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Dog Gone Wild Chapter 1

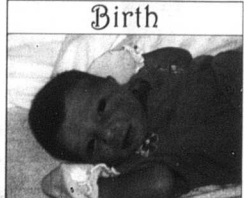
My golden opportunity! My chance to shine! My time to show my family that I'm a warrior, a champion, a real sportsman, uh, sportsdog! I'm sorry, I should introduce myself. I'm Mr. Dogwood, but my friends and family call me Woody. (Sometimes I'll hear "Dogwood" if I've made a knucklehead decision or if my parents are trying to get my attention.) Anyway, I'm a black and tan miniature wiener dog who lives in the great state where I was born - Kentucky. That makes me "Woody, the Kentucky Wiener." Like any other wiener dog, I like mealtimes, chasing cats and digging. Unlike other wiener dogs, I have a job. That's right - a regular, set-the-alarm, carry-my-briefcase, get-a-paycheck job. My big sister Chloe (a reheaded miniature wiener dog), my human parents (Mom and Dad) and I travel around in The Woody Bus talking to kids and adults about being their best. We call it "Woody's Five Ways to Be Successful: Mom, Dad, Chloe, and I hope we help others, all the while reminding ourselves, that with hard work, a positive attitude, respect for others and ourselves, we can accomplish great things. Mom and Dad tell Chloe and me every day that we can achieve all our goals and dreams. "Work and dream like a big dog, Woody!" Dad once told me. "It doesn't matter that you're little, just think big. That's a winning attitude and hard work will take you places!" That was the best advice I'd heard. In fact, it's become my motto! Now, Mom, Dad, Chloe, and I travel all around and share that message with others. How great is that!

Where was I? Oh, my golden opportunity. It started while my family was watching our favorite TV show - a competition about surviving outdoors. During the course of the show, people live outdoors, participate in different challenges, and try to survive. The person who can stay in the game the longest by finding their own food, bringing the elements and staying tough is the winner. The winner gets to brag to everyone how he or she survived - and goes away with a great big money prize! Anyway, Mom, Dad, Chloe and I were watching at the competitors hiked 12

miles up a mountain and used a grapevine to swing across a river filled with crocodiles before they were safe. I made the comment that it seemed like a simple task. "Simple?" Chloe asked. "It doesn't look simple to me." Besides, Woody, you get tired on our two-mile walk every morning. Do you really think you could hike 12 miles and fend off crocodiles?" "Sure I could. If faced with the challenge, I would prevail every time!" I responded, puffing my chest out a bit. "I thought the conversation was closed until Dad said, "Hey, let's let me think. You're a wiener dog, you're a wiener dog, you're a wiener dog. How about the four of us take an old-fashioned camping trip?" "TerRUFFic idea!" I barked. "Can we compete like they do on the show?" "Sure, your Mom and I will come up with challenges and you and Chloe can compete." Secretly I smiled. Piece of cake! My sister was the smartest and prettiest girl I knew, but I was the guy, the man, the brute! I could hear it now. "Come over, Woody!" Mom must have read my thoughts because she said, "Remember, Wendy, it's a friendly competition and your sister is tougher than you think." "Yes ma'am," I replied. "What's the grand prize?" I asked. Dad thought for a minute and said, "Since the winner of the show receives money, too - a new, crisp \$50 bill!" I'd wanted a new bowling game for my WOOOF system. Fifty dollars would do the trick! I was getting ready to browse the Internet to find the game I was going to buy when Dad said, "Here's your first challenge: You and Chloe must each pack your own backpack of things you will need for the camping trip. You can only take one bag so make sure you pack smart, taking only items that will be useful. Get your bag packed because we will leave as soon as the sun comes up in the morning!" "In the morning?" I said. "That's early!" I replied. For some reason, Mom, Dad and Chloe laughed. I must have missed the joke but unfortunately, I didn't have time to ask what was funny. I had to get focused. I had a competition to win and my first challenge was getting my backpack ready. And for the life of me, I couldn't remember where Mom kept the blankets.



Myneer awarded scholarship Jordan Myneer has been awarded a Baseball scholarship from Union College in Barboursville, KY. Jordan is the 18 year old son of Johnny Myneer, Shawn Myneer and Tracy Fuller. He is a 2009 graduate of Nicholas County High School.



Kenzie Renee Livingood Samantha Bassell and Kevin Livingood would like to announce the birth of their first daughter, Kenzie Renee Livingood. She was born on August 22, 2008, at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana, KY. Kenzie weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Debra and Tony. Paternal grandparents are Betty Jo and Kenny.

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Trenton's playhouse Kids Wish Network construction project complete

By Stephen Scalf Staff Writer scalf@carlislemercury.com

In the July 15, 2009 edition, The Carlisle Mercury shared the story of how a single boy was granted a wish by the Kids Wish Network, a charitable organization in Holiday, Florida.

Trenton Campbell was born with Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus and progressive atrophy of his left kidney. His great-uncle, a long-time donor to the charity discovered Trenton might be eligible to receive a wish and referred his case for consideration.

Jen, the Web Coordinator for the charity contacted Trenton's mother, Leann, and then spoke to Trenton directly to help determine how they could grant a wish that would be most meaningful. Because Trenton loves horses and the show "Little House on the Prairie," he asked for a playhouse that was reminiscent of a horse stable.



Trenton Campbell

Construction began in July, and around the end of August, Jen from Kids Wish Network helped coordinate a party for Trenton and his family to celebrate the finished product, including a cake prepared by a local baker and decorated with a replica of Trenton in his wheelchair, the playhouse, and his horse on it.

"The party was great and the cake was absolutely out of this world," said Leann. "We had a lot of people there and we mostly sat outside and talked, and I think Trenton was really happy to see the playhouse."

"And I ate cake." Leann said she was overwhelmed by the project. "When I heard Trenton was going to get a playhouse, I imagined something little. I had no idea how big and nice it was going to be. As my problem as he has had and everything he has been through, it's just amazing the love and the support that children like him really do receive from people that you don't even know," she said.

This past Saturday, the family was busy customizing the interior, hooking up the electricity, putting up paneling, and hanging some of Trenton's favorite pictures.

Trenton plans to use the structure to hold school, have his therapy, and most of all to enjoy some peace and quiet.



Photo by Charles Manning

Recognition

A squirrel "perks" near a parking sign surrounded by flowers planted by Mercury Publisher Warren Fischer seven decades ago and which still denotes the entrance to the old Mercury Office.

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