

# From Our Readers

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## Chewelah Chataqua Event

Everyone is invited to Chataqua 2015, July 10th, 11th & 12th in beautiful Chewelah Washington! Chataqua is in its 42nd year and is better than ever! Three days of fine Juried Arts and Crafts, Free Center Stage Entertainment, Food Court, Beer Garden, Carnival, Children's Pavilion and special

events including a Parade, Fun Run, Golf Tournament and more!

Chewelah Chataqua is an up-dated version of an American tradition established at Lake Chautauqua, New York, in 1874. Every summer, thousands flocked to the Chautauqua grounds to hear and see lecturers, musicians, artists, actors, explorers, evangelists, poets and presidents. It became so successful, that traveling Chautauqua set out by rail to bring this unique form of entertainment to the nation's hinterlands. Huge tents

were set up and the programs lasted ten days and nights. President Teddy Roosevelt once declared, "Chautauqua is the most American thing in America!" The New York site continues to draw thousands of visitors to the compound each summer.

Community Celebrations adopted the concept of Chautauqua for Chewelah in 1974, simplified the spelling of the name and condensed the entertainment to three and one half days. Ranked as the third largest event of its kind in the State of Washington, Chewelah's CHATAQUA continues to attract over 50,000 visitors to this fun festival for folks of all ages.



## Analyzing The Declaration Of Independence

The Declaration of Independence which we celebrate on July 4th did not declare independence from England, but stated the reasons and justification for the formal separation from England which had already occurred.

In a brief analyzing of the Declaration of Independence, the first section states the reason for writing a declaration. The second section summarizes the philosophy behind the declaration. The third section is directed directly against King George III, not the English Parliament, by citing the accumulated grievances of many years of tyranny from King George III. The fourth section expresses regret that Americans had not been supported by their English brethren. The fifth section asserts the political sovereignty of the thirteen United States of America.

According to political theory of the declaration, severing ties with the Mother Country (England) was warranted because King George III defaulted on the obligation to protect his subjects. Allegiance and protection are reciprocal, the one ceasing when the other is withdrawn.

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Government is a social contract which people put themselves under to protect their unalienable rights.

After the Revolutionary War began, Congress appointed a committee to draw up a declaration of independence. On the committee were Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston. Jefferson, who was one of the best read delegates of the Second Continental Congress, was unanimously selected by the committee to prepare the draft, and it was approved with a few changes by Congress.

Jefferson was not a brilliant speaker, but proved himself an able writer of law and resolutions. He showed a talent for clear and simple English that the more experienced legislators quickly recognized. Throughout his eventful life, Jefferson regarded the Declaration of Independence as his greatest achievement.

Few people are aware that on the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the 4th of July, 1826, Thomas Jefferson died at 83 years of age.

The Declaration of Independence was not a piece of old parchment to the Founding Fathers—it was an issue of life and death. The signers of the Declaration knew they faced charges of treason, punishable by death if they lost the war to England. I doubt if we would be here today if it weren't for men like Thomas Jefferson. So help us God!

Tony Kimberlin  
Libby, MT

## Same Sex Marriage Is A Non-Sequitur

For millennia all societies were based upon the family: mother, father, children. This foundation has been the building block of nations.

Starting in the 1960s, a mysterious fatal disease started to appear among gay men, then spread to women and children as AIDS/HIV. Tens of thousands died, and are still dying as a result of deviant sex.

In the recent SCOTUS Gay Marriage Case brought by avowed lesbian attorney Mary Bonauto, 2 Supreme Court Justices Kagan and Ginsburg, refused to recuse themselves, as required by the Judicial Code of Conduct. Both had performed gay marriages and expressed their support publicly. Lesbian Attorney Bonauto believes "we should force churches and religious leaders to preside over homosexual marriages."

SCOTUS Justice Scalia vigorously dissented stating "that to allow this policy question to be considered and resolved by a select, patrician, highly unrepresentative panel of nine, is to violate a principle even more fundamental than no taxation without representation: no social transformation without representation." The Supreme Court is a "threat to American Democracy."

This is but the first step of the LGBT community to destroy this Christian/Judeo Nation and its' churches and clergy.

William Riley  
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Towards the end of the year we will host a gallery show and opening night at Huckleberry Press HQ showing everyone's submissions! (Details TBA.)

Huckleberry Country is rich with people, events and natural wonder. Let's shine even more light on what makes eastern Washington a special place to call home!

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