45 p.m. "Everything is receding right now. Looks like things are improving around here."

Mike DeFalco, a clerk at the King Soopers on Lookout Road near 65th Street, said customers were stranded in the store for a couple of hours.

He said most customers killed time by browsing through the videotape department and renting cassettes to take home.

Other hot items for rent were the store's five "Rinse-n-Vac" carpet cleaners. The people who rented them said their basements were flooded.

The towing service at the Gunbarrel Amoco station was busy with about 20 phone calls from residents with stalled vehicles, said clerk Carolyn Shirk.

"It rained for a good two hours straight," she said. "It was just pouring. We had a good four feet of water on Lookout Road."

Bill Rowland, 59, lives at 6844 Roaring Fork Trail in the Gunbarrel Estates. He said three cars got stuck in a ditch at Idylwild Road and Roaring Fork Trail.

"I'm looking out the front door and can see the whole golf course looks like a lake," Rowland said.

In Arvada, quarter-size hail piled up at least 3 inches deep at the Indian Tree Golf Course. Some 200 people fled the course.

Dime-size hail was reported in Wheat Ridge, where 2 inches of rain fell in a 90-minute period.

Adams County Sheriff's deputies last night closed West 64th Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Pecos Street because of two feet of standing water.

In Arapahoe County, the rainstorm set off numerous business and residential burglar alarms, the sheriff's office said.

Thunderstorms were reported in Elbert County and northeast Lincoln County where heavy rain and hail pelted farms for two days straight. But officials reported the hail caused no crop damage.

"One of our road officers said that it was raining pretty heavily along I-70 a little east of Limon," said Lincoln County Deputy Greg Innes.

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WATER ROOF: Rocky Palmer, 12, and Cedric Steed, 11, wore sheets to dash home in north Denver during yesterday's rains.

More flooding looms in metro-area forecast

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About 225 people were evacuated yesterday from two mobile home parks as heavy rains hit Denver for the second day in a row, causing street flooding throughout the metro area.

And National Weather Service forecasters said heavy rains and thunderstorms will hit the Denver area again today. There is a 70 percent chance of rain today and tonight, they said, and tomorrow will be slightly warmer with only a 30 percent chance for rain.

Yesterday, some 150 residents of Pleasant View Park, at Indiana Street and Old Golden Road, were evacuated by Jefferson County sheriff's deputies as the water in Lena Ditch rose and fell during the afternoon storms, said sheriff's spokesman Bob Deutsch.

The residents were taken to The Pleasant View Fire Department, 955 Moss St. But by 7 p.m. they were allowed to return home.

Residents Steve and Helena Hulsey were asked by Golden firemen to leave twice. The first time, about 3:45 p.m., Helena was alone with the couple's 19-year-old son Nicholas.

Although a river of water about 14 inches deep was flowing through the yard, Mrs. Hulsey decided to remain because the rain was letting up.

About 75 minutes later, the firemen came back. Because two more lines of thunderstorms were predicted to come through the area, they again suggested the family leave.

But Hulsey decided to remain because the rain seemed light.

"If my house is going to wash away, I want to see it wash away," he said.

At the other park, Valley Manor, West 56th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard, about 75 people — half the inhabitants of the park — were evacuated to Jefferson High School, West 21st Avenue and Pierce Street, Edgewater. The residents returned to their homes before 8 p.m.

The heavy rains and an overflowing creek damaged parts of Valley Manor's parking lot, said Deutsch. He estimated waters in the lot rose to 18 inches.

The remaining residents of Valley Manor, W. 56th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard, chose to

By Ruth M. White

Storm damage

Private and public property was damaged in the June 3 downpour, according to a report from the Arvada Engineering Department.

Among the 17 homeowners who reported damage to their homes because of city-related problems were three on Johnson Way (see related story).

The street department was notified about 3:45 p.m. of flooding occurring along Van Bibber Creek. City personnel were called to work. Street crews attempted to remove trash from the grate at Old Kipling Street where the creek flows into a pipe and under the Jefferson County shop complex. Water was backed up and flowing down West 57th and West 58th avenues.

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will contribute \$10,000 for work to prevent future flooding at this point.

The flood also damaged the foot bridge on Ralston Creek next to the Safeway store.

Fire agreement

The former Birdland Park was renamed about a year ago to honor the late Jack Tomlinson, a former mayor, councilman and member of the North Jeffco District Board of Directors.

ARVADA CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE AGENDA

JUNE 19, 5:30 p.m.

CITY HALL, 8101 RALSTON ROAD

A resolution authorizing an agreement for excess insurance coverage for the self-insured workers compensation program.

A resolution authorizing acceptance of a sewer easement from Rose and William Reasoner.

A resolution authorizing an amendment to an agreement between the city and Leonard Rice, consulting water engineers, for an engineering study of the Arvada ground water supply.

RECESS, RECONVENE 7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

An ordinance vacating a 20-foot wide water and sewer easement south of Ralston Road between Simms and Union streets.

An ordinance vacating rights-of-way and easements in Marshall's Indian Tree Center, West 77th Drive and Wadsworth Boulevard.

An ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental