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Dear Rick:

All of a sudden Middlesboro, Kentucky Lodge No. 119 has catapulted into the forefront of Lodges generating great PR for our Order. I enclose the front page of the July 5, 2017 edition of the *Middlesboro Daily News*. The large color photo and lead news article describes the recent "Adopt-A-Pet Day" at Middlesboro Mall. The article notes the program was funded by a Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation. There were 21 cats and dogs from the Bell County Animal Shelter available for adoption. For the first time in history, every one of the pets was adopted. We can all be proud of the men and women of Middlesboro Lodge No. 119. I know I am.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lester C. Hess, Jr." in a cursive style.

Lester C. Hess, Jr.

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enclosure

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