



Flint Griffin was one of several Norton County Rural firemen manning a can drive Saturday afternoon in Pamida's parking lot. The fund raiser nearly met its goal of filling up a 150-bushel truck with aluminum cans that county residents

dropped off. The money raised will be used to help equip a new truck the department is having built.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

## Rural fire takes up can collecting

By **VERONICA MONIER**  
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The Norton County Rural Fire Department was just shy of filling a truck full of cans during a fund raiser this weekend.

Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter said they collected 340 pounds of cans during the five hour can drive in the Pamida parking lot Saturday afternoon. Several people also donated cash, he said.

"It went pretty well," he said. "Our goal was to fill a 150 bushel truck and we came close. It was a

little over two-thirds full."

While waiting for cans to be delivered, they cooked up a hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as another draw for people to stop by.

The money from the fund raiser is going to be used to help equip the department's new pumper truck, he said.

They received a \$229,154 grant this summer from the Federal Emergency Management Association and the Department of Homeland Security to have a

new truck built to their specifications.

The rural fire department had been trying to get a grant for a new truck for about six years. Now that they have the grant, it will take about a year for the truck to be built.

He said the equipment needed for the new truck is just the smaller, loose equipment that probably won't come with it, like fire hose nozzles, flashlights and maybe even a fire hose.

Chief Otter said they plan on

getting the truck in late August or early September of next year. The new truck will give the department more water and pump capacity, which will, in turn, lower home insurance rates within a five-mile radius of the fire station in Norton.

He said they aren't planning any other fund raisers at this time, but will see what the future holds and what people would like to see them do.

"We're always open to new ideas," he said.

## Checklist can help in case of pandemic flu

The public is beginning to hear more and more about a pandemic flu outbreak. A pandemic is a global disease outbreak. A flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges that people have no immunity to and for which there may be no vaccine.

The disease spreads easily person-to-person and carries serious illness. It can sweep across the country and around the world very quickly. It is hard to predict when the next flu pandemic will occur or how bad it will be. However, experts believe that it is just a matter of time. It is only wise to give this some consideration to this concern on behalf of your family. Here is what the Center for Disease Control is telling us.

You can prepare for an influenza pandemic now. You should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic outbreak and what actions you can take to help lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic on you and your family. This information will help you gather the information and resources you may need in case of a flu pandemic.

### To plan for a pandemic:

- Store a two-week supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important for you to have extra supplies on hand. This can be useful in other types of emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.

- Ask your doctor and insurance company if you can get an extra supply of your regular prescription drugs.

- Have nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand,

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including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes and vitamins.

- Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.

- Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.

- Get involved in your community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

### To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

- Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.

- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.

- Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if you are sick.

### Items to have on hand for an extended stay at home:

**Examples of food and non-perishables:** Ready-to-eat canned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, and soups; protein or fruit bars; dry cereal or granola; peanut butter or nuts; dried fruit; crackers; canned juices; bottled water; canned or jarred baby food and formula; and other nonperishable foods.

**Examples of medical, health, and emergency supplies:** Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment; soap and water, or alcohol-based (60 - 95%) hand wash; Medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen; thermometer; anti-diarrheal medication; vitamins; fluids with electrolytes, cleansing agent; soap; flashlight; batteries; portable radio; manual can opener; garbage bags; and tissues, toilet paper, and disposable diapers.

It's important not to get too

flustered about this possibility. Just begin to collect some of the previously mentioned items each time that you go to the grocery store. Then mark and date the items. As needed, replace the stored items by using the oldest items and replacing them with newer ones as needed.

If you have questions, you may want to contact your local County Health Department or your local K-State Research and Extension. You might also visit these web sites: [www.PandemicFlu.gov](http://www.PandemicFlu.gov) or [www.AvianFlu.gov](http://www.AvianFlu.gov).

## Truck accident leaves Norton woman dead

By **VERONICA MONIER**  
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A Norton woman was killed when her truck rolled on a gravel road last Thursday night.

Neta Jean Campbell, 71, was westbound on Road S, about 3 miles west of U.S. 283, when she lost control of her 1983 Chevrolet truck rolled into the north ditch. The truck rolled completely, com-

ing to rest on its wheels.

Mrs. Campbell's family was at the scene of the accident when the Norton County Sheriff's Department arrived. She was taken to the Norton County Hospital.

She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

A full obituary for Mrs. Campbell is printed on Page 2 in today's issue of *The Norton Telegram*.

## Cancer survivor makes debut as fashion model

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Rita Speer, Norton, is a one year cancer survivor and about to make her debut as a model. Mrs. Speer is part of a breast cancer survivors support group that is providing models for a fashion show sponsored by the Cancer Council of Ellis County and Dr. A. Christine Kelly.

Mrs. Speer said, "I am really looking forward to it."

She will be wearing an outfit provided by the Fashion Bug, Hays. She said she will be modeling a pair of gray slacks and a

pinkish/lavender top. She said the store will also furnish the jewelry she will be wearing.

Called a "Day of Caring" for breast cancer awareness, the event will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at Memorial Union, Hays. A brunch and fashion show are scheduled between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. The speaker, Tim Davis, Ph.D., will speak on "The Mind/Body Connection; How Health and Psychology are Linked". Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased through the council. Call 785-625-6653.

## Crop disaster program sign-up starts Oct. 15

Farmers who have suffered crop losses because of natural disasters in recent years may be eligible to receive benefits through the new Crop Disaster Program.

Sign-up for quantity losses begins Oct. 15. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will conduct sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

You may be eligible if you suffered losses from natural disasters

that occurred in 2005, 2006 or to 2007 crops that were planted or prevented from being planted before Feb. 28, 2007.

Benefits are available for losses to multiple crops if the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Learn more about USDA's Crop Disaster Program by visiting your local USDA Service Center or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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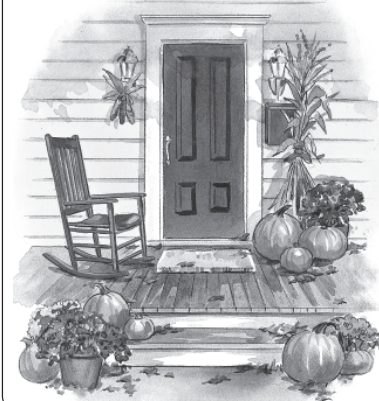
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