

Our Giving Tree Tradition

It all started in November of 1977 when a violent wind and ice storm blew down a 50-foot spruce tree. The tree belonged to Ruth Kuehn, mother of retired First National Bank President, Curt Kuehn. After much discussion and some creative thinking, it was decided that the tree should be trimmed and brought into the lobby of the bank to lend a festive air to the holiday season.

Every year since then, people have contacted us concerning trees in their yards that have grown too large, or for one reason or another are going to be removed.

After being flocked and dried, the trees are brought into the bank lobby through the front door by employees each Friday after Thanksgiving. The tree is then decorated with thousands of lights and red balls on Saturday.

A visit to our downtown lobby has become a holiday tradition for many local families.