

## **The 2007 White House Christmas tree starts its transition Friday.**

**The tree will be cut down at 10 a.m. Selected last month by the chief White House usher, the tree is about 13 and a half feet wide, 20 feet high and from Ashe County. A crew arrives tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. to retrieve the tree from Mistletoe Meadows in Laurel Springs.**

Joe Freeman, owner and operator of Mistletoe Meadows, won the National Christmas Tree competition, giving him the honor of donating the White House tree.

While selecting the tree in October, officials found a bird's nest. The nest will also be packaged and shipped to the White House. Freeman plans to present the tree to First Lady Laura Bush on November 26.

To honor Freeman and kick off the "Ten Days of Choose & Cut," a reception is being held at the Ashe County Courthouse at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Ashe tree goes to Washington

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The “Ten Days of Choose and Cut” start Friday and last through December 3.