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Power lines were downed and other damage done as strong winds blasted through Banner Elk with the line of storms late Friday afternoon. Police, reporting the damage to utilities, described a very brief tornado racing over the area, that backed up by witnesses like Michelle Childers, who send the photos



and described what she saw: "Attached are pictures from the storm that hit Friday afternoon' May 13, 2011. I was at work at Vacations Plus Travel and we could see the very quick, 10 second tornado outside between the Village Shoppes and Banner Elk elementary around 5 pm." No injuries were reported in the storms. Photos show damage at and around the Banner Elk School near the center of Banner Elk.