



NEW EXHIBIT "LIVING SOVEREIGNTY" OPENS AT TONGANOXIE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON MARCH 23

A new exhibition opens at the Tonganoxie Community Historical Society next week. Titled, Living Sovereignty: Sustaining Indigenous Autonomy in 'Indian Territory' Kansas, the exhibit will run from March 23 to April 30, 2022. It is a collaborative exhibit between the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, Watkins Museum of History, and Museum Studies Program at the KU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. For more information, see the flier below.

LIVING SOVEREIGNTY: SUSTAINING INDIGENOUS AUTONOMY IN "INDIAN TERRITORY" KANSAS

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Living Sovereignty explores the histories of the tribal peoples that populated Kansas and the ways they found to express their sovereignty and maintain cultural identity.

PREMIER OF THIS TRAVELING EXHIBIT

From March 23 to April 30, the Tonganoxie Museum is hosting a very special traveling exhibit that explores the histories of the tribal peoples that have and continue to populate Kansas. The exhibit also explores the ways they found to express their sovereignty and maintain cultural identity.

PLAN YOUR FREE VISIT

March 23 to April 30
Tuesdays 9am - 4pm
Wednesdays 9am - noon
Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Call or email to arrange a tour at another time
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THIS EXHIBIT IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN:

- The Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
- Watkins Museum of History
- Museum Studies Program at the KU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Map courtesy of the
Kansas State Historical Society

Living Sovereignty: Sustaining Indigenous Autonomy in “Indian Territory” Kansas

From March 23 to April 30, the Tonganoxie Community Historical Society & Museum will host a new traveling exhibit, entitled “Living Sovereignty: Sustaining Indigenous Autonomy in ‘Indian Territory’ Kansas.”

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It is fitting that this exhibit will premier in Tonganoxie, a town that was named in 1866 in honor of a Delaware man who lived here from the early 1830s into the early 1860s. Tonganoxie is also located in the heart of the land that made up the last Delaware Reservation, which was eliminated in 1866.

The traveling exhibit is the result of a collaboration between Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, the Watkins Museum of History, and the Museum Studies Program at the KU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

The museum is open regular hours listed below but will gladly accommodate groups at any other time. Call (913-845-2960) or email (TCHSTonganoxie@gmail.com) to arrange for a special tour.

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