

# Storm ...

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Soukkala said power was restored at the theater after midnight Friday and there was no lasting damage, just another good story to tell. Power at his home in Blackhoof Township, east of Barnum, didn't return until around 4 a.m. Sunday.

### Damage varies

Just down the road from Soukkala's house, Elim Lutheran Cemetery lost more than 10 trees, most of them large pines that toppled in a straight line along the cemetery border.

Damage from the storm depended on where an upper-level trough of hot and humid air met with the cold front. The Carlton County map where the weather service tracks storm damage was dotted with reports of damage.

The Scotts Corner area west of Wrenshall and around Chub and Hay lakes had numerous reports of large swaths of trees down along with power lines, including Nick Selin's property a mile south of Hay Lake where they lost numerous trees, some of them landing on the garage and outbuildings on the property.

The weather service was still processing what exactly happened in that part of the county but Sandstrom suspects straight-line winds as most trees fell in the same direction. A tornado produces a swirl of downed trees and a contained damage area, Sandstrom said. The weather service



Abby SaintOnge in Twin Lakes Township caught the aftermath of the storm Friday with odd cloud formations and a rainbow.

"can't rule out" that some of the activity in the county was tornadic, Sandstrom said. Tornadoes in northern Minnesota are "more common than people think," he said, but often go undetected with the large swaths of lands that are uninhabited. "It just happens in areas where no one sees it."

Carlton County ranks 86th out Minnesota's 87

counties for confirmed tornadoes, just ahead of Cook County along the North Shore. From 1950 to 2014, according to weather service records, there were just six confirmed tornadoes reported in Carlton.

The strong storm season is winding down for northern Minnesota, Sandstrom said. It generally runs from July to mid-August. After the brief but fierce

storm, the area has been met with clear skies, low humidity and temperatures in the 70s. There were a

few scattered storms, but nothing like that messy kiss witnessed a week ago.

Pine Knot News editor Jana Peterson contributed to this story.



Pine trees along the cemetery fence at Elim Lutheran Church in Blackhoof Township east of Barnum were neatly laid down by the Friday storm. Contributed photo

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