



Bernice Gaul, of Earling, packs a toaster from the exposed kitchen of her son Jeff's home, 2316 Ave. K. The roof and the walls of the house were torn off during the storm. Photo by Dan Koenig.

away, sent policemen, engineers and other workers.

The neighboring city of Carter Lake, though it sustained widespread damage and destruction as well, sent two police officers — half its force — to assist with security.

Amateur radio operators rushed in to bolster a damaged city/county communications system and to provide a three-way link from communications centers to Red Cross and Salvation Army relief units and workers in the field. Debris had hardly settled and rain still fell when a member of the Southwest Iowa Amateur Radio Club rushed into the local Red Cross chapter house carrying his personal radio equipment. Within half an hour of the tornadoes onslaught, the Red Cross communication network was in operation.

Radio club member Bill Mott,
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The Roberts Park Community Center served as an American Red Cross first aid center where residents and cleanup volunteers could seek emergency medical attention. — Photo by Joe Arterburn.