



—Gazette Photos by Earl Bardach, Oelwein



—AP Photo

Oelwein's downtown area shows severe damage from the tornado that ripped through the main business area and southside section of the city Wednesday afternoon.



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A tenant of the demolished Grand hotel on South Frederick found his cased shotgun in the wreckage. Firemen discovered a large amount of cash in a locked box.

Tornado Funnel Descends on Oelwein, Leaving Death and Devastation

Gazette Photographer Earl Bardach of Oelwein snapped this photo of a tornado funnel descending on Oelwein at 4:54 p.m. Wednesday. Bardach, who lives at 204 Tenth street

SW, in Oelwein, said he was facing west northwest when he took the picture. The funnel changed direction and went south and at the same time Bardach was knocked down by a

blast of wind. His house and garage were damaged by the blast. Heavy damage was reported in Oelwein and officials

authorized Thursday that more than one twister hit the city. Death toll in area rose to four Thursday, with 85 injured.



Shattered Trees Clog Tenth Street in Oelwein



—Gazette Aerial Photo by John McIvor

Looking South on Frederick Avenue in Oelwein



—Gazette photo by I. W. Ward

Where Falling Chimney Killed Mrs. Donald Damon, Oelwein

Continued Cool Friday

Eastern Iowa forecast is for partly cloudy and continued cool Friday with highs in upper 50s and 60s. Chance of frost north Thursday night, lows in 30s and lower 40s.

