

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Farm Bureau unloads large fruit delivery**

By Heather Mathes  
 Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 The Nicholas County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and various other Santa's helpers were busy the week before Christmas, but they weren't unloading toys. Approximately 650 crates of oranges were shipped from Florida and unloaded at the National Guard Armory. Matthew Kennedy, Mike Phillips, Estill Neffsinger, David Tipton (agent), Bill Wilson and several Clay's Feed employees were just a few of those working to unload the truck.

"I think the sale this year went really well," said Farm Bureau Agent Cliff Vio. "We had around 600 boxes to unload and I think people were happy with their oranges. Only Farm Bureau members were eligible to participate in the sale."



**Smooth moves**

Nicholas County Chess Team members had a great tournament performance during the Richmond Madison Invitational held during November. Nathan Hunt finished first at the first table, Michael Anderson finished second in the open tournament and Mark Linville finished in third place in the open tournament. Pictured from left to right (front) Ronnie Berry, Hunt, Jeremy Havens, Bill Nicholas and NCHS Coach Peter Charness. Back row, left to right, Anderson, Linville, Chris Brumagen and Shon Conyers. - Julie Pfeiffer Photo



Tabetha Busell, a student in Joan Spickler's second grade class at Nicholas County Elementary School displays the letter she received from Angelo Gauderman of Bloomington, Indiana. Angela released a balloon as part of her school's Drug Awareness Week activities which was found by Tabetha in her yard. Tabetha wrote telling Angela of finding the balloon. - Bill Gutless Photo



Cliff Vio, Farm Bureau Agent, was busy overseeing the "orange operation" the week before Christmas. - Heather Mathes photo



**Student of the Week**

Name: Jason George  
 Age: 15  
 Parents: Billy and Bobbie Doyle  
 Extracurricular Activities: basketball, football, watching television, spending time with family  
 Plans after high school: College  
 Reasons chosen by faculty: Pleasant personality, eager to learn, honest and dependable. "A fine young man."

Did you know? - About 30 one-horned rhinoceroses are killed illegally each year in India's Kaziranga National Park, says National Geographic.

Did you know? - The surface pressure on Mars, equivalent to Earth's atmosphere at an altitude of 100,000 feet, is so low that human blood would boil there.

**Best Wishes**  
 Best wishes to all for a happy and joyous Christmas.

Senator Ed Ford

Wishing you farmy happiness and health in '89.  
 Many thanks  
 Sally Watkins, Circuit Clerk

**Classroom Visitor**

Mrs. Michael Greer was a guest in the second grade at Nicholas County Elementary School last week where she told the students about the trip she and her husband took to Israel. Her appearance was part of the student's Christmas activities. - Bill Gutless Photo

**Christmas Coloring Contest Winners**

**Ages 3 - 5**  
 Boy  
 Steven Minton 5,  
 497 Scrubgrass Road  
 Carlisle  
 Girl  
 Stephanie Buckler, 3,  
 131 Mockingbird Lane  
 Carlisle

**Ages 6 - 8**  
 Boy - Randall Hunt, 7, Box 51, Carlisle  
 Girl - Melissa Seavage, 7,  
 Mt. Mariah Rd., Carlisle  
**Ages 9 - 10**  
 Boy - David Moore, 9, 975  
 Myers Road, Carlisle  
 Girl - Wisty Atkinson, 10, Rt. 1  
 Sharpsburg, Carlisle

*Rejoice*

May your happiness be so great that you treasure forever the many wondrous memories of this Christmas and all its joys.

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