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Tioga's Western Trade Days opens its 2009 season!

(Tioga, Texas) Tioga's Western Trade Days will begin its 2009 season on February 28th. The outdoor event will run through November, on the 4th Saturday of each month (which is *not* always the last Saturday), 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in the heart of downtown Tioga, Hwy. 377 and Gene Autry Drive.

Begin your shopping with an authentic chuckwagon breakfast! And when you need to quench your thirst or warm up on a cool day, stop by the Tioga Heritage Museum's "Drink Station" booth. Dozens of vendors will be selling a plethora of merchandise and products including such items as candles, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, honey, dolls, bird houses and fountains, creative crosses, knives, buckles and purses, and a huge selection of western décor and much more. It's different and new each month!

There's still room for more vendors to participate. And when we say vendors we mean everyone -- commercial businesses, ranch and individual entrepreneurs, flea marketers, garage sellers, as well as arts and crafts masters. 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@westerntadedays.com for more vendor information. Check out our website at www.westerntadedays.com where you can register and pay online and get the latest updates.

We also welcome area school bands, church choirs, community groups and individuals 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 that more local folks 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.

A special 2 for 1 deal is still available to interested vendors! Register to be a vendor in February paying your fee before February 28th and you'll get your March space free.

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