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**Tioga's August Western Trade Day celebrates with a back to school raffle**

(Tioga, Texas) Tioga's August 22<sup>nd</sup> Western Trade Day celebrates "back to school" with a raffle valued at over \$100.00 featuring a backpack filled with school supplies and other helpful items!

The Tioga Heritage Museum presents Western Trade Days every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, April through September, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in the heart of downtown Tioga. Take note that the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August is not the last weekend.

Cool your hot summer day with a glass of fresh blueberry lemonade sold on the Museum front porch. You'll likely find other tasty treats, too. Fill your bellies with yummy specialties from Clarks BBQ or Diverso's Restaurant. Make it a weekend outing and spend the night at Tioga's Spirit of the West hotel or camp at a nearby Lake Ray Roberts park.

You'll love the quaint old west charm of downtown Tioga and you can get your shopping fix without breaking your pocketbook from dozens of unique vendor booths. Tioga's Trade Days hosts businesses and artisans selling western goods, arts and crafts and just about anything else you can think of.

You'll want to take a free tour of the Tioga Heritage Museum & Gift Shop which of course features Gene Autry memorabilia -- Tioga's most famous son -- as well as artifacts and photos of other interesting Tioga area history.

There's still room for more vendors to participate. All spaces are outdoors on roomy grassy lots, 15' x 30' and cost \$20. Electricity is an additional \$10, when available.

School bands, church choirs, community groups, local bands and individuals are invited to donate their musical and singing talents. We are especially interested in planning a big wrap up to our season in September as well as celebrate Gene Autry's birthday. Please contact us soon if you would like to sign up to perform.

Call the Museum phone number with any questions at 940-437-5333 and please leave a message if no one answers or email us at [info@westerntradedays.com](mailto:info@westerntradedays.com). More information can also be found on our website at [www.westerntradedays.com](http://www.westerntradedays.com).

Tioga is located in the center of north Texas horse country, on the northeast shores of Lake Ray Roberts, Highway 377 and Gene Autry Drive, about 30 minutes north of the Highway 380 corridor and 30 minutes south of the Red River.