Welcome to Centralia: A coal mine fire that erupted in 1962 and continues burning underground today has essentially turned Centralia, Pennsylvania into a ghost town. Only a handful of residents remain in the area.

Damage from the mine fire resulted in a permanent reroute of Route 61, leaving behind a stretch of abandoned highway.
The graffiti-covered abandoned stretch of damaged Route 61.

A massive crack in the abandoned section of Route 61.
This snail is no match for the slow-moving underground fire.

Contributor Laura Maylene Walter and her husband, Peter Garver, pose by a steaming sinkhole in Centralia.