

“On the Scene at Sam Houston EC”

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I'm heading home today. I have taken about 600 still photographs, a couple hours of video and talked with countless employees, contractors and members. I will have logged close to 1,600 miles on my Bandera Electric Cooperative pickup - most of that in the Sam Houston EC service area.

I met Kenneth and Cathy Hayman today. They decided to take their kids and leave before the storm. It was a good decision. An Oak tree crashed down on their roof, leaving a big hole. Their neighbors cut the tree up before they returned. They were trying to get a tarp over the hole before there was more damage inside. "We are just thankful our family is safe," said Cathy. They are both schoolteachers and are using the time off to try to make the house livable.

It will be good to finally take a real shower and have a bed that does not leak air. It was a ritual for me each night to carry out my air mattress so I could air it up with the compressor I plug into the cigarette lighter in the truck. It was my alarm clock. When all the air would leak out, it was time to get up.

Cutlines for 9/18 damaged SHECO Home

Cathy Hayman stands outside her hurricane-damaged home in Dayton, Texas.

Cathy Hayman photographs her husband, Kenneth, atop their damaged home in Dayton, Texas.

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