In 2008, a tornado destroyed the Moscow covered bridge in Rush County. The historic covered bridge had spanned the Flatrock River since 1886.

Congressman Pence **wrote about the loss of the famed bridge** following a visit to Moscow just days after the tornado hit. Here is an excerpt:

Buildings become a part of our lives. They are the backdrop to our ongoing drama, and we attach the years and the memories to them. In a town like Moscow, the bridge was the heart of the community.

A first kiss was stolen on a walk across this bridge. A shaky hand pulled a ring from a box and handed it to a blushing girl sitting on a blanket just down the riverbank. A new mom posed with the white boards and roof in the background. One soldier came to this bridge to say goodbye to a sweetheart. Another soldier walked across this bridge with his dad the day before he got on the bus.

Since 1886, the water was high at times, and sometimes not so high. But through good times and bad, through droughts and floods, the Moscow covered bridge was there.