

The Legend of Pete, the Pike Road Bull: A Halloween Story

To accompany the Pike Road Arts Council's 2020 Hay, Look at Us! Contest Entry

It was a dark and stormy Halloween night. All through the Town of Pike Road the children were trapped inside their homes waiting impatiently for the storm to end so they could go trick or treating.

But the storm was strong and seemed to last forever! It seemed like there would be no time left to trick or treat!

Meanwhile, in a field in Pike Road, Pete, a giant long-horned bull was gallantly protecting his herd. Pete could see the storm was making them very nervous.

He was trotting back and forth, agitated, and getting angrier by the minute at the lashing storm.

Finally, Pete could take it no more! Fearing for his herd, Pete raised up his mighty head and swung his giant horns toward the wind and the beating rain, fiercely bellowing as he challenged the storm.

The storm however responded with three huge cracks of thunder and lightning. An unmistakable sound alerted Pete that a treacherous tornado was headed straight towards the herd. They had no time to run and get to shelter.

Without a second thought Pete launched himself into the air straight toward the mighty tornado. Pete was lifted and slung in circles, higher and higher, until he was drawn deep into the violent heart of the storm.

But Pete would not quit. With his mighty horns Pete sliced through the tornado's deadly winds and soon, the storm began to falter. Pete raced down the wall of the tornado as the storm gave up its grip on both Pete and the earth. Pete stepped out onto his field with his herd just in time to see the great Halloween moon rise behind the storm clouds. As the storm retreated, the night became calm.

The children of Pike Road, unaware that Pete, the Long-horned bull, had saved his herd and Halloween, cheered with delight knowing they could now go trick or treat!

The weatherman was totally amazed. He had been warning the citizens about the storm and the tornado but could not figure out how it just disappeared. There were rumors. Farmers started talking about how the great long-horned bull whipped the vicious storm on Halloween night.

There were no intense storms in Pike Road for a very long time after that Halloween. It is said that the storms steer clear of Pete, the powerful long-horned bull.

If you drive through the countryside in Pike Road, there is a very good chance you will spot Pete.