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Photo contributed

The entrance to Rossville Cemetery after a tornado ripped through the town Friday.

## Tornado strikes Rossville, leaves Hoopeton with flooding

ROSSVILLE—After a strong storm swept through town Friday evening, residents went to church Sunday, thankful no lives had been lost, but sad at the loss to their community.

High winds toppled many stately trees, one of which broke a gas line, causing a gas leak. Winds also overturned sheds, small buildings and farm equipment, took off parts of roofs and dropped limbs on vehicles. The

wind also snapped electric lines, leaving the village powerless. Ameren crews worked overnight to restore power Saturday morning.

No area of Rossville was spared, as damage stretched from Mann's Chapel, through the down and up Rt. 1, where trees were damaged at Hubbard Trail Country Club.

See TORNADO on other side

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## From the Blotter

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 7:11 p.m. Friday at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. An unknown vehicle backed from a parking space into a parked 2007 Buick LeSabre owned by Michelle Billingsley.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at

4:03 p.m. Saturday at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Police said William E. Musk, of Hoopeston, in a 2000 Mercury station wagon, crossed the center line and struck the driver's door of a southbound 2015 Toyota Corolla owned by Evan P. Zivin, of Hoffman Estates.

**Police are investigating** a report of criminal damage

made at 6:53 p.m. Sunday, when a 33-year-old Hoopeston woman reported that her front door glass had been damaged and a tire cut on her vehicle during the overnight hours.

The damage occurred in the 300 block of North Market.

## Obituaries

**CASNER**—Dorothy Francis Casner, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 12:08 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston IL 60942.

**COOLEY** - Sherry L. Cooley, 67, of Watseka, died Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at home. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral was at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral Home. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland, at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice. Among her survivors are a son, Cory Birch, and sister Violetta Cooley, both of Milford.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, scattered storms. Low 53. Tomorrow, sunny. High 71, low 52.



A driver creates a wake driving down Seminary after Friday's storm. Flooding also created water fun for youngsters and one was seek kayaking on Penn and Third Ave.

## Tornado continued from other side

The storm was classified as an F-1 tornado, according to information from Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency. An F-1 has wind speeds of up to 117 miles per hour.

By the time the storm hit Hoopeston, winds had lessened significantly but were still strong enough to drive hail through the windows of some homes and more than 2" of rain in about 20 minutes caused immediate flood-

ing in many areas of town.

A town that normally welcomes visitors, Rossville officials on Friday night asked that people not drive through the village because of more than 20 Ameren crews working to restore power and the number of downed trees throughout.

Significant damage was also caused by the storm in Alvin, East Lynn and rural areas in its path.

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