

# Tree Trimming

*Community Pitches in To Decorate Kennard's Christmas Tree*

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About 20 Kennard residents helped decorate the town's Christmas tree at Kennard Town Hall Saturday afternoon.

Unseasonably mild weather seemed to aid volunteers, who used a rented lift to trim the 39-foot pine tree. Kennard resident Ken Gregory donated several strings of exterior Christmas lights and a wealth of experience in decorating large trees. For years, Gregory decorated a large tree in his yard, until it fell during a large storm this year. With no tree left to decorate, Gregory decided to give his remaining ornaments and lights to the town.

Volunteers assembled at 3:30 p.m. Saturday to start decorating. The event, which included a free meal of pork barbecue sandwiches, lasted until after sunset.

Photos from the event are identified clockwise from the photo at right. Volunteer Keith Timmons (right) stands on a lift to string lights around the tree's top. In the arms of her mother, Shannon, young Allison Dickerson plays with Grace Hastings. Kennard Clerk-Treasurer Chanda Hastings holds her son, Charlie. Ken Gregory helps install new plugs on Christmas lights. Sidney Hastings hangs an oversized ornament on the town's 39-foot Christmas tree. The sun having already set, volunteers watch as the tree is illuminated.



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