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National
Mental Health
Awareness
Week To Be
Observed

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Yankton Area Mental Well-ness, Inc. (YAMWI) will be observing National Mental Health Awareness week (Oct. 6-12) with a number of events and classes.

YAMWI Director Pam Kettering said the week is intended to educate people on how much of an impact mental well-being has on everyone's lives.

"It's a nationwide week to raise awareness about mental health and mental illness," Kettering said. "(Also) to help people understand that this is an illness that inevitably reaches all of us either directly or indirectly, especially in the Yankton community."

Tonight (Monday), the group is going to take part in an event at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium which will include a candlelight vigil and a presentation of "Handicap This!", a comedy show that Kettering said is meant to demonstrate the importance of employing the disabled. The program is free and begins at 7 p.m.

Kettering added they will also be hosting a Darkness to Light workshop Wednesday night entitled "Stewards of Children."

"It's a preventative program for adults to help them increase their knowledge to

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Storm Leaves Behind
Damage, Records



Residents in Wayne, Neb., began clearing away the debris Saturday from these two destroyed businesses after the eastern edge of the community was hit Friday night with an EF4 tornado, packing peak winds of up to 170 miles per hour.

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Wayne
Cleans Up
After EF4
Tornado

By The Associated Press

WAYNE, Neb. — The tornado cleanup continued Sunday in northeast Nebraska and northwest Iowa as residents worked to clear the debris the storms left behind.

Officials say the storms caused significant damage to dozens of businesses and a number of rural homes as several tornadoes touched down Friday. The most severe damage was in Wayne, Neb., but storms also damaged homes near Macy, Neb., and into rural areas of northwest Iowa near Sloan.

The losses around Wayne are expected to cost millions of dollars to repair because the tornado decimated the city's industrial area near the airport, but officials haven't put a figure on the damage. Nebraska Gov. Dave



PHOTO: NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

This photo taken Saturday shows the damage to the Wayne (Neb.) Municipal Airport. An EF4 tornado Friday night caused millions of dollars in damage. At least 15 people were injured in the storm, but there have been no fatalities.

Heineman said after touring the damage Sunday that he expects the area will qualify for federal disaster aid.

Heineman said he's grateful no one died in Friday's storms. But at least 15 people were injured, including one critically.

"People in this community are resilient and they are going to rebuild," Heineman said.

Businesses and homeowners are just starting to get an idea of what it will take to rebuild. Representatives of Seattle-based Pacific Coast Feather were in Wayne Sunday to assess what can be salvaged from the company's

feather-bedding plant there.

"Our message to the affected businesses is: we want to help you get back up and running," Heineman said.

Wayne Mayor Ken Chamberlain said many homeowners who lost nearly all their possessions in the storm appear resilient.

"It's been heart wrenching. Considering what happened, these people are not broken. They got knocked down, got up and brushed themselves off and began working on recovery," Chamberlain said.

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Black
Hills Left
In Soggy
Mess

By The Associated Press

RAPID CITY — Residents in the Black Hills were navigating through a sloppy mess Sunday after warmer temperatures began melting record-setting snowfall, leaving standing water on plowed roads rather than making its way through drainage systems.

Law enforcement officials shifted their focus to recovery after having caught up with a backlog of emergency calls from the weekend storm that dumped 4 feet of snow near Deadwood and 3.5 feet near Lead. No fatalities were reported as a result of the bad weather.

"We're even Steven. We don't have 911 calls holding at this point," Rapid City-Pennington County emergency manager Dustin Willett said Sunday. "Most of our life safety missions have been completed and as we start out today, it's going to move to snow removal, debris removal and power restoration."

An estimated 5,000 people in the county were still without power, Willett said, down from more than 25,000 in the area on Saturday.

Temperatures rose several degrees Sunday, which led some people to venture out even though many roads had not been plowed. Some motorists were still getting stuck Sunday and impeding recovery efforts, Rapid City spokeswoman Tara Heupel said.

Willett said the melt from the "impressive drifts and ridiculous amounts of snow" was causing a "slushy watery quagmire," partly because the snow buildup on plowed highways was creating channels and making it difficult for the drainage system to work normally. However, Rapid Creek wasn't expected to flood.

"Is the creek going to be up? Absolutely. Is the creek going to be in an action stage or flood stage? Probably not," Willett said.

Dave Barber, National Weather

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Model Railroad Show Garners Interest From All Ages

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When he entered the Yankton County 4-H building, 8-year-old Nicholas Ambrosion couldn't contain his excitement with the large model railroad track.

The display anchored the 11th annual Missouri Valley Model Train Club show held over the weekend at the Yankton County 4-H grounds. The show seeks to encourage a passion for model trains, with dealers on hand from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Many types of the latest model trains and documents, as well as area collector's items, were available during the weekend.

Nicholas Ambrosion raced around the large model train track during his visit, taking in all of the features. He then received an even greater thrill — he was invited to blow the trains' bells and whistles.

Eric and Tami Ambrosion of Yankton watched their son enjoy the moment. "Nicholas just loves looking at all the trains go around the track," Eric said.

For Eric, the scene brought back pleasant boyhood memories.

"I was about 8 when I got my first train set,"

he said. "It was one of the coolest Christmas presents that I ever got."

A few feet away, Rod McNatt of Yankton enjoyed the excitement shown by his triplet sons Corbin, Leven and Macklin.

"They have been bugging me about (coming to the show)," Rod said with a smile.

Rod could relate to his sons' excitement over the model railroad cars and track.

"I had my own set as a kid. I was only about one year old when I got it, so we had to wait until I was old enough to use it and not break anything," he said.

"I ran two tracks with it, and we would load and unload milk jugs and cattle. My dad got me into it, and now my boys are getting into it."

Sioux Empire Lionel Club members Trace Hafner of Slayton, Minn.; Bob Schultz of Canton; and Bill Kading of Sioux Falls invited youngsters to check out the display Saturday afternoon.

"We have three tracks of 104 feet each. It's like a football field (300 feet) of tracks," Hafner said. "It takes us three hours to set up and 1 1/2 hours to tear down."

The three men said they grew up with a love of model railroad cars. Now, they want to ensure

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Eight-year-old Nicholas Ambrosion of Yankton runs the bells and whistles for a large-scale model railroad display during last weekend's show at the Yankton County 4-H Building. The fans of model railroads are working to continue interest among the next generation.