

Family’s stolen dog still missing

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A Baker City man accused of taking a family’s pet dog from a Foothill Drive yard has been charged with first-degree theft, criminal trespassing and animal abandonment after allegedly failing to return the dog to his owners.

Clayton Carver Hickman, 18, of Baker City is accused of taking Kobe, an 8-month-old Chihuahua/wirehaired terrier mix, from the fenced yard of Stephanie and Luke Beard the morning of July 19.

The case has been referred to the District Attorney’s office and will go before a grand jury or proceed to a preliminary hearing to finalize charges, a Sheriff’s Department press release stated.

Stephanie Beard said Kobe disappeared between 7:30 and 7:45 the morning of July 19 when she took her daughter, Emma, 16, to work. Her 14-year-old son, Michael, was in the shower at the time. Her husband, Luke, was away from the home working in Alaska.

Beard said when she returned to her house she soon discovered that Kobe was not



Submitted photo

Kobe, an 8-month-old Chihuahua/wirehaired terrier mix.

outside with the family’s other dogs.

She and her son began looking for Kobe, thinking he had bypassed the fence, although Kobe typically did not try to get out, she said.

When her neighbor heard Beard and her son looking for the dog he reported that he’d seen a young adult male drive to the house in a dark-colored SUV. The neighbor reported that the man got out of the vehicle and went into the yard and took the dog.

Beard said she called Baker City Police to report the theft.

Investigators identified Hickman as a suspect. Beard said Hickman is an

acquaintance of the family who had attended school with her daughter. Hickman had stayed in an outbuilding on their property for a short time, but she had not seen him recently.

Baker City Police Chief Ray Duman said the case was turned over to the Baker County Sheriff’s Office because of a conflict of interest with his department and because Hickman had preferred to talk to a Sheriff’s Department officer.

Hickman told authorities he had picked Kobe up to take him for a ride. He said the dog jumped out of his vehicle near Quail Ridge Golf Course.

Huntington man arrested on drug, assault charges

HUNTINGTON — A 33-year-old Huntington man was arrested Tuesday and charged with fourth-degree assault after allegedly hurting a relative during an argument.

Nicholas Richard Watson is also charged with possession of methamphetamine. The fourth-degree assault charge constitutes domestic violence and took place in the presence of a minor, who is Watson’s child, according to a press release from the Baker County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to a home in Huntington about 3:50 p.m. Tuesday after a woman called and said Watson had hurt her hand by slamming it in a door during an argument.

Watson’s relative told police that he had been acting strangely, was paranoid and had almost set her curtains on fire, according to a court document.



Watson

City asks for water conservation

Baker City’s public works department is asking residents and businesses to reduce their water usage.

During recent hot weather, peak hourly demand has exceeded a rate equal to a daily use of 8.5 million gallons. A typi-

cal summer day’s usage is about 4.5 million gallons, according to the city.

In addition to asking for a voluntary reduction, the city is reducing irrigation at parks, Mount Hope Cemetery and Quail Ridge Golf Course to 70% of normal.

VOTING

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Historical figures featured in the theater are: Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Abigail Scott Duniway, Amelia Bloomer, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sarah Grimke, Lucy Burns, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul and Sojourner Truth.

The readers theater script features excerpts of these women’s writings and speeches.

Dave Hunsaker is the narrator. He sets the stage by introducing the featured women.

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“Of greatest importance is that we not forget nor take for granted what has been won. The right to vote for all America’s citizens must be safeguarded, encouraged, and employed.”

Joyce Hunsaker is the first to take the microphone and bring Sarah Grimke to life.

“For my 11th birthday my father gave me an 11-year-old Negro slave girl. I tried to give her back, but that was against the rules, so I had to keep her. In secret I started to teach her to read, but when my father found out, he threatened to whip her, so I stopped.”

Grimke went on to speak out against slavery and in support of women’s rights.

In 1848 a group of five women, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, gathered in New York

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— Except from narration for ‘Breaking Through Barriers’

to plan the Seneca Falls Convention, which was advertised as “a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of women.”

Amelia Bloomer was also in attendance, raising attention by wearing pants instead of a skirt (this is where the term “bloomers” emerged).

Stanton (portrayed by Ginger Savage) reads the convention’s Declaration of Sentiments, which was signed by 68 women and 32 men. The suffragist movement was born.

Two years after that convention, Stanton met Susan B. Anthony. They became close friends and worked together for women’s rights.

Anthony began teaching in 1839 and soon learned the unbalanced approach for men and women — she earned \$8 per month, while her male counterparts earned \$30 per month.

She was arrested in 1872 for voting and received a guilty verdict.

“The judge fined me \$100 but I told him I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty — and I didn’t!”

Anthony and Stanton were soon joined by Lucy Stone, who in 1847 became the first woman from Massachusetts to earn a college degree.

During the Civil War, efforts turned toward the abolitionist movement. The 14th and 15th amendments provided voting rights for freed male slaves

and equal rights without regard to color.

Women were still not allowed to vote.

Out West, Abigail Scott Duniway took up the fight. She came to Oregon from Illinois in 1852. On the trip, she first lost her mother, and then her little brother died near present-day Durkee.

After her husband was permanently disabled in an accident, Duniway supported their family by running a boarding school, then later a millinery shop. In 1871 she founded the weekly newspaper “The New Northwest” in Portland — and soon met Susan B. Anthony.

Duniway remained active in the suffrage movement throughout her life. In 1912, Oregon passed the women’s suffrage amendment. She was the first woman to register to vote in Multnomah County.

The original suffragettes had died by 1915, but more women took up the cause. One was Lucy Burns, who was arrested six times for her protests in support of women’s right to vote.

The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution passed on Aug. 26, 1920. Known as the Anthony Amendment, it granted women the right to cast a vote.

“Five days after our last performance will be the absolute 100th anniversary,” Edwards said.



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A group of Baker County women will give a performance chronicling the history of the women’s suffragette movement Aug. 15 and 21 at Geiser-Pollman Park.



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Dream location overlooking the City. This amazing 2.32 acres is a must see. Beautiful custom built home with over 3400 sq/ft. Wonderful floor plan with open kitchen and family room with city views. The kitchen offers a large island and dining area with custom oak cabinets. Along with the living room off the entry there is a large master bedroom with city views, with a large walk in closet and walk in shower. A nice second bedroom and office/bedroom plus a large utility with bathroom on the main level. Lower level offers a large bonus room, bedroom, cold storage. Nice private back yard. Outside you’ll find a fantastic 40 x 50 shop with tack room and storage, plus a 35’ x 47’ covered RV storage. Lots of parking. This is a wonderful property.

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