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**Music and Family Fun at Tioga's Western Trade Day on May 22nd!**

(Tioga, Texas) Tioga's Western Trade Days is not the last Saturday in May this year! The Tioga Heritage Museum hosts its fundraiser in the heart of downtown Tioga, every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, April through September. This month the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday is May 22<sup>nd</sup>! The day begins at 8:00 AM and concludes when the last vendors pack up their merchandise and head home. If it's a hot day, come out early so not to miss any of the fun!

Admission and parking is free! Tioga's Trade Days hosts businesses and artisans selling western goods, arts and crafts, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, pecans, honey, Scentsy Candles, Homemade Gourmet and just about anything else you can think of.

Trade Day live music will feature local area musicians, Gospel Fare, beginning at 10:00 AM. Jim Williams and Brian Smith love playing different styles of music on their acoustic guitars, doing a lot of bluegrass/country/Southern gospel songs, but also blending in some contemporary and original compositions. And the Tioga Mercantile is hosting a sidewalk concert by country music singer and fiddle player, Pake McEntire beginning at 11:00 AM. His show has a wide variety of country music all the way from Bob Wills to current singers such as Rascal Flats. Pake's throwing in a few stories about his sisters, Reba McEntire and Susie McEntire Luchsinger, always excites the crowd.

The Pink Spur will have a children's roping corral and there will also be western wagon rides around town the whole family will enjoy!

This year the Tioga School Band Booster Club will feed hungry appetites with their lunch menu. Enjoy grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixings.

And if you're a morning shopper, you can enjoy the Ladies' Auxiliary Breakfast featuring sausage biscuits, pigs in a blanket and doughnuts.

The Tioga Heritage Museum will have its drink station on the Museum front porch with their famous blueberry lemonade. They will also have orange juice, coffee, sweet tea and a selection of soft drinks and water bottles.

Other Western Trade Day fun and goodies includes a bounce house, face painting, cotton candy, Italian Ice and Kettle Corn. The Tioga Methodist Church Youth Group is planning a bake sale with lots of yummy treats, too.

After shopping and eating, be sure to visit the Tioga Heritage Museum which features memorabilia on Tioga's most famous son, Gene Autry, and enjoying shopping in the Museum gift shop.

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 so you'll have plenty of time to fill your bellies at Tioga's famous Clark's Barbeque and Diverso's Italian Restaurant. We're hoping Tioga's new Mexican Grill will be open by our May Trade Day, too.

You'll love the quaint old west charm of downtown Tioga and you can enjoy shopping without breaking your pocketbook from dozens of unique vendor booths.

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

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. The physical address is 202 Gene Autry Drive for mapping.

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