



Hague's Herald

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Merry Christmas!



It has been an exciting year at Hague's Christmas Trees. We invite you to celebrate with us our "grand slam" in the state and national wreath contests. In January we won the decorated and undecorated wreath categories in the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association contest, qualifying us to compete in the National Christmas Tree Association contest in August in Green Bay, WI. We came home with two blue ribbons--the Grand Champion for our undecorated wreath and the first place for our decorated wreath. It has been a career goal to win four blue ribbons in these contests in the same year after competing for over 35 years. You can have a replica of the winning national wreath for \$75 or a look-alike for \$45. The most unique win was with a horse head wreath in the PA contest. They are available for \$60. (See article and photo below.) After receiving four blue ribbons in the same year, it was easy to decide on our "secret phrase" this year: **"four blue ribbons."** Say this to your cashier to receive a free bunch of mixed greens or a free "Merry Christmas" button.

At the National meeting, we also got a preview of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board's effort to continue the social-media campaign begun in 2016 --**"It's Christmas, Keep it Real"**. Take a look at the people and places involved in growing Christmas trees all over the country; check it out every day on Facebook or Instagram to see what's new!



Of course, the best way to keep it real is to remember the real reason for the Christmas celebration—the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. May you enjoy this best gift of all with your family and loved ones.



Attention horse lovers: decorate your barn, stable, shed or even your front door with an award-winning horse head "wreath." It is 19" x 30", made of fresh fir and pine greens. Choose red or gold bells, solid red or white-fringe red ribbon and silver rings or silver or gold stars on the bridle. The reins are natural braided twine. See a picture at hagueschristmastrees.com. Give us a jingle or clip clop over here and order your unique decoration for only \$60 each!

Now for the fun... everyone likes a contest. When you buy a horse head wreath, you can get a \$5 discount by entering our Horse Pun Contest. Ask the cashier for an entry form, attach a typed or hand-written horse pun of 25 words or less, and give it to the cashier for a chance to win a \$60 gift card for 2018.

YES, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN WREATH!

Maybe you love to come to Hague's to choose the wreath, bow, cones, and other decorations as our skilled wreath makers create a custom wreath just for you. Or maybe you have an itch to roll up your sleeves and create a unique decoration of your own. If so, sign up for a class with the master wreath-maker himself! Gary offers 4 different one-night classes in the heated wreath barn where you can learn the techniques (including the horse head!) and leave with a finished evergreen decoration you can be proud of. Register at www.northpenncep.org or call 215-853-1028. If you can't make those dates, gather your own group of 10 and call us to arrange a more convenient time.



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**EXTENDED HOURS on
OPENING DAY
9 am – 5 pm FRI. NOV. 24
Food truck from 9-4**

RETAIL LOT—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!

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.

Different strokes for different folks!

New this year--a limited number of **real trees** in purple, pink, or dark blue. These trees have been sprayed with colorant—an acrylic-based paint that is non-toxic to humans, pets, and the tree itself. Some dark blue trees will have a swish of white for Penn State fans and others will have light blue for North Penn fans. You have to see these trees to believe them!



Bring your appetite! The Perk Up Truck is coming!

Beginning on opening day and continuing Saturdays through December 9, you can enjoy coffee, latte, hot chocolate, muffins, scones, cookies, hot dogs, and sausage or pulled pork sandwiches prepared by the Perk Up Truck and available from 9 to 4. We'll also have our campfire for you to warm up and enjoy toasting free marshmallows those same days.

So many choices . . . does it really matter where you shop?

When you patronize a small business, you help keep the community “green”—of every \$10 spent, \$7 stays in the community. When you buy from a non-locally-owned store, only about \$4 stays to benefit the local community. Young people who may find it difficult to get their first job elsewhere because they have no work experience often are hired by small business owners, who take the time to teach them how to work and how to relate to customers. We value the opportunity to help young people who are just entering the work force, and we’re especially pleased when they return in subsequent years, growing in maturity and responsibility while providing the services that keep people coming back to shop here.