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DeShaile Thompson and Head Start teacher Ms. Chadwick enjoy the sandbox.

Three-year-old credited for helping ailing grandmother

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When 3-year-old DeShaile Thompson's grandmother's sugar level dropped to a dangerous level, the little girl turned into a hero.

Nell Roseboro was watching DeShaile at her apartment when she walked into the bedroom. Soon, the elderly woman felt faint and was forced to lie down on the bed. Her sugar had dropped from its regular reading in the 80s to 40.

Roseboro was afraid DeShaile would not be able to help her. She doubted her grand-

daughter could bring the large jug of juice from the refrigerator into her bedroom. Fortunately, DeShaile proved her wrong and did just that.

After drinking some juice, Roseboro's sugar level climbed and she was alright.

DeShaile, a student at East Elementary Headstart, has her own simpler version of what happened.

"She was sick. I got her some juice," she says.

DeShaile was honored by her classmates, teacher and administrators. Her proud mother is Tilese Roseboro.

ANDIE

From 4A

He told the tale to his aunt who proudly informed him that Young was his forefather. When Bill first told us that, I seriously doubted him. After all, he and Judy are from Indiana. They only moved to Little Switzerland post-retirement. After Bill gave me a few more details, I realized this wasn't just a tale.

Seems Bill's father is from east Tennessee. The area isn't known for an abundance of jobs so he moved the family off to Indiana in hopes of financial security. The plan worked, at least for Bill who helped design the global positioning system.

Bill likes to compare the system to the monarch butterflies which visit Altapass to lay eggs on the milkweed growing abundantly there. He's fascinated by the way the yellow and black creatures are able to find their way

from here to Mexico. It must have been the same force which pulled Bill and his family to Altapass Orchard. Today they are farming the same land their forefather marched through. Gives me cold chills.

Bill's cousin Jo Carson has now written a play, aptly titled "What Sweet Lips Can Do." Kings Mountain folks might be interested in this performance which gives the battle story from the perspective of where it all began. The season's final performance is Sept. 26.

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From 4A

Broder.

Every time those brilliant military strategists spout off in print and on the tube, other less-known geniuses jump on the bandwagon.

Over in the world class city last week, one of the local radio mouths told his audience that Bush looked like a deer caught in the headlights while he was making his speech. It should be noted that this particular mental giant is a liberal democrat, and is not noted

for his love of George Bush. He was, however, a faithful follower of Bill Clinton, that paragon of excellence.

What it all boils down to is that the president has a large contingent of people who absolutely despise him, much like those who always hated Nixon. They don't like Bush because he beat their man in a close election, and he actually lost the popular vote.

He was not the first president to win the election without the majority of popular votes, but back in the days of Rutherford B. Hayes there was no television, nor were political columnists

around in abundance.

So, if the president wants to end this war quickly and honorably, all he has to do is form a committee of news people and do what they tell him to do. He could start with Broder and Dionne. Then there's always Peter Jennings, Marianne Means, and George Stephanopoulos.

If any of those people can't make it, he could use Walter Cronkite and Bill Maher in a crunch.

Remember, this war is being fought just for oil and to benefit rich Americans.

this was Saturday."

Privates often chafed under their leaders as this Union soldier wrote- "They get all the glory and most of the pay and are mostly drunken rascals. Some are white livered, tallow faced skunks."

War hardened men as this Federal's letter revealed- "The rebels was laying all over the field of battle bloated up big as a horse and black as the ase of spades and the boys run over and serch their pockets. I was goin through a cornfield and run across a grayback (reb) I stopped to see what he had but sombody had bin there first and I went on my way rejoicing he was dead."

Medical science was lacking in 1862 as this sick soldier wrote home- "I have had a slight case of the Helena Quickstep but I have been taking pain killer and whiskey and my head feels rather large and rings like a kettle. I mixed the quinine and the whiskey and a more villainous compound never passed a man's lips."

Reading these letters it's hard to miss the feelings they must have evoked in the folks back home. Feelings that the timeless art of leter writing can still create in sender and recipient. With that in mind, here's my challenge for the week- write someone a letter- and it doesn't really matter if you spell all the words right either.

KMDS students' penny drive raises \$9,000 for United Way

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Pennies add up to dollars and in the case of Kings Mountain District Schools' \$9,000 to be precise. Students from across the district raised the money as part of the United Way penny drive.

"We're so proud of them," said United Way finance officer Leslie Cobb. "They will touch thousands of lives across Cleveland County."

Bethware Elementary raised the most - \$2,064. Students there presented a check to Cobb on Tuesday.

Students Malik Mathis and Emily Wilson's contributions came from piggy banks. Paisley Williams said her money came from her and her parents. Zack Keen said his contribution came out of "Mama's purse."

School children in Cleveland County and Shelby City schools are currently raising funds. Two student representatives from every contributing school will sit on an advisory board. This board will hear requests in January for support from agencies which serve young people.

Recipients must have non-profit status and serve youth but do not have to be United Way agencies to be eligible for this money.

At Bethware, each student contributed an average of \$4.08. Raising \$1,400, West Elementary students donated the most per student, \$4.78; Kings Mountain



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Leslie Cobb of the Cleveland United Way receives a check from Bethware Elementary students Malik Mathis, Zack Keen, Emily Wilson, Paisley Williams and Alex Mooneyham as principal Valerie Boyd looks on.

Intermediate School raised \$1,894; Grover Elementary, \$1,020. Kings Mountain Middle School, \$760; East Elementary, \$600; North Elementary, \$540; Kings Mountain High School, \$342; Davidson, \$77.

said the penny drive reinforces the character education program. Character traits during the drive were responsibility and respect.

"Our character education program is definitely working."

Mary Accor, director of administrative services for Kings Mountain Schools,

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