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On December 16, 1773, colonists dressed as Native Americans and threw British tea off of merchant ships into Boston Harbor to protest King George's tea taxes. On April 15, 2009, High Country residents will hold their own tea party to protest the government's actions.

Sanda Cooper is helping organize Boone's first Tax Day Tea Party, in which residents will gather in protest of actions taken by the government.

While protesters have their own separate issues, Cooper said she has a good idea of what most residents object.

Cooper said, "I think people will show up with their own concerns, but I would imagine that people's concerns center around a problem with governmental spending that we feel has gotten out of control, a fear of government intrusion of the privacy of American citizens, and a real desire to get back to basic principals and values that people think the country was founded on. Anybody that I've talked to, that's their interest."

This peaceful protest will be held on Tax Day, that's next Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Hardee's parking lot beside the Holmes Convocation Center in Boone. Appalachian State students will also hold a separate Tax Day Tea Party on ASU's campus.

Cooper said there will be no actual tea at the protest, and doesn’t expect to see any Native American costumes.