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TORNADO

By Pat Kourt

*Edmond. . . Union City. . . Clinton
ideal Oklahoma Communities until the
magnificent, but deadly, Wind God
appears in unpredictable rage
twisting, gyrating, pulling. . .
taking what he desires
in a growl of power. . .
creating an aerial
display of homes,
trees, and cars. . .
changing life
to meet his
ominous
unknown
urges. . .*

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PAT KOURT — despite her busy life as mother, wife, and teacher in Thomas — continues to give WESTVIEW much of her time. As is borne out in the high quality of her works, she teaches creative writing.

The Orange Tree

By Kristi Hill

It stands there majestically
Its huge strong arms outspread.
The warming sun peeks between
The branches.
The cool wind gently rustles
The broad green leaves.
The limbs cradle us with
Loving care.
As we peel the big bright
Oranges, our eyes burn
From the acid being
Squirted in them.
We are overcome by the
Glorious smell of fresh citrus.
As we bite the large, perfectly
Shaped pieces, the juice
Slowly rolls down our chins
And onto our shirts.
The cool taste of orange is
As sweet as honey.
We think of the many times
We've been here before and
Say, "This will always be
Our orange tree."

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