



# OFF THE MAP: STORIES OF IOWA'S ABANDONED AND DISAPPEARING TOWNS

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 5:30 PM

JOIN AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN, ROSA SNYDER, FOR A TOUR IN  
STORIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF IOWA'S ABANDONED TOWNS.

THOUSANDS OF TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES WERE ESTABLISHED  
DURING IOWA'S PIONEER AND RAILROAD ERA. IN SOME  
INSTANCES, THEY WERE SMALL TOWNS BUILT AROUND THE  
HEIGHT OF THE COAL INDUSTRY, WHILE OTHERS WERE  
ESTABLISHED FOR VERY DIFFERENT REASONS. MANY EXISTED FOR  
A FEW YEARS, SOME SLOWLY FADED AWAY OVER TIME, AND A FEW  
NEVER EXISTED EXCEPT AS "PAPER" TOWNS. REGARDLESS OF  
WHY THEY ORIGINATED OR WHY THEY DIMINISHED, EACH  
COMMUNITY HAS ITS OWN FASCINATING STORY. THIS PROGRAM IS  
FREE TO ATTEND AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



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