



KIRK'S KORNER

Kirk's view from 30,000 feet over Iowa

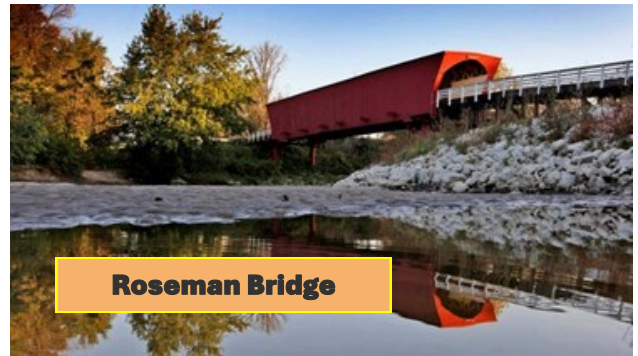
Iowa has some wonderful destinations to visit. The Bridges of Madison County is definitely on my list to go see. Originally there were 19 covered bridges of which there are still six remaining. Each of the surviving bridges has a unique name: Cedar (78 ft long), Cutler- Donahoe (82 ft long), Hogback (106 ft long), Holliwell (159 ft long), Imes (82 ft long), and the Roseman (104 ft long). Most of the bridges were simply named after families that lived close by, but some were named for landmarks. The first bridge to be built was the Imes Bridge which was completed in 1870 and is the oldest of the remaining bridges.

Most of the covered bridges at the time were built to protect the integrity of the bridge by keeping rain, snow and ice off the large floor beams. Having a cover would slow down the rotting of the wood. They were not built like today's bridges with concrete and steel beams. They used large wood beams, trusses and a floor system to complete the bridge with lateral bracing.

Probably the most famous fact about the Bridges of Madison County was the movie that was made in 1995, The Bridges of Madison County. A romantic drama that is set in 1965 which centers around the bridges and specifically the Roseman Bridge. The movie earned \$182 million worldwide and gave Meryl Streep a nomination for best actress at the 68th Academy Awards.

In the 1870's there were almost 10,000 covered bridges in the United States and today there are about 750 remaining with Parke County, Indiana known as the Covered Bridge Capital of the world with thirty-one remaining bridges. I hope that you get a chance to see the bridges and watch the movie again.

Kirk



Roseman Bridge



Cutler-Donahoe Bridge



Julie Grimm

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight is on Julie Grimm this quarter. She has been with the bank 11 years and has a total of 13 years in banking. Her office is at the Forest City branch and she is the chief compliance officer. She has 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys reading, quilting, and jewelry making.

Looking Forward *Upcoming events*

- ◆ **October 31st - Halloween** 
- ◆ **November 3rd- Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- ◆ **November 11th- Veterans Day-Closed**
- ◆ **November 28th – Thanksgiving Day - Closed**
- ◆ **December 24th - Christmas Eve - Closing 1:00 PM**
- ◆ **December 25th - Christmas - Closed** 
- ◆ **December 31st - New Year's Eve - Closing 2:00 PM**

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Looking Back *Shred Event*

The Shred Event in Mason City on September 21st had a great community turnout! We shredded 4980 pounds of paper which saves about 42 trees! The event collected 172 pounds of food donations which went to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank.

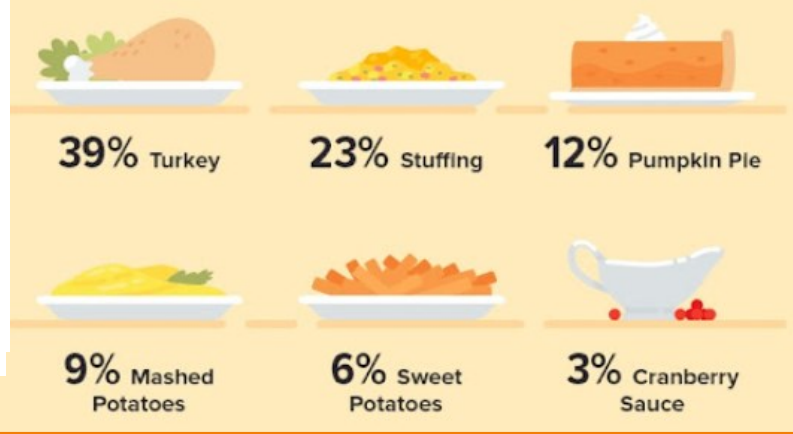


The Shred Team



Shred Event at West

Americans' Favorite Thanksgiving Dishes



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