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Tioga's final Western Trade Day honors Gene Autry's birthday!

(Tioga, Texas) The last Trade Day of the season is here! And the Tioga Heritage Museum hopes many of you can join them and help end their 2010 season with a big splash. They'll also be celebrating Gene Autry's birthday with complimentary birthday cake. So be sure to go in the museum and enjoy a piece of Mom's Bakery famous strawberry cake.

Tioga's School Band Booster Club will be cooking and selling lunch. And a continental breakfast will be sold on the Museum front porch.

Musicians are invited to come share their talents with Western Trade Day shoppers. Just let the Trade Day coordinators know what time you would like to perform on the Museum front porch.

Folks can enjoy the quaint old west charm of downtown Tioga, shop at dozens of unique vendor booths, enjoy live music and celebrate Gene Autry's birthday. Be sure to take a free tour of the Tioga Heritage Museum which features Gene Autry memorabilia and Tioga's mineral water history and you'll enjoy shopping in the Museum gift shop, too.

The Tioga Heritage Museum hosts its fundraiser in the heart of downtown Tioga, every 4th Saturday, April through September. The day begins at 8:00 AM and concludes when the last vendors pack up their merchandise and head home. So if it's a hot day, arrive early! And remember, this is your last chance this year to experience Tioga's Western Trade Day!

Better yet, 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 Outpost BBQ and Diverso's Italian Restaurant. Check out Tioga's new Taco Shack, too.

Admission and parking is free! Tioga's Trade Day hosts businesses and artisans selling western goods, arts and crafts, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, homemade salsa, honey, Scentsy Candles, Homemade Gourmet and just about anything else you can think of. You can get a head start on your Christmas shopping with unique and affordable gifts!

You'll also enjoy shopping in Tioga's newest downtown shops – Pink Spur Trading Company and The Tioga Mercantile! Men can get their hair cut at Tioga's Country Barber while their wives or girlfriends shop!

There's still room for more vendors to participate. All spaces are outdoors on roomy grassy lots, 15' x 30' and cost \$20 monthly. There are a limited number of spaces with electricity available for an additional \$10.

The Museum office will open at 6:30 AM on Trade Day Saturday and walk-in vendors are welcomed as long as we have spaces available. If you're not signed up for the September 25th show, we hope you will! You can register and pay online at www.westerntadedays.com or mail in your registration and payment.

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@westerntadedays.com. More information can also be found on our website at www.westerntadedays.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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