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FORT DODGE/"CAMP" FORT SUPPLY MILITARY ROAD

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This historic road enters Buffalo, Oklahoma from the NW on Galen and Kerry Love's place just N of the intersection of Brule Street (E0120 Road) and N1900 Road, south of Buffalo Creek. From there it crosses Terry and Linda Brown's place on Brule Street and continues in a southeasterly direction to Fort Supply.

In the 1990's, Bob Klemme a historian from Enid, marked the Chisholm Trail across Oklahoma with posts at every section line. Klemme then encouraged some fellows from Altus to mark the Great Western Trail across Oklahoma, starting in 2003. That effort has now expanded to become an international event, (including nine states, Mexico and Canada). A post was set a few years ago to mark the location of the Great Western Trail at Doby Springs, west of town and James Leonard assisted with that effort.

Oklahoma was surveyed in 1871 and 1872. Klemme used the original surveyors' notes to locate the Chisholm Trail. In the same manner, he has located the Dodge-Supply Road. As Klemme is 89 years old and needed help with setting 200 pound posts, the Office of Juvenile Affairs has

agreed to help with this project. OJA youth from the local area and around the state will be setting posts in the near future at the exact location the Dodge Supply Road crosses section lines from the Kansas line to Fort Supply.

The posts are 7' tall, about 6" square and will be set 2.5 feet deep. Leroy's Ready Mix Concrete in Woodward agreed to make all the posts to mark the road. Clyde and Jean Smith, owners and former Boy Scout leaders, said, "It sounds like a great, historic project and we want to help make Klemme's dream come true." They are now making all the posts that will be set from the Kansas line to Fort Supply.

Keith Wilson, OJA Executive Director, commented, "We are always excited to have our kids involved in special, positive, projects like this. It's good for them."

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