## IR tree chosen for state Capitol

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IRON RIVER--The Michigan Association of Timbermen has announced that the Michigan Capitol Christmas Tree for 2013 has been chosen. \_\_PUBLIC\_\_

The harvest will take place on Nov. 6 in Iron River at the home of Iron River attorney Jonny Waara, who is quite excited to have his tree selected for the trip to Lansing.

This will be the 27th Michigan Capitol Christmas tree that the Michigan Association of Timbermen has harvested in conjunction with the state of Michigan and the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association.

At each year's harvest, local school children, the local high school band and many neighbors and visitors are on hand to watch and listen as the tree is cut from its stump, lifted by crane to the street and placed on a waiting truck and trailer. Securing the limbs for the long road east and south is usually a job for four to six men and takes several hours.

Once the tree is secured onto a flat-bed trailer pulled by a semi-truck, it is transported immediately to Lansing, where it is lifted upright again in its usual spot in front of the Capitol building. Capitol workers then spend two weeks placing lights on the tree in preparation for the annual Silver Bells festivities to kick off the Christmas season in Lansing on Nov. 22. For further information visit www.silverbellsinthecity.org.

More details will be made available on the Timbermen website, www.timbermen.org, regarding physical location of the tree, exact harvest time, and the estimated crossing time for the tree's adventure across the Mackinac Bridge.