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**Affordable shopping at Tioga's Western Trade Days!**

(Tioga, Texas) Tioga's Western Trade Days gears up for its first full season and offers a venue to get your shopping fix without breaking your pocketbook. The outdoor event will run through September, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in the heart of downtown Tioga, Hwy. 377 and Gene Autry Drive.

Make it a weekend outing! Spend the night at Spirit of the West Hotel so you can get up early for an authentic chuckwagon breakfast. Tioga's Old West charm makes it a great place for the entire family. Eat a barbecue dinner at Clark's Outpost or enjoy the Italian cuisine of Diverso Restaurant.

Shop at dozens of unique vendor booths – many are different and new each month! Tioga's Trade Days hosts north Texas businesses and artisans selling western goods and arts and crafts.

There's still room for more vendors to participate. We want to be a gathering place for anyone who has goods to sell. So we also welcome flea marketers and garage sellers. Spaces are a generous 15' x 30' and rent for \$20. Electricity is available for an additional \$10. Call Sue at 940-437-5503 or John at 940-390-5093 or email [info@westerntradedays.com](mailto:info@westerntradedays.com) for more vendor information.

Check out our website at [www.westerntradedays.com](http://www.westerntradedays.com) where you can register and pay online and get the latest updates.

School bands, church choirs, community groups and individuals are invited to donate their musical and singing talents. Please contact Annette at 940-390-7886 if you would like to sign up to perform on the Museum's front porch stage.

When you're done shopping outside, be sure to take a free tour of the Tioga Heritage Museum which features Gene Autry memorabilia as well as artifacts and photos of other interesting Tioga area history. And shop at the Museum gift shop where you'll find Gene Autry hometown gift items, CDs, Bailey Farm jams and preserves and much more.

The Tioga Museum & Heritage Association founded the Western Trade Days in June 2008 as a monthly fundraiser for the 501 c3 non-profit organization. For the past ten years the Tioga Museum & Heritage Association has hosted a variety of fundraising events and festivals to help reach their goal -- maintain a facility that would serve as an educational and cultural center highlighting the area's most famous people, businesses, lifestyles and events of the past.

The event has room for about 100 vendors. The TMHA hopes you will come and enjoy affordable shopping at this unique occasion. And the TMHA hopes readers will help them spread the word to all their family, friends and neighbors.

Tioga is located on the northeast shores of Lake Ray Roberts, off Highway 377, about 30 minutes north of the Highway 380 corridor and 30 minutes south of the Red River.