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Authentic chuck wagon breakfast makes debut at Tioga's Western Trade Days

(Tioga, Texas) August 23rd will mark the onset of an authentic chuck wagon breakfast to be featured at Tioga's monthly Western Trade Days. Breakfast will include eggs, bacon, and sausage, biscuits and gravy as well as coffee and orange juice. The breakfast is being cooked by Longhorn Ranch Chuckwagon Catering, owned and operated by Don Meeks from Como, Texas who will offer both adult and children's plates.

Tioga's Western Trade Days take place on the 4th Saturday of each month, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and by request of vendors, we have extended the 2008 Trade Days season through November. Tioga is located on the northeast shores of Lake Ray Roberts, off Highway 377, about 30 minutes north of the Highway 380 corridor – also about 30 minutes south of the Red River. Admission and parking is free.

The July Trade Days more than doubled in size from our June beginnings in both the number of vendors and shoppers. Merchandise included a variety of western products, arts and crafts as well as antiques and collectibles, jewelry and purses, clothing, dolls, bird houses and a variety of barn wood items such as frames and mirrors, pottery, saddle pads and blankets, tools, furniture, trees and so much more. Everyone is invited to participate whether you are a commercial vendor, flea marketer, garage seller or arts and crafts master! Booth lots are a spacious 15' x 30' allowing room for a vehicle to be parked on the lot and rent for \$20. There's room for about 100 vendors!

Texas Star Bank is donating gazebos, tables and chairs so our next Trade Days in August will include covered pavilion dining. And a gazebo is also being donated to be set up specifically as an entertainment tent. Cowboy storytellers and musicians are invited to sign up to share their talents with vendors and shoppers! Our hot dog and blueberry lemonade stands will also return in August and yummy Italian Ice will be available to help keep you cool while shopping under the hot Texas sun!

Western Trade Days is a fundraising activity of the Tioga Museum & Heritage Association who also maintains the Tioga Heritage Museum. The Museum shares the grounds with the Western Trade Days where memorabilia of the town's most famous son can be viewed -- America's Singing Cowboy Gene Autry. The building currently housing the Museum has its own historic claim to fame as site of a 19th-century bath house. Be sure to check out the Museum gift shop featuring a variety of Gene Autry memorabilia and hometown products for sale. The Museum has also recently added another display room highlighting local history.

Come and shop at Tioga's Western Trade Days and make it a weekend outing! Spend the night at Tioga's Spirit of the West hotel, enjoy a chuck wagon breakfast, and eat dinner at the famous Clark's BBQ Outpost or at Spirit of the West's Diverso restaurant!

Vendor information, rules and registration is available at www.westerntadedays.com or call 940-390-5093 or 940-437-5503 or email info@westerntadedays.com . Musicians and storytellers interested in

giving a free performance in our entertainment gazebo should call 940-390-7886. We want to showcase as much talent as we can!