



Vehicles at Superior Honda, 3501 West Broadway, were thrown around like match-box cars. More than half cars on the lot had their windows blown out on the lot. Estimated damage at the dealership was about \$1 million. — Photo by Kevin McAndrews.



With electrical power to about 90 percent of the city knocked out by the storm, the "closed" sign posted on the front door of Rog & Scotty's Super Valu, 515 E. Broadway, was typical of many local businesses the night of July 15. For many local businesses, especially those on the west end of the city, the closings lasted for several days. — Photo by Jon Leu.

overwhelming.

First, the Mennonites — an Omaha church not affiliated with the Brethren — asked if the two churches could coordinate efforts. Some Mennonites responded from as far away as Missouri.

Disaster teams from Church of the Brethren came from Illinois, Nebraska and Iowa. Over 80 volunteers flocked to Council Bluffs to help.

Apart from serving as dispatcher, Walters' main concern was locating sleeping quarters for the willing volunteers. The church sanctuary doubled as a dormitory for a time.

The reaction the crews encounter most often is incredulity, said crew members.

"We'd knock on people's door and they'd say 'What's it going to cost us?' We'd say 'nothing' and they'd look at us like 'Am I hearing you correctly?'" said Brethren member Gary Gahm.

Despite the disbelief on the part of the recipients of their aid, Waters, Gahm and Lunkley said such aid is just part of their religious belief.

"Basically, that's what our church is for, to help people," said Gahm.