

From the Director

The annual lighting of BG's Community Holiday Tree has been a tradition for just over 30 years and the Wood County District Public Library is proud to host BG's Tree.

Because it is important to the Library that this tradition remain a vital part of the holiday season for Main Street for many years to come, we have worried about the health of the tree for more than a few years. Branches have died, or lost many of their needles, and the tree is swaying more and more with every strong windstorm. Recently, the Library checked with an arborist who, when examining the tree in detail last week, found indications of a disease that causes branches to die from the ground upward.

While the tree may live for a few more years, we do not want it to get into such a poor condition that it no longer looks nice as the community's tree. BG deserves a beautiful tree filled with holiday lights. We also do not want to purchase a lot of expensive decorations for a large tree and then have to replace the tree with a smaller one.

Therefore, after much deliberation – and reluctance – the Library has decided that it is better to replace the current tree with a new, healthy one that will be able to serve as BG's tree for many years to come. Next week, we will work with the City to plant a new tree in the same location.

This coming holiday season, we will gather together around a smaller tree that can serve as BG's tree for another 30 years of memories.

Michael Penrod,
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