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Crews rescue hiker on Longs Peak

19-year-old was stranded overnight at 13,000 feet

BY SARAH KUTA
FOR THE TIMES-CALL

A 19-year-old Canadian man stranded overnight roughly 13,000 feet up Longs Peak was flown to safety and rushed to the hospital shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday, after a 28-person crew spent the day attempting a "major rescue."

Samuel Frappier initially became separated from a friend Tuesday while ascending the mountain from the western side of Chasm Lake via Lambs Slide.

Rescuers contacted him at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, and less than an hour later Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson reported

Frappier had been flown to safety at the park's Upper Beaver Meadows, and then taken by ambulance to Estes Park Medical Center.

Search and rescue personnel, meanwhile, were being flown out, daylight and weather permitting, after Frappier's rescue.

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This photograph provided by Rocky Mountain National Park shows the location of the hiker stranded at 13,000 feet on Longs Peak.

Courtesy Rocky Mountain National Park

Longmont children's home adds houses, space for youths



Lewis Geyer / Longmont Times-Call

From left: Pierce Finley waits as counselor Dustin Smith grabs a box of donated items from assistant director Nick Mears at Mountain States Children's Home on Wednesday. They were stacking the goods so they can be sorted for an upcoming sale.

ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board reviews 2015 budget

BY SCOTT ROCHAT
TIMES-CALL STAFF WRITER

Next year, the St. Vrain Valley School District's general fund should break even.

At a budget presentation Wednesday night, the school board got its first look at the 2015 budget, including \$240.9 million of spending in the general fund. Chief financial officer Greg Feith said revenue had improved enough that, even if the district didn't grow by a single student, it would only spend down \$2.35 million of its \$49.6 million cash balance.

"We're a little below the 20 percent mark," said Feith, referring to the minimum balance the district tries to keep on hand, in proportion to the general fund. "But we will have growth. By the time we get to the amended budget, we should be fine."

For at least the last five years, St. Vrain has added between 600 and 800 students a year. If that happens again, that would make up the difference and then some. For the 2015 fiscal year (which starts in July), the state is expected to pay \$6,897.32 per pupil. So a growth of 600 students would add \$4.13 million to the district.

That state money is one reason things are looking better. The per-pupil funding went up from this year's \$6,553. That meant an extra \$342 per pupil and thus an

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extra \$5.1 million to the district. (Of that, \$600,000 goes to St. Vrain's charter schools, leaving \$4.5 million to the general fund.)

"That's still lower than the 2009-2010 school year," Feith said, referring to the per-pupil money. "But it's getting close to being where it was at the time."

In 2009, the state paid \$6,945 per pupil, but then slashed the amount by about \$600 over the next two years.

The district bases its budget and hiring on an assumption of zero growth, so that it doesn't hire teachers in September only to have to cut them if the enrollment doesn't measure up.

"We feel it's better and more conservative to see where the children show up in the fall and then react," Feith said.

State revenue makes up about half of the general fund, with property tax

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CREATING FAMILY STRUCTURE

BY WHITNEY BRYEN
TIMES-CALL COMMUNITY REPORTER

Mountain States Children's Home has broken ground on one of two new houses that will allow the nonprofit to nearly double its capacity for neglected, abused and abandoned children across the Front Range.

The Longmont-based home for troubled youths is currently at capacity caring for 18 children, but the new

homes will allow the organization to take in up to 12 more children next year, said executive director Randy Schow.

The faith-based organization, which Schow describes as a "modern-day orphanage," provides housing, counseling, schooling and structure for children ages 3 to 17 while trying to reunite them with their parents or guardians.

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If you go

What: Mountain States Children's Home sidewalk sale

When: 9:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 4 and 5

Where: Mountain States Children's Home Thrift Store, 233 Main St., Longmont
More info: <http://www.mschtthriftstore.org>

Boulder County \$11M short for flood repair projects



Jeremy Papasso / For the Times-Call

Boulder County Road Maintenance workers Chris Getman, left, Jeff Meyer and Chris Sager repair an embankment on Sunshine Canyon Road on Wednesday in Boulder County.

BY JOHN FRYAR
TIMES-CALL STAFF WRITER

Work has been completed or is now under contract on more than \$22.5 million worth of repairs to Boulder County infrastructure destroyed or damaged in last fall's floods.

Even so, the Boulder County Transportation Department faces falling at least \$11 million short of what it expects to need to complete the design work and construction that officials still hope to finish by the end of the year, accord-

Unfunded Boulder County road, bridge flood-repair projects

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ing to George Gerstle, that department's director.

"Total expenditures on flood recovery for roads and bridges have exhausted previous budget supplements," Gerstle told the Board of County Commissioners in a Wednesday memo.

"While current shortfalls can be covered within the

road and bridge capital and road and bridge operating budgets, additional allocations in the amount of \$11 million is required to continue progress on design and construction of repairs to county roads and bridges," Gerstle said.

Last fall's floods not only damaged or destroyed many existing roads, they moved creeks and altered some roadways' paths, while washing out a number of bridges and culvert crossings, Gerstle told Commissioners Cindy Domenic, Deb Gardner and Elise

Jones during the county board's Wednesday morning study session.

Last winter, Boulder County officials estimated it could eventually cost \$100 million or more to reconstruct and repair the flood-damaged portions of the county road network over the coming several years.

Gerstle said before Wednesday's meeting that earlier estimate now appears to be on the low side, particularly with the higher-than-expected bids that Boulder County and

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