

SCHOOL

Dog Gone Wild

Chapter 7

My harmonica had to be here somewhere. I had it before we arrived at the tent. It was raining cats and wieners dogs! I should have worn my raincoat, but I didn't know I would be gone so long. Oh no! I hadn't told my family I was leaving. When I realized I'd dropped my harmonica, I thought I could walk outside the tent and find it. I had meandered off in the pouring rain without telling anyone. I was in trouble - in more ways than one! I had a strong suspicion the doghouse was in my future. My goal was to locate my instrument and return to the tent. Think, Woody, think. If I were a harmonica, where would I be?

Our family had played so much "I Spy" lately that surely I could discover a musical instrument in wilderness. While digging feverishly behind a row of bushes, I felt something under my paw. Could it be? Yes! My beloved harmonica! I played a note. The note bubbled and gurgled. It sounded like I was playing my harmonica underwater. I tried to shake the rainwater out, but it was tough since water was pouring from the sky. Once it dried, it would be as good as new. I had to get back to the tent pronto! The rain in my eyes made it difficult to see. Where was the tent? I thought it was this way. Maybe it was the other way. What direction was I going? The sun sets in the west, but how could I tell where west was without sunshine? Maybe I should go farther this way. Wait - I don't remember seeing that dogwood tree before. It's the one tree I know since it's my name. One thing for sure - I was lost. I was lost, wet, cold, scared and hungry.

I remembered Mom and Dad talking to Chloe and me about getting lost. "If you're ever lost, find a man or woman in uniform - like a police officer - or find a store clerk wearing a nametag. Don't ever leave with a stranger and don't panic. If you're alone, stay put, stay positive and we'll find you." Those words kept playing in my head - "stay put, stay positive, and we'll find you."

It was hard to stay positive when I was terrified. At least it wasn't storming. It was just a hard rain. I was glad it wasn't lightning since I was holding a metal harmonica. Mom and Dad had taught us about storm safety. One thing they stressed was never be around anything metal during a storm. I also knew being under a tree could be dangerous in case lightning

struck a tree or limbs fell. I decided to return to the bushes where I'd found my harmonica. I could sit under the bush and not be in danger of falling limbs. Maybe Ranger Ralph would show up!

It was c-c-c-cold. I wish I'd worn that raincoat. Now I knew why Mom made us dress warm when we went outside. If only I had Chloe's cell phone or weather radio. I was alone, stiff, shivering, scared, and starving. "Stay positive, Woody," my inner voice kept saying. I had to keep my mind off my troubles. I guess I could practice my harmonica. I played all my favorite songs - "The Ants Go Marching," "Eating Goober Peas" and the "Song that Never Ends." That one took forever! My paws were exhausted and sore from playing so long. They needed a break. It felt like they were almost numb. Maybe I would sing. I needed something happy - a song that always made me laugh, even though I didn't feel like laughing. I knew the perfect one. Pretending I was at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, I was at the top of psh-sketti, all covered with cheese. I lost my poor meatball...

You know, singing about food might not have been such a great idea. I was so hungry that I almost felt sick. I thought about eating some berries but I remember Dad telling us that we couldn't eat berries or mushrooms since they could be poisonous. I guess I would go back to singing about food.

I lost my poor meatball, when somebody...

What was that? I listened for it again. Alas was silent. It must have been my stomach. I was so hungry and singing about my favorite pasta dish didn't help matters. I started singing again.

"When somebody..."
Why couldn't I remember the words? This was my favorite song and I couldn't remember the words. Just then, I heard rustling in the woods. It was coming closer and closer...

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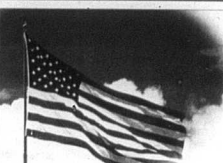
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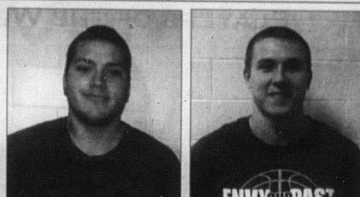
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Ashlie Brown
Ashlie Brown is the 18 year old daughter of Geraldine Turner and Andrew Brown. Her favorite subject Art. She plans to attend National in Lexington Medical Assistance license to pursue a career in Nursing. Her hobbies are Volleyball and Art. Ashlie's favorite memory of school is all the Volleyball rides and our trip to Frankfurt her freshman year.

Jason Coy
Jason Coy is the 17 year old son of Jimmy and Christy Coy. His favorite subject is Wood Class. He plans to attend National in Lexington Community College. His hobbies are hunting, playing Playstation and ride 4-Wheelers. His favorite memory is going to Vocational School and seeing my friends



J. R. Briner
J.R. Briner is the 17 year old son of Annette and Terry Briner. His favorite subject is History. He plans to join the National Guards, and attend the Morehead State University. His hobbies and interests is working. His favorite memory is hanging out with friends everyday.

Kyle Campbell
Kyle Campbell is the 17 year old son of Kevin and Linda Campbell. His favorite subject is Journalism. He plans to attend college to play sports. His hobbies and interests are playing sports.

Way to Go Seniors!

Jackets to face Williamstown in preseason matchup

The Nicholas County High School boys' basketball team will face Williamstown on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Pendleton County in a preseason scrimmage. Tip-off for the Nicholas County Williamstown exhibition game is slated for 1 p.m. The scrimmage will serve as a final wood leading up to the start of a new exciting and promising season. Local boys' basketball fans will have an opportunity to see the Nicholas County boys' basketball team in action one day earlier for the Jackets. When Jacket Madness begins at 7 p.m. Nicholas

County was eliminated in the opening round of the 38th District Tournament following a loss to longtime rival Deming. The Jackets pushed Deming before the Devils eked out a hard-fought 64-60 victory. Deming in the 38th District. Williamstown is expected to offer Nicholas County a challenge in the upcoming season matchup. A member of the 8th Region, Williamstown competes in the 32nd for the Demons. Eric Simpson, Derrick Whaley and Jake McKinley are other key players in the mix for the Williamstown club.

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