

Storm causes widespread damage in Brown Co

(KNZA)--Friday's storm caused widespread damage in Brown County.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant said most of the county sustained damage, with the west side of the county appearing to be the hardest hit.

According to Merchant, the strong winds accompanying Friday's storms caused damage to buildings, vehicles and signs.

Widespread tree damage was reported and power lines downed in some areas.

At the Sabetha airport, some hangars incurred damage, while planes were flipped over.

Merchant said some homes also were damaged in the county and many crops suffered damage due to the intense winds, torrential rain and hail.

Even though the storm was short lived, he said it wrecked havoc, causing many thousands of dollars in damage over a good portion of the county.

He said residents pulled together to help each other. "Even while the storm was still in progress, many residents were clearing streets and roadways for emergency crews. Utility workers were out working on downed power lines. Farmers came in to towns to help clear trees and debris with their equipment. Neighbors were checking on each other and helping wherever they could to help those who couldn't help themselves."

Merchant thanked everyone who helped out.