

Hague's Herald

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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"IT'S CHRISTMAS, KEEP IT REAL!" If you're reading this newsletter, you already know something about keeping Christmas "real", and we hope you read or hear this phrase often in the coming weeks. You may never have heard of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (it's relatively new), but surely you've heard slogans of other agricultural commodity groups, including, "Got Milk?" and "Pork. The Other White Meat." As a North American Christmas tree producer of more than 500 trees per year, our business is part of this commodity group administered by the USDA to promote the

value of real, natural Christmas trees. If you and your family want to share *your* special ways of keeping Christmas real, post them on our Facebook page or tell us when you visit this year. "IT'S CHRISTMAS, KEEP IT REAL" is a bit longer than some of our "secret words" in the past, but we think you'll be able to remember this phrase and say it to your cashier to receive a free bunch of mixed greens or a free "Merry Christmas" button.

It was surprising last year to hear a new customer comment, "I didn't know you grew these trees"! We got started growing Christmas trees on our farm in northeast Pennsylvania in 1973, and began our choose-and-cut and retail sales in 1984, bringing the fresh-cut trees to Hatfield and allowing customers who want to cut their

own trees to walk through the field on our Hatfield property until they find just the one they want to take home to decorate. Since we can't grow all types of trees, we buy some from other Pennsylvania growers, and we order Fraser fir from a North Carolina farm. It has been a blessing to watch the trees grow and develop each year, and to meet wonderful people along the way. For us, keeping Christmas real includes not just using a real Christmas tree, but remembering that the source of all Christmas joy is the knowledge that Jesus is the real reason for the season.





CHOOSE-AND-CUT your own tree while supplies last

Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 Saturday 9:00-5:00 Sunday—CLOSED

We provide a saw *and* a cart for you to bring your tree from the field.

Visit our web site: hagueschristmastrees.com



Like us on Facebook!



<u>RETAIL LOT</u>—Fresh-cut trees, greens, wreaths, tree stands, winterberry, and other products

Monday-Friday 1:00-8:00 Saturday 9:00-5:00 Sunday—CLOSED

Visit the Wreath Barn to select your custom-decorated wreath!

KIDS' WREATH DECORATING CONTEST RETURNS

- Friday/Saturday—Nov. 25-26 Call (215) 368-4542 to register.
- Prizes in 2 age groups—ages 5-9 and 10-14.
- \$20 per child entry fee includes wreath, bow & decorations
- Customers vote with donations Nov. 25-Dec. 3
- Proceeds benefit Hatfield American Legion Post #933, bringing Christmas to a local family in need.



WE GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS—AND NEIGHBORS

Thanks to these local companies for offering wreath contest prizes:

Chick-fil-A, 210 Forty Foot Rd., Lansdale Fisher's Ace Hardware & Rental, 652 E. Main St. Lansdale Corner Sweets, 8 N. Market St. Hatfield Harleysville Savings Bank, 1550 Cowpath Rd. Hatfield YoFresh Café, 190 Forty Foot Rd., Hatfield

It's easy to buy pizza and soda for your gang before heading home:



Vinny's Pizzarama—here at Hague's — opening weekend Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 3 and 10

Faithfully serving our community year-round:

Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company



Trees for Troops gives the gift of a Christmas tree to military families in the U. S. and overseas, and Hague's will donate trees again this year. Christmas tree growers provide thousands of trees each year, inviting customers to participate as well, and FedEx coordinates the shipping to military bases both home and abroad. With over 18,000 trees donated last year, the total number of trees delivered to troops since 2005 soared to over 176,000! You can donate to the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation to offset the costs of shipping the trees when you visit us, or on the secure donation site at christmasspiritfoundation.org. Christmas SPIRIT Foundation is a 501(c)3 charity. Every year, requests for Christmas trees exceed the supply, so donations of any size will help to help to bring real, farm-grown Christmas trees to service members or their families awaiting their return.

We offer a 15% discount on any tree you purchase by Dec. 3 to send to the troops. We'll deliver it to the FedEx pick-up point.



OUR WINNERS

Each year we ask you to fill out a coupon to enter the drawing for a free tree or wreath for the coming year. This year **Joshua Aduddell** of North Wales and **Tim Dearie** of Stony Brook, NY will receive a free tree and **Peggy Benner** of Lansdale and **Rob Castelo** of Philadelphia will receive a free wreath. Winners of a free tree at fall events are **Ruthe Sloan** and **Charles Heck**, both of Hatfield.