

Jerrod Citizen

"Where cotton is king"

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Hail Yes!

The Friday the 13th hail storm will be remembered as the worst on record in Holman County.

It will be a while before insurance adjusters and National Weather Service investigators can estimate the damage caused by the massive rogue storm. NWS spokesman Charles Agostini told *Citizen* that "it's a safe bet that final numbers will add up to millions. This is a one of a kind storm, I hope."

The maelstrom was born on the open prairie east of Jerrod mid day. It boiled up into a towering, anvil-shaped cloud and began mov-

ing east, toward the city limits. "A deputy radioed that the rain was coming down so hard he had to stop in the middle of Gin Road because he couldn't see past his front bumper," County Sheriff Freddy Espinoza said.

The storm, moving at locomotive pace, veered north and appeared to follow Jerrod Creek eastward into ranch land. Houses on the north outskirts of the city got substantial damages to roofs and pickups but it didn't stay in one place for long.

Some homeowners reported hailstones from marble to tennis ball sizes, but nobody bested Ed Peck (*see pic L.*) His neighbors for five miles got the same treatment. It wrecked most of its havoc in the ranch land north and east of town, slaying at least two dozen cattle caught in open pastures. The storm lost



Ed Peck, a rancher northeast of Jerrod, holds a mammoth, five pound hail stone. He lost ten head of cattle to the storm Friday.



One of two dozen cars totaled by the Friday 13 storm

its potency before reaching the outskirts of Ft. Worth.

Jerrod got a soaking. In thirty minutes, as much as three inches fell. There was curb-to-curb flooding, especially in the older areas. Many side streets remained impassable into Monday due to mud.

"This one of those tales for the grandkids," banker Royce Finster said. "They're not going to believe it. I wouldn't blame them."

Be Safe. Vaccinate

Dr. Harris Underwood, director of the Holman County Veterinary Clinic, wants all pet owners to make sure their vaccinations are up to date.

"With warmer weather comes a lot of health risks, especially with puppies and kittens. They've spent the colder months indoors," Underwood said, "so their immunities against diseases and infections that come with outdoor living are weak. It takes only a few minutes to get their shots up to date."



Jamboree Needs Exhibitors

The Jerrod July Jamboree had a good start on the 5th, but several exhibitors decided not to set up booths on the 12th, according to Gladys Jerrod Foster, the event's founder.

"It's been kinda disappointing. We thought the good first day crowd would grow by word of mouth," she said. "But, the big exhibitors weren't there last Saturday. It's disappointing."

She said there are still plenty of spaces in the trees surrounding the flag pole on the courthouse lawn in case potential exhibitors are worried about sun exposure. "Other cities in our area are having better luck," she added.

Foster and other members of the cemetery board founded the Jamboree in 2005 to generate funds for the upkeep of the Jerrod Memorial Cemetery.

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I SAW Jarvis Miller showing off his son Jerry's appointment to West Point. . .Holman County's chess master Mary Ellington checkmating Harris Fuller at the City Café's picnic table. . .Harmony Haven riding her new three wheeled bicycle. . .Hanes Garber walking his Great Dane George. . . Don Peck telling Judge Archer about his new fishing lure. . . the courthouse's albino squirrel Flash dodging traffic.