

Norton CARES cuts costs, moves

Norton CARES, which stands for Citizens Aid Residents with Essential Services, is moving to the Norton Senior Center.

The reason for the move is money.

President of the Norton CARES Board Korla Griffey said they are trying to cut costs because their grants have run out and they don't have enough money to continue on the way they are.

"We are committed to Norton CARES, because it's such a good cause," she said. "But we're really struggling to find a way to keep it running without the finances."

Mrs. Griffey said they moved to the senior center because the center's director, Ramona Pabian, offered to help.

"Ramona said she's at the center all day as it is and would answer the phone for us," she said. "She not charging us a lot, so we're saving a lot of money."

Before the move, which is expected to be finished by Jan. 1, answering the phone and matching recipients and volunteers was the job of Project Director Michelle Bohl.

Mrs. Bohl, who was Norton CARES' only paid employee, understands why the agency is having to downsize, said Mrs. Griffey.

"We really, really appreciate all Michelle has done for us," she said. "She's been very understanding about it, and she really cares about what we're doing here."

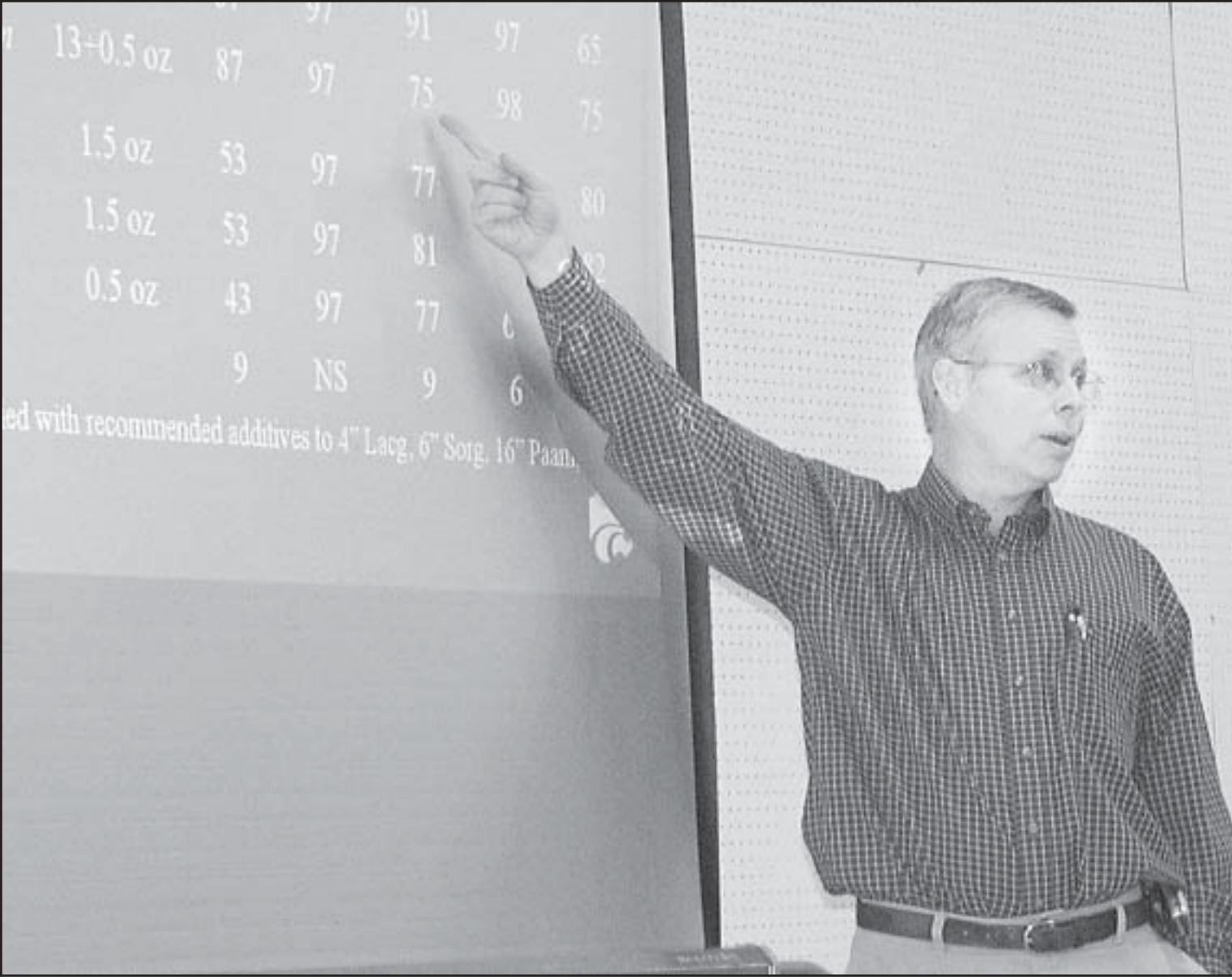
Mrs. Griffey said the move shouldn't cause any problems for the people who use the agency because they are keeping the same phone number.

Norton CARES, which began in 1997, is primarily for those elderly and disabled people who can't drive anymore. A volunteer is matched with the recipient and takes that person to the doctor or other places like the beauty shop or the grocery store.

She said the volunteers will also take people to an out-of-town doctor or will pick up someone who lives outside of Norton and bring them in to the doctor. But, Mrs. Griffey said, for those people who need to go out of town or live out of town and need to come in town, the volunteers are only allowed to take them to the doctor and not to the beauty parlor or grocery shopping.

Mrs. Griffey said the service doesn't cost those who use it.

Norton CARES has about 30 volunteers and can always use more. To volunteer or request services, call 877-2131.



Dr. Dallas Peterson, (above) state weed specialist, discussed some of the finer points of weed control during a workshop Wednesday at the Norton 4-H Building. Twenty-six producers from the northwest Kansas area attended. Assisting Dr. Peterson was Dr. Brian Olson, multi-county extension agronomist. During the work-

shop producers had a hands-on demonstration of a weed sprayer calibration; learned to identify weed seedlings (below); studied actual weed control evaluations from field studies; and learned of other weed control options besides herbicides, i.e., crop rotation, biological controls and cultural controls.



PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court.

Traffic

(Total due includes the \$56 court costs.)

Dec. 17 — Jean E. Kunkee, Lincoln, Neb., speeding 50 in 35 zone,

\$116.

Dec. 17 — Tyler E. Roe, Manhattan, Kan., speeding 53 in 35 zone, \$134.

Dec. 17 — Travis Leon Loflin, Norton, Kan., illegal tag, \$76; driving while revoked, \$300. Total fine and costs this case \$376.

Dec. 17 — Joshua D. Wonderly, Almena, Kan., speeding 45 in 35 zone, \$86.

Grant writing workshops planned

The Solomon Valley Resource Conservation and Development District will be hosting a series of grant writing workshops in Phillipsburg beginning in January.

The workshops will be taught by Dr. Don Udell, who is a grant writer as well as reviewer of grants for several foundations.

He has written grants for two major universities and is the president of Udell Consulting. Each workshop will provide three days of intense learning and hands-on experience.

For more information contact Roger Hrabe at (785) 425-6881.

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The City of Norton thanks you for your cooperation

The City of Norton
 would like to take this opportunity to remind the citizens of Norton, of the city ordinance that pertains to the removal of snow from sidewalks. The ordinance states that within 24 hours after a fall of snow, or sleet shall cease, such snow, sleet or ice shall be removed by the owner or occupier of any abutting lot, part of a lot, or parcel of land, from the sidewalk along such lot, part of a lot, or parcel of land. A copy of this city ordinance may be obtained at the city office.

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The City of Norton
 would like to remind everyone that cleans snow from sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and all other areas of accumulation, that it is a violation of city code to deposit the snow from sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and all other areas of accumulation, onto a cleared city street. A copy of this city ordinance may be obtained at the City Office.

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