Cute babies not abandoned

find in the grass may appear to be abandoned, but chances are it's just

Leave it alone. It's better for the baby, wildlife officials say.

"Mom is often within eyesight or ear shot," said Mike Hopper, wildlife conservation officer in Sherman County. "It is best to leave the babies alone. Let Mother Nature take care of Mother Nature.'

It's not true that once a baby animal is touched by a human and has that smell, the mother will abandon it, he said, but it's still not a good idea. There are baby deer, rabbit, raccoons. opossums, skunks and birds from April 1 to June 1, the game warden said.

"I get two to eight calls a season on orphaned deer," Hopper said. "I got a dozen calls on skunks last

It's illegal to keep wild animals especially skunks, opossums and raccoons, he said. They can carry diseases that people could possibly catch. A special permit and license is needed to keep them.

He said this time of the year, he always gets lots of calls on skunks. Skunks are out looking for food to feed their young, he said, and there are a lot of skunks.

Skunks like to eat insects and grubs, he said, but pet food left outside will draw them. Don't leave dog or cat food out at night, he advised. Spray your yard for grubs. Fill any holes around the foundation of the house and keep the trash

Skunks are more active at dawn, dusk and at night, he said. If there

"mobile" conservation service of-

fice, and Colby is one of 15 of in a

Customer service using the mo-

bile office enables U.S. Natural

Resources Conservation Service

employees to use technology and

scientific information to help land-

owners address needs and meet

Klaege said he decided it was time

to free the employees from the of-

fice and allow them to do more con-

servation planning where it should

be done, on the grasslands and crop-

"Today, with the latest portable

equipment at their fingertips, such

as laptop computers, Geographic

Information System technology,

printers, cell phones and more,"

Klaege said, "field staff can meet

with a farmer or rancher on the land

and develop a conservation plan on-

Chris Tecklenburg, rangeland

management specialist at the South

Hutchinson field office, is one of 15

Kansas conservation employees

participating in the statewide

Other "mobile" locations include

Colby, Gove, Stockton, Ness City,

Dodge City, Ulysses, Belleville,

Kingman, Oskaloosa, Marion, Eu-

Using the mobile system, Klaege

said, employees are able to provide

immediate access to natural resource information such as soils,

historic performers

Kansas products

reka and El Dorado.

lands of Kansas.

site."

project.

conservation goals for their land.

new statewide pilot project.

Service wants to take

Taking technology to the field is maps, and Field Office Technical

State Conservationist Harold on the ground and actually see what

the idea behind the concept of a Guide information to help farmers

technology to field

That cute little baby animal you are skunks around, make a noise to let them know you are there. Rabies is a big concern, especially with skunks, so stay away.

Anyone who uses a live trap to catch a cat or squirrel is responsible to check it and take care of any animals caught in it, Hopper said. By law, if a person sets a trap, he has to check it every 24 hours. If it is placed on your own property, no license is required.

Hopper said he recommends using repellents to keep squirrels away rather than traps.

There is a regular fur bearers season in the fall to late winter on badger, bobcat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, swift and red fox, gray fox, stripped skunk and weasel, said Hopper.

Deer, antelope, rabbit, coyote and pheasants suffered significant losses from the winter storms, he said. We will have to wait to see what the numbers are at the end of the summer.

Predatory birds such as hawks, owl, eagles and vultures are protected and should be left alone, Hopper said. It's wise not to bother reptiles such as snakes and turtles, he said, adding that some turtles have a nasty disposition.

There are also bats in the area. Most bats in Kansas migrate in the winter, Hopper said. Bats are really good in insect control but can carry

If you have wildlife problems, call 899-5100 or contact central dispatch at 890-4575. Hopper said he is particularly interested in reports of sick or injured animals.

develop a conservation plan on-site.

employees will be able to assist

farmers like Derek Zongker, Sylvia,

who lives 40 miles from his conser-

vation service county office.

Zongker has worked with the ser-

vice for seven years to address con-

servation needs on his grazing land.

it is you're talking about, it is a good

Zongker was accepted in NRCS'

Environmental Quality Incentives

Program to receive cost-share assis-

tance on practices including a wa-

tering system and interior fences

and incentive payments to do rota-

one-on-one discussions in the field

in developing his grazing plan to fit

is the electronic Field Office Tech-

paper book used in field offices as

about conservation of soil, water,

air, and related plant and animal re-

servation planners, can access this

information online," Tecklenburg

said. "This is another valuable con-

servation tool farmers and ranchers

have access to in managing their

"The more we can do out in the

field, the better."

"Anyone, landowners and con-

Another tool the service is using

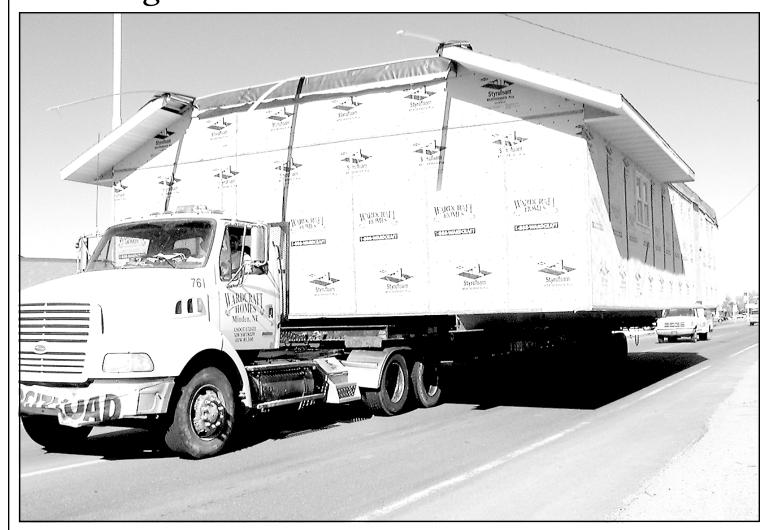
thing," said Zongker.

his operation.

"Any time you're able to go out

Tecklenburg and other mobile

House to go



Traffic stopped along Business U.S. 24 about 2 p.m. on Thurs- U.S. 24 heading to Burlington. The house was on old U.S. 24 day to allow a wide-load house to pass through. The two-sec- because it was more of a direct route and would connect back tion house, built by Wardcraft Homes of Minden, Neb., was head- with U.S. 24 at the state line. The sections were 32 foot by 54 ing somewhere in Colorado. City police escorted the sections foot and 32 foot by 50 foot and both were 17 foot, 6 inches high. and auxiliary vehicles through town, which took about 10 minutes. The house came through from Clay Center and came down

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Colby doctor's license reinstated by state

By Patty Decker

pdecker@nwkansas.com The state Board of Healing Arts

reinstated a Colby doctor's license Saturday after the doctor agreed to restrictions and monitoring of his practice, especially delivery of babies and use of steroids.

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard, 59, a family practitioner at Colby Medical and Surgical Center, and his attorney, Mike O'Neal of Hutchinson, reached an agreement with the board to stay a revocation order that took effect more than four months

Among other things, the agreement requires Dr. Hildyard to undergo complete medical and psychiatric evaluation.

"Dr. Hildyard's reinstatement is effective today," O'Neal said. "He looks forward to getting back into the office and getting back to the delivery of quality health care in the community and surrounding area."

"I am extremely grateful for and humbled by the huge outpouring of support from patients and friends during this unfortunate ordeal," Hildyard said.

Mark Stafford, general counsel said, "acknowledges the ongoing pated the decision to reinstate his for the board, said "the board is very hopeful that Dr. Hildyard will use this opportunity to provide competent professional services to the community in an honorable man-

The order of reinstatement imposes limitations and conditions on the doctor's license designed to address the problems identified in the August 2006 order of revocation, Stafford said.

These limitations were the result of a cooperative effort by the board and the doctor to allow his return to practice."

The key terms of the agreement resolving the dispute, O'Neal said involved releasing the board and its individual members from any claims for damages.

tion. He agreed to "appropriate practice with a minimum of condiboard, upheld the board's decision, clinical and psychological evaluations, limitations on managing labor and deliveries, monitoring of his steroid practice and continuing medical education course work."

"The consent order," O'Neal mechanism set up, having antici-

dispute between Dr. Hildyard and the board (of healing arts) over legal issues that arose during the case.

"I believe that ultimately Dr. Hildyard would have prevailed on the case gave him a clean bill of most, if not all issues raised on appeal, Had the decision been ours alone to make, the appeal would proceed."

He said because of financial concerns and overwhelming support not sign off on the order until De-Hildyard's patients, the doctor was willing to reach an agreement that returns him to his practice as soon

An appeal could have taken another year, he said.

"On behalf of Dr. Hildyard, I appreciated the board's willingness to weigh its risk in defending the ap-Hildyard also agreed to dismiss peal and agreeing to terms which board's decision, but after an appeal his pending appeal of the revoca- have the doctor returning to his to the state Supreme Court by the tions or restrictions," O'Neal said.

O'Neal said Hildyard welcomed there are no established standards.

"He already has the monitoring

license," O'Neal said. "While the doctor does not see the need for or expense of further evaluations, as one completed in Colorado during health, he does not object to the board requiring evaluations as part of the agreement."

The board voted to revoke Hildyard'license in August, but did and encouragement from cember, when Judge Jack Burr of Goodland heard a lawsuit he filed in the Thomas County District Court. In its order, the board concluded that Hildyard's license should be revoked based on evidence that he was a substantial threat to the public's health and welfare, Stafford said at the time.

Judge Burr at first stayed the saying the court could not secondguess an agency decision that is the monitoring of steroid use since within the agency's authority, even if it is claimed to be too severe.

A stork report in the Friday, April 20, edition of The Goodland Star-*News* said Matthew Pianalto and Hannah Madden-Pianalto of Goodland had a son, Liberty Jon Pianalto. Liberty is a baby girl. This

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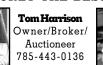




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