DOG TALK

Honesty saves dogs

The fine art of deception may have its place in politics, advertising and Facebook, but there's no room for it in your dealings with your dog. The truth may hurt, but not as much as a dog bite.

Last week, I spoke with a man who is having a hard time admitting that he's having a hard time with his dog, who weighs 90 pounds and is aggressive. Recently, he was out walking the dog when a woman approached who *really* wanted to meet his dog.

I asked the man how the dog reacted to the woman's interest in him. "He growled," he said.

"And what did you do?"

"Well, she *really* wanted to meet him, so I invited her over to pet him."

"Even though your dog was growling at her?"

"Well, she told me she's *really* good with dogs and that all dogs love her. I thought it would be OK."

"What happened?" I asked.

"He bit her."

The only honest character in this tale is the one with the tail. In no uncertain terms, the dog warned the woman to keep her distance. For whatever reason, he was not in the mood to be charmed. He had no interest in joining the populous club of dogs who love her.

And, for whatever reason, neither human paid heed.

No, the bipeds were too busy weaving a web, a tangled web, a web that got one of them bit and left the other vulnerable to a lawsuit and in danger of losing his dog.

Any storyteller worth his salt will tell you that a good yarn needs a hero, someone to root for, someone who is overcoming obstacles in a Herculean attempt to become a better person.

Who's the hero here?

No one — at least not yet.

If I were writing this story, I'd place this scene at the end of Act Two, the point at which everything falls apart and just before everyone — or at least the hero — gets their act together for the happy ending at the tail end of Act Three.

The happy ending is what we — the readers, the hero, everyone — want. But another truth in storytelling is that the hero has to make it happen, has to take some strong action to turn fate in his favor.

Sometimes that strong action is a very simple act. Tell the truth.

In this case, telling the truth won't solve the aggression problem, but it will prevent that larger web from forming, that web that involves injuries and lawsuits, lost relationships and regret.

Telling the truth won't cure aggression, but it will open the door to change.

Send your questions to dearuncle.gazette@unclematty.com or by mail to Uncle Matty at P.O. Box 3300, Diamond Springs, CA 95619.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

VanBogaert wins soy award

Eddie VanBogaert of Rochester was one of 29 Purdue University students among eight teams who competed in the 2012 Student Soybean and Corn Product Innovation Competitions.

VanBogaert's two-person team won second place for its soy-based wax and polish. VanBogaert, a senior studying history and political science, was the co-recipient of the second place Soy Product Innovation Award and will share $10,000 in prize money.

Interns chosen

Two PORTA High School graduates have been selected Starhill Forest Arboretum interns this summer. They are: Audrey Brauer, daughter of James and Susan Brauer of Oakford; and Kelsey Tucker, daughter of Scott and Adrienne Tucker of Petersburg.

The interns will be trained in botanical and horticultural work; GPS tree documentation, small contruction and landscape projects, and general maintenance of the arboretum.

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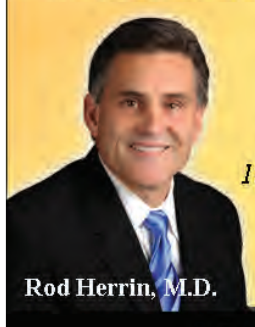
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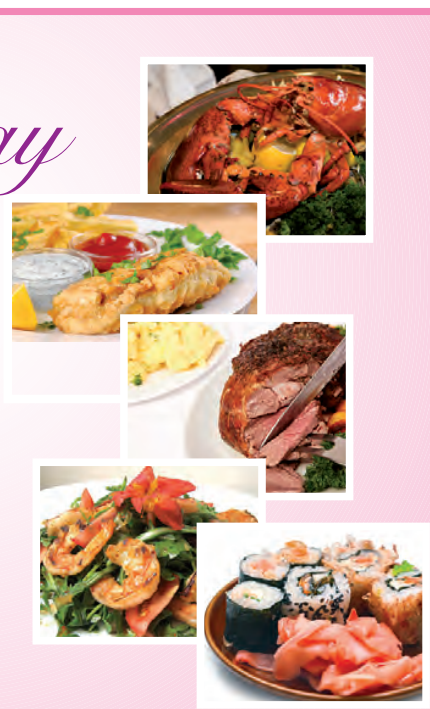

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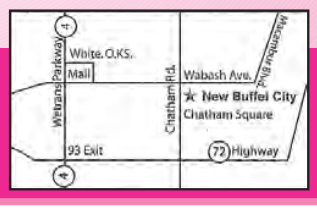

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Tuesday, May 15th
Ameren Training Facility
2125 East State Route 104
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Stop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

At this Open House, we will explain why this new transmission line is needed and what it will look like. We will answer your questions.

By sharing your thoughts and concerns with us on May 15th, you will help us determine the best possible routes for this new transmission line.

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John M Galer

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Publisher of The Journal-News

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Officials, dignitaries, candidates, and Republican Party members posed for a picture following the annual Lincoln Dinner, Saturday at Litchfield. In the front from the left are: Connie Beck, Montgomery County Board District 1; Michelle Kassebaum, regional superintendent of schools; Ron Jenkins, county treasurer; Holly Lemons, circuit clerk; Earlene Blackburn Robinson, candidate for county board District 4; Megan Beeler, candidate for county board District 1; and Nikki Bishop, county board member District 7. Standing are Glenn Savage, candidate for county board District 5; Roy Hertel, county board member District 7 and retiring party county chairman; Senator Sam McCann, Sheriff Jim Vazzi; Judge Kim Koester; Mike McElroy, Decatur mayor and candidate for state senate; Rep. Wayne Rosenthal; Gene Miles, county board member District 2; Ed Helgen, retiring county board member District 7; Jim Allen, incoming Republican Party county chairman; Bob Sneed, candidate for county board District 7; Tobin Gunn, candidate for coroner; Joe Gasparich, county board member District 2; Sandy Leitheiser, county clerk; and Scott Merano, county board member District 6. *Journal News Photo*

Republicans Rally At Annual Meeting On Saturday

by John M. Galer

The Montgomery County Republican Lincoln Day dinner, held Saturday, April 21, at the Litchfield Community Center, brought a large group of area Republicans to the annual event. Those in attendance heard from retiring US Congressman Tim Johnson, state Senator Sam McCann, Representative Wayne Rosenthal, and senate candidate Mike McElroy.

County Republican Chairman Roy Hertel served as master of ceremonies, and introduced his replacement Jim Allen of Farmersville. Hertel is stepping down as party chairman, but will remain active on local party issues. He was presented a handsome wood wall clock as a "thank you" for his work with the party.

Hertel recognized the late Ercel Brackenbush and Karl Johnson for their long term work with the party. This year's Lincoln Dinner book was dedicated to the two.

A plaque was presented to Ed Helgen who is retiring from the Montgomery County Board after 20 years of service.

Circuit Judge Stephen McGlynn of Belleville, who is running for Appellate Judge in the 5th District, told the audience "who your judges are matters with the problems facing Illinois." He asked for votes and support in the fall election.

Congressman Tim Johnson, the keynote speaker, said he believes this fall's election is the most important election of all time. He also expressed appreciation for help and support in Montgomery County that he has gathered and will continue to work with everyone after January, when he officially retires from congress.

He stressed the need for change in parties on the national level and that he was retiring "to allow a new generation of people to carry the mantle."

Montgomery County Republican Party Chairman Roy Hertel received a handsome wall clock for his numerous years as head of the party. It was presented at the annual Lincoln Day dinner held Saturday evening at the Litchfield Community Center. Sheriff Jim Vazzi presented the clock. *Journal News Photo*

Both Sen. Sam McCann and Rep. Wayne Rosenthal challenged everyone to work hard, reach out and get people to join the cause to "take back our state and country."

Candidate for state Senate, Mike McElroy, and mayor of the city of Decatur asked for support in his coming campaign and noted his appreciation of the friends he has made in the county. "Together we will win in the fall," he said.

Hertel introduced County Treasurer Ron Jenkins, who elected in 1982, will tie the record for the longest serving elected official in the county. " When he is reelected he will break County Clerk Eunice Russell's record," Hertel said.

He also congratulated Sheriff Jim Vazzi who has also been in office "a long time," and stated that "the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department under Vazzi, has become one of the best in the entire state."

He introduced County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, and said "no one runs a finer election than she." Leitheiser introduced Terri Miller, a staffer, who was given credit in saving the county $28,000 in the printing of the primary election ballots.

He stressed that Holly Lemons has done very good things in her office, improving and modernizing the office.

Members from the Nokomis Junior and Senior High school choirs entertained the crowd, with "The Star Spangled Banner," "My Country Tis of Thee," and "America."

County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser also led the audience in the singing of "God Bless America."

The Rev. Robert Goins of Litchfield gave the invocation and benediction. A prime rib dinner was catered by Milanos Catering and the Hillsboro Clovers 4-H Club also helped with the dinner.

MCCA Screenings

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All services and tests will be provided free of charge through the cooperative efforts of the three hospitals that provide services to Montgomery County residents, and the three cancer research and treatment centers, Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU in Springfield, Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

MCCA has donated thousands of dollars to these entities over several years. Lincoln Land Community College is making their facility available at no cost to MCCA as their contribution to this health education endeavor.

Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU School of Medicine is also providing doctors and medical professionals to conduct cancer screenings and give presentations.

Early detection of any cancer is the first step toward adequate and successful treatment. St. Francis Hospital is providing the PSA tests and colorectal screening tests that can be done at home.

MCCA encourages everyone who has any concerns or feels a desire to learn more about prevention, education and awareness to attend this event. All of the presentations will be repeated during the morning more than once.

A specific schedule of each doctor and their specialty will be published at a later date. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the morning of Saturday, May 12

Labbe Family

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While at camp, the youth take part in activities like canoeing and mountain biking while not only learning about the Word of God, but also about learning how to love themselves and what God has in store for them.

Camp Hope, which is literally right across the street from Camp Joy, is a welcoming oasis for those age 6-18 who are physically and/or mentally handicapped and who may need to experience God's love in different ways. Campers who attend may have cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, seizures, or mild to moderate mental retardation.

During this session, camp leaders create experiences that work to build the individuals spiritual, emotional and physical well being.

Anywhere from 500-700 campers per year attend the two camps combined. In preparation, the Labbes will need to report by June 1 for a few weeks of training with camp to follow. Both camps run at the same time for eight weeks during the summer. Most kids get to attend for only one week and then CBF is dedicated to discipleship the other 51 weeks of the year.

Along with the moving expenses to get from Galesburg to Carmel, the Labbes are also looking for individuals and organizations to help support them as they get established and begin their work at spreading God's love. Any money donated will help cover the Labbes monthly expenses as well as pay for taxes and insurance.

They also invite anyone who does feel the desire to donate to visit the camp if they would ever find themselves in New York.

"There's an open door policy at the camp for donors to see where their money is going," said Stephen. "We invite all family and friends to come see what CBF is all about."

Anyone who is willing and able to give financial assistance to the Labbes may contact them at (309) 368-7712 or e-mail *labbe_missions@hotmail.com*.

CBF is currently developing a new master plan which involves new construction and remodeling structures across the 200 acre facility. For more information concerning the Children's Bible Fellowship, visit them online at *www.cbfny.org*. Any questions may be directed to (845) 225-2005 or to *cbfjim@aol.com*.

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Riverdance Makes Final Appearance On Fox Stage

Recently, the producer of *Riverdance*, Moya Doherty, announced that the United States touring production of the internationally-acclaimed *Riverdance* will play the Fabulous Fox Theatre May 18-20 for the very last time with only five performances. Tickets for *Riverdance* are on sale now and range from $70 to $26 and are available through MetroTix.

"When we opened *Riverdance* in New York in March 1996, we never thought for one minute that our show would still be running 15 years later," said Moya Doherty. "Three years ago we embarked on our farewell tour, saying goodbye to every city in North America we have ever played in over the years, and June 17 in our 16th year this current production of *Riverdance* will end and we will say our final goodbye. It has been a source of immense pride for me as producer that America took *Riverdance* to its heart to such an amazing extent, and I would like to pay tribute to every dancer, musician, singer and all the crew and staff who served *Riverdance* so well over the years."

The show that started it all, *Riverdance*, has been performing in the United States since March 1996 when it had its U.S. premiere at Radio City Music Hall in New York. Since then, the show has tapped its way onto the world stage, thrilling millions of people around the globe. While the touring production in the U.S. will close on June 17, productions of *Riverdance* will continue to tour the world.

Composed by Bill Whealan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McColgan, to date *Riverdance* has played more than 10,000 performances and been seen live by more than 22 million people in over 350 venues throughout 40 countries across four continents.

They have traveled well over 600,000 miles, played to a worldwide television audience of two billion; sold over three million copies of the Grammy Award-winning CD (certified Platinum in the US) and over 10 million videos making it one of the best-selling entertainment videos in the world.

What began as a seven-minute dance segment on the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest (televised to over 300 million people throughout Europe) and then quickly turned into a full-scale production has become much more than an international theatrical success.

Performances of *Riverdance* run from May 18-20. Performance times are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at $26 and are subject to change. Please refer to *fabulousfox.com* for current pricing.

Tickets are available at the Fox Theatre box office, online at *metrotix.com* or by phone at (314) 534-1111. Group discounts are available for groups of 15 or more by calling (314)535-2900.

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Apr. 26	4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m., Extension office
Apr. 26	"Vegetable Gardening" Telenet, 7 p.m., Extension office
Apr. 28	4-H Music Competition, 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Hillsboro
May 1	Whirlwinds 4-H Club Meeting, 6 p.m., Extension office
May 1	Master Gardeners Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension office
May 4	Welcome to the Real World, 8:30 a.m.-Noon, Hillsboro Jr. High School
May 6	Shooting Sports 4-H Club, Archery, 1 - 3 p.m. 4-H Park, Butler
May 7	Dog Obedience Class, 6:30 p.m., Montgomery County 4-H Park, Butler
May 9	Conservation Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Extension office
May 10	"Bug Invaders of the Foreign Kind" Telenet, 7 p.m., Extension office
May 12	4-H Day with the Cardinals
May 14	Dog Obedience Class, 6:30 p.m., Montgomery Couty 4-H Park, Butler
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