



KIRK'S KORNER

Kirk's View from 30,000 feet



I thought I would take you south and east in this edition to The Blue Ridge Parkway, a place I discovered in 1996-1997. It is a beautiful spot and one that I highly recommend for its natural beauty and its heritage. This roadway is a National Parkway and All-American Road in the United States, noted for its scenic beauty. It is America's longest linear park that runs for 469 miles through 29 Virginia and North Carolina counties linking Shenandoah National Park to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It runs along the spine of a major mountain chain that is part of the Appalachian Mountains. Its southern most point is at U.S. Route 441 on the boundary between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Qualla Boundary.

Construction began in September 1935 and lasted until 1966 and one part of the project around Grandfather Mountain did not open until 1987. The entire construction project lasted 52 years.



The Blue Ridge Parkway has been one of the most visited of the National Park System every year since 1946. The land on either side of the road is owned and maintained by the National Park Service. The roadway is not maintained in the winter and sections that pass over, especially high elevations and through tunnels, are often impassable and therefore closed from late fall through early spring. The speed limit is never higher than 45 mph and is lower in some sections. There are also numerous parking areas at trailheads for the various hiking trails that intersect the parkway. Several campgrounds located along the parkway allow for overnight stays. Mount Mitchell (the highest point in eastern North America at 6,684 feet) is only accessible

via North Carolina Highway 128 in the parkway. A couple of famous movies that have been shot in or near this area are "The Last of the Mohicans" and "The Green Mile". If you ever get a chance to visit, I would strongly suggest a trip to this part of the country.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight is on Barrett DeCathelineau this quarter. He is a Senior Vice President at our Mason City West office. Barrett has been with the bank 14 years and has a total of 44 years in banking. In his spare time he enjoys golfing and watching the Minnesota Gophers hoping one day they will break their 62 year drought and make it to the Rose Bowl.

Barrett DeCathelineau

Welcome to NSB Bank
Dalton Hamm- West

Kourtney Wiegmann-Thompson

Yecenia Campuzano - Titonka

McKenzie Meyers - East

Hailey Hepperly - Northwood

NSB Bank is Celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year.

Look for fun history and facts about our wonderful 90 years of business in the next edition of Kirk's Korner.



Looking Forward

Puckerbrush Parade in Forest City -

July 15th

Winnebago County Fair Parade in

Thompson - July 16th

Labor Day - September 4th -

Bank Closed

1st Day of Fall - September 23rd



Recent Events



Band Festival Parade



Hot dog Feed at the Worth County Fair



Titonka Quasquicentennial Parade

The NSB Crew has been busy this summer with many activities, and more to come!

What's New at NSB Bank

NEW WEBSITE!

NSB Bank has a new website coming soon.

We are developing a new site with many exciting features.



2023 Shred Event

The Shred Event Saturday, June 10th in Forest City had a great community turnout! We had 59 cars drive thru the event and shredded 4500 pounds of paper. The event also collected food donations which went to The Neighborhood Food Bank in Forest City.

