

Prairie Pine Christmas trees nurture 13 years of tradition

The tradition of selecting and cutting your own Christmas tree still is alive. Walt and Virginia Bagley have been nurturing the tradition for nearly 18 years.

The Bagleys operate the Prairie Pines tree farm at the corner north 112th and Adams streets.

"It's more than a Christmas tree farm," Virginia said. "We operate as a regular tree farm and a wildlife refuge during the rest of the year."

The number of trees available for Christmas trimming has been limited this season.

"We really didn't have as many trees

for sale this year as we would like to have had," Walt said.

With a good year ahead, the Bagleys hope to correct that situation for the next Christmas season.

Many households in the Lincoln area will be trimmed with Prairie Pines trees this year.

"Many notable Lincoln people including Attorney General Paul Douglas have bought their trees here this year," Virginia said.

One of the trees from Prairie Pines also is being used in the UNL theater production of "Christmas Carol."



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Counterclockwise, starting above: The entrance to Prairie Pines tree farm; Walt Bagley stands in front of the "A" house where the Prairie Pines business is conducted. Dave Sittler, his son Geoff and Bagley search for the perfect tree; Geoff inspects the Sittler family Christmas tree while Bagley looks on; Geoff cuts the tree while brother Brian and Dad watch; Dave and Geoff remove the tree from the field; Ann Sittler helps husband Dave secure the tree to the top of the family car.

