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**Tioga's Western Trade Days return to north Texas!**

(Tioga, Texas) Western Trade Days are returning to the north Texas town of Tioga! The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, April – September, this small Texas town will once again welcome anyone who has goods to sell. Tioga is located on the northeast shores of Lake Ray Roberts, off Highway 377, about 30 minutes north of the Highway 380 corridor.

Booth lots will measure 15' x 30' and rent for \$20 per space. Vendors bring their own tents, tables and anything else they need to display their merchandise.

Strolling musicians and cowboy and cowgirl story tellers are also invited to participate and entertain Trade Days vendors and shoppers. We can't pay, but let us know in advance you're coming and we'll include this news in our press release.

Food vendors are welcome to come sell their grub to other vendors and shoppers. However, there will be a limited number of concession spaces available. Concession lots are the same size as other vendor lots but include water and electricity and rent for \$75 per space.

The Western Trade Days will take place at the site of its original grounds in the heart of downtown Tioga, on Gene Autry Drive. This location is also currently home to the Tioga Heritage Museum where memorabilia of the town's most famous son -- Gene Autry -- can be viewed. The building has its own historic claim to fame as site of one of the mineral bath houses of the late 1800's.

Western Trade Days return to Tioga after a thirty year absence. It was in 1974 when Dee and Jim Wendover orchestrated the first Trade Days extravaganza. And according to old newspaper clippings, it was a huge success with hundreds of vendors from across Texas as well as Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma participating!

Tioga, in the heart of north Texas horse country, is renowned as home to National Reining Champion, Tim McQuay, and for his famous horse, Hollywood Dun It -- who became the youngest National Reining Horse Association sire at the time to reach the million-dollar mark (in 1997), going on to hit the five-million dollar mark in 2007, becoming NRHA's all-time leading sire. And Tioga has long been famed as home to Clark's Outpost BBQ, which has been touted by many Texas and national magazines as among the top ten best BBQ restaurants.

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, eat dinner at Clark's Outpost or enjoy Spirit of the West's Diverso restaurant!

Vendor information, rules and registration is available at [www.westerntradedays.com](http://www.westerntradedays.com).