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tional free-fishing facilities in the northeastern United States. The Ludwigs are under contract with Suntory Water Group, which is bottled under the local label of Crystal Springs. The majority of Crystal Springs bottled spring water prodcuts come from Arrowhead Springs. A testimonial to the quality of the water and why the Ludwigs make the conservation ethic the core of maintaining and managing their land.

The Ludwigs have always been concerned with protecting their watershed, managing their timber and maintaining favorable cover for wildlife. To further these goals, they established in 1994 a Forest Stewardship Plan on approximately 260 acres of woodland. The goal is to protect the water quality, enhance wild-

life habitat and at the same time provide a place for recreational enjoyment. The stewardship plan has helped the Ludwigs open the lines of communication with their neighbors. A small hunting club has started and a deer management plan is being implemented. Without the stewardship plan they never would have seen the positive results they have seen. The Pennsylvania Game Commission assisted their Quality

Deer Management Association (QMDA) in forming a lcoal co-op for those neighbors who wanted to make a difference in the community by improving game opportunities. Most important to the Ludwigs is the benefit everyone receives from a properly managed watershed/woodland area.

Leigh Beamesderfer of Stouchsburg is the 2003 Lebanon County Special Recognition Award winner. Beamesderfer has been a dedicated member of the Lebanon County Conservation District staff since 1985. As Forester/Naturalist for the conservation district she has formulated a comprehensive menu of environmental education programs available to citizens stretching beyond the borders of our county. Leigh has also been critical to community and state forestry initiatives.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Dorset Ewe Sale. Annette Lovell managed the sale and Billy Mac-Cauley was the auctioneer. Prior to the sale of ewes, four

Christmas Tree Auction Nov. 24-25

MIFFLINBURG (Union Co.) - On Monday, Nov. 24 thousands of wreaths, miles of roping, and Christmas decor of every imaginable design will flood the expanse here at Buffalo Valley Produce Auction.

Starting at 11 a.m., this auction will feature products produced locally as well as from states such as North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Maryland, New Jersey, and others. All this leads up to the main event, the tree auction, which begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

About 20,000 trees, such as Fraiser Fir, Douglas Fir, Concolor, Blue Spruce, Canaan, White Pine, and Scotch Pine, will be sold.

For more information, contact Neil Courtney, manager, Buffalo Valley Produce Auction, at (570) 966-1151.

gimmick items were sold to benefit Dorset youth activities. Ketcham equipment donated a trimming stand that brought \$185 from the Beatty Family, Enon Valley. Kristina Repasky bought Wendy VanWagners original hand painted gift tub for \$275, while Cliff Thayer gave \$20 for a bag of Heinold sheep minerals donated by Heinold Feeds. Bids flew as Billy MacCauley's bid won him a signed baseball card donated by Ruth Hartman for \$525. All together \$1005 was raised to benefit youth activities.

Ram and Ewe Farm's (Jeremy Etzler) first place spring ewe lamb was champion ewe and brought \$800 from Kristina

Repasky, Prior Lakes, Minn. Laura Hunters reserve champion first place fall ewe lamb brought \$300 from Jeremiah Essig of Bernville.

The first place yearling ewe consigned by Casey Fitz-

Patrick brought \$300 from William and Elizabeth MacCauley, Atglen. The Kenneth Staver family's second place yearling ewe sold for \$325 to Olivia Waggonar, East Berlin. The yearling ewes averaged \$312.50.

Olivia Waggonar also bought Brian and Melanie Barkley's Maple Hollow second place fall ewe lamb, topping the fall ewe lambs at \$650. Splendorview Farm then received \$275 from Steele, Brockway. The Codv seven fall ewe lambs averaged \$321.43.

The second place spring ewe lamb consigned by Splendorview Farm brought \$200 from Lisa Wheeler, Whitehall, Md.; and the third place spring ewe lamb of Guy McKean brought \$225 from Rachel Walter, Lewisburg.

The ten spring ewe lambs averaged \$240.

Office Closed Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, Lancaster Farming office is closed. The office will reopen Friday, Nov. 28.

For the Nov. 29 issue, there are some deadline changes:

Public Sale and Mailbox ads, 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21.

Classified, Section D 4 p.m., Tuesday, ads Nov. 25.

Classified, Section C, Farm Equipment ads, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Section A ad deadline 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

General News — noon, Wednesday, Nov. 26.



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Mortality Composting/Natural **Rendering** Workshop Set

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) - Penn State Cooperative Extension has announced the next mortality composting/natural rendering workshop.

The workshop will take place Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Ag Progress Days site, Rockspring.

The concerns of animal mortality and biosecurity continue to be a factor in Pennyslvania animal agriculture. This continuing program will prepare producers to address these issues.

Those who should attend include Penn State Extension educators, Pennsylvania agency and agribusiness personnel, and



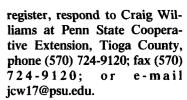
Pennsylvania dairy and livestock farmers.

The workshop will continue the discussion on mortality composting. Participants will view and explore an active mortality composting pile and begin discussion on the emergency biosecurity response to a disease outbreak with composting. Natural rendering informa-

tion from Penn State ornell will be distributed.

The workshop is scheduled Nov. 19 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ag Progress Days site along Rt. 45 west of State College. Those attending should follow the Cooperative Extension signs to the farmhouse.

For more information or to



When registering, include your name, organization, phone number, fax number, and email address.

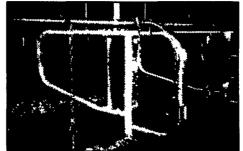
Composting resources on the Web and university press include:

Penn State Composting Web page: HYPERLINK "http:// composting.cas.psu.edu" http:/ /composting.cas.psu.edu Cornell Waste Management Institute, Composting information videos HYPERLINK and http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/wmi http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/wmi.



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