



# 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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