



Norton's rescue workers got an injured man and woman out of a van that overturned Saturday on U.S. 36 and North Second Street. Once out, Mary Isernhagen and

William Hartzler, both of Goodland, were taken to the Norton County Hospital.

— Telegram photo by Carol Erlenbusch

Former governor to speak about water

Former Gov. Mike Hayden, who now serves as the secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, will be in Oberlin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Gateway for a meeting with the public.

Secretary Hayden plans to speak on issues affecting the natural resources, including water rights, hunting and fishing. A plan for the state to buy water rights and keep the level of Norton's Sebelius Reservoir up for fishing and hunting will be on the agenda.

The evening will begin with a dinner sponsored by the Oberlin Rotary Club. The cost of the meal is \$10, and reservations would be appreciated by Friday. Call the County Chamber of Commerce (785) 475-3441 or The Gateway at (785) 475-2400.

Secretary Hayden, raised near Atwood, served as the speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1983 to 1987 and then as the 41st governor from 1987 to 1991.

He later served as the assistant secretary of the interior for fish, wildlife and parks and was a lobbyist for wildlife issues in Washington.

In January 2002, Gov. Bill

Graves appointed him as secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He also serves on the Pew Oceans Commission, which is an independent group of American leaders working on policies to restore and protect living marine resources in U.S. waters.

As the chair of a state sub-cabinet on natural resources made up of heads of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Water Office and Department of Wildlife and Parks, Secretary Hayden will let people know about some state projects and issues.

Some of those include the state's plan to buy the Circle K Ranch on the Arkansas River for its water rights, negotiations with the Almena irrigation district for water rights in Sebelius Reservoir near Norton, and the governor's budget comments in the State of the State address.

Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius, who is a brother-in-law of the governor, will join Secretary Hayden for the event. Mr. Sebelius is a member of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission, which advises the secretary.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Two injured in crash at U.S 36 and Second St.

Two Goodland residents, Mary Isernhagen and William Hartzler, were injured in an accident on Saturday and taken by ambulance to the Norton County Hospital.

Ms. Isernhagen was driving east on U.S. 36 in a 2001 Oldsmobile van registered to Mr. Hartzler, who was a passenger.

Michael Madden, 24, Norton, was driving west on the highway in a 1993 Chevrolet, registered to

Gail Rhodes, Norton.

Ms. Isernhagen tried to make a left-hand turn onto North Second Street but did not see Mr. Madden approaching and the vehicles collided.

The van overturned on North Second.

Norton City police said that damages to the vehicles were over \$500.

City, county patching together dispatch contract

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The City of Norton and Norton County are still working on an updated contract for dispatch services.

The old contract indicated that the city should pay 40 percent of the cost of the dispatch service up to \$44,000. The county terminated that contract as of the end of 2004 in a letter to the city council in early December.

In the last few years 40 percent of the dispatch cost has been in the \$60,000 to \$70,000 range. In 2002 the city just paid the bill but this year it informed the county that it would not pay more than the contracted amount.

Since then both the city and county have discussed the problem at their meetings.

At last Monday's county commission meeting, Sheriff Troy Thomson said that he was taken aback by a story in *The Norton Telegram* that had a quote from a councilman saying he was unhappy to get the letter from the county terminating dispatch services and that he thought the county should have gotten together with the council instead of just sending out a letter.

Sheriff Thomson said that he has met with the city finance committee twice and with the city administrator.

The first talks started in June, he said. Despite the councilman's remarks, he said, he wanted the commissioners to know that he has been working on the problem.

"It concerns me that it's taken

six months and we haven't got anything accomplished," he said. "I know it's not going to be solved in two weeks but we need to get it done."

Sheriff Thomson said that from now on the estimate of what dispatch will cost the city for the next year will be taken directly to the city council meeting so that it won't get lost.

He pointed out that the city doesn't have to pay any of the insurance costs on the equipment. Insurance for county equipment is through a state insurance pool.

He also talked to the commissioners about the cost of purchasing batteries for repeaters — about \$900 to buy the batteries and \$936 for a maintenance contract on them.

The sheriff said that he thought the dispatch agreement with the city would get done.

"I think it will all get worked out," he said. "Christmas was last week and I'm optimistic."

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Norton City Council holds year-end meeting

By BRANDON GAY

The Norton City Council met Tuesday to conduct end-of-the-year business, discuss unpaid bills and vote on several items.

A motion was passed to change the way police officers are paid. Officers will now be paid on a 14-day pay cycle, as opposed to a 28-day pay cycle.

City Clerk Darla Ellis announced deadlines for filing to


run for re-election.

Up for re-election are Harriet Gill, ward 1; Jerry Hawks, ward 2; and Jim Williams, ward 3. The deadline for filing is noon Tuesday, Jan. 27. The election will be held April 6.

The council also passed a cost of living adjustment for city employees that will raise their pay 2 percent.

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