

“Tea Party”



On April 15th, there were TaxDayTeaParty gatherings all around the country, including the Wyoming cities of Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Gillette, Jackson, Pinedale, Powell and Sheridan.

It has been estimated that at least 800 U.S. cities and towns held these TaxDayTeaParty events and a reliable attendance figure is n available.

This story is not about the positive, negative or negligible effect these kinds of national gatherings may have. It is about the great American tradition of peaceful protest. Peaceful dissent.

One of the new president's men called the Tea Parties “un-American.” Another said Obama himself did not know anything about them. Come on, you guys. Get a clue.

We are a nation founded on dissent. The headnodders were those loyal to the King and today's headnodders tend to be aligned with the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle. Tories, or Loyalists, remained loyal to and supportive of the King and even spied on the revolutionaries. We still have those.

Today, we should hope for and expect loyalty to our *country* but too many people's loyalty is to the *political party* they support, whatever the issue or outcome. Many of the great advances in this nation have come from a minority in

numbers organizing in protest and demonstration.

Those who used April 15th to express their dissatisfaction should not be condemned or ridiculed. They are doing what is allowed under the U.S. Constitution and whether one agrees with their stands or their goals or not, it is their right to do what they did that day. It was not “un-American,” as the Obama Tory said.

Had it not been for a minority of American citizens who were willing to risk much to accomplish little - at the time - suffrage for women may never have happened. Civil rights would never have moved forward in certain states. An unpopular war may have raged on longer.

The organization that went into the TaxDayTeaParty events was pretty impressive. Will it result in any changes?

Criticism by those on the opposite side of any demonstration or gathering is to be expected and it, too, is protected under the same U.S. Constitution.

The liberals now in power should not pooh-pooh this endeavor. Others before them thought Rosa Parks would be a line on a back page of a northern newspaper. She wasn't. We never know which movement nor which individual(s) will bring the greatest change. Sometimes they go nowhere - sometimes a long ways.

Wyoming Wranglers



The Wyoming Wranglers, a semi-pro football team that plays in the Colorado Football Conference, allows those interested in continuing to play football to do so without losing their amateur standing. They are not paid to play the game they don't want to give up and have to pay some of the expenses to participate.

The CFC has existed for over 20 years and consists of nine teams for the 2009 season. Five of those teams play home games in the Denver area, and there is one each in Colorado Springs, Florence and Loveland, Colorado, as well as the only team outside Colorado, *your* Wyoming Wranglers.

This will be the first season of the semi-pro football team's five year nomadic existence that they will play all of their home games in Cheyenne. While they practice at Miller Field (Evans and Pershing), they will play their four home games at the Johnson Junior High football field.

The 2009 schedule of home games (all home games are played on Saturdays at 1:00 pm - at Johnson Junior High):

May 30, 2009 vs Colorado Springs Flames

June 13, 2009 vs. Denver (Thornton) Pirates

June 27, 2009 vs. Broomfield Dawgs

July 18, 2009 vs. Mile High (Englewood) Grizzlies

Away games are: Colorado (Florence) Havoc (June 6, 2009), Colorado (Aurora) Cobras (June 20, 2009), Denver (Littleton) Titans (July 11, 2009) and Northern Colorado Wolfpack (August 8/1/2009). Times are still to be announced on the away games - visit the Wranglers website for specifics at a later date.

You can also visit the Colorado Football Conference for contact information for the other teams. <http://www.cfcfootball.com/>

Are there players of any talent playing in this league? Well, the Wranglers owner

told me in a recent conversation that a handful of league players have gone to the NFL in the past. Many of the players around the league have played college football. Some are players who just enjoy the game and want to keep playing it as long as they can. Each team can carry a 60-man roster and the Wranglers are at the limit.

Many, most, of the players live and work in Cheyenne, some at the Base, but a few do come in from out of town - even Denver. Practices are being held on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 at Miller Field. The first game is a month off.

This is an amateur league, called semi-pro for some reason, not the NFL. For four Saturdays during the summer, guys will do their best to play well and provide some sorely needed entertainment in Cheyenne. Tickets prices are \$5.00 for adults and kids 12 and under get in free. You can't hardly beat that with a stick.

Look, athletes don't want to stop competing. Josh Davis, one of the best basketball players ever to play at UW, has been the MVP of the CBA but continues to play in the NBADL in Denver. He is a standout at that level. Could he make real money overseas? Of course. But he plays here to play here.

There are thousands of good athletes that don't play professional. Some don't want to and some lack the ability to get to that level. But they have some skills and play hard. Just like a college basketball game is more spirited than an NBA game, these guys will probably provide more effort and play closer to their potential than the Broncos this Fall. What can you lose? Give 'em a look.



Is this a kickass logo or what?

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(Instead of cheyenneherald@bresnan.net)

Both will be active for awhile, but a conversion will likely be made over the coming weeks.

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