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Allegacy Business Member, Hardy Brothers Trucking, Carries The 2022 U.S. Capitol Building Christmas Tree

Mount Airy, N.C., November 7, 2022 – Every Christmas, one tree from an American national forest is selected to stand on the West Lawn of the United States Capitol Building. In 2022, the honor goes to North Carolina's Pisgah National Forest.

Allegacy announced that its commercial member, <u>Hardy Brothers Trucking</u>, was selected to haul the "Nation's Christmas Tree" on an official tour from North Carolina to Washington D.C. The 78-foot red spruce, nicknamed, "Ruby," will make several stops along the route, which started November 5 in Fletcher, North Carolina and will end November 18 at the U.S. Capitol Building. The tree's journey can be tracked in real time online at <u>capitoltreetracker.com</u>.

"Hardy Brothers Trucking was selected as the hauler for this year's tree at the recommendation of Kenworth Truck Company and based on industry reputation," according to Bruce Ward, president of Choose Outdoors. Hardy Brothers Trucking was founded in 1965 by Ralph Hardy when he bought an International "Emeryville," and began hauling produce throughout the East Coast. Since then, the company has grown to more than 100 drivers and 60 trucks pulling refrigerated trailers and hauling freight coast-to-coast.

"We celebrate our members' achievements, and this is a big one," said Allegacy's President and CEO Cathy Pace. "Hardy Brothers Trucking is a staple in North Carolina, and we are extraordinarily happy that the company is being recognized and honored this holiday season."

On Wednesday, November 9, the tree will stop from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Veteran's Memorial Park in Mount Airy, where Hardy Brothers Trucking is based. Allegacy is inviting all in the community to stop by, enjoy an opportunity to see the tree, and support Hardy Brothers Trucking.

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