

Are you Feelin' Lucky?

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It's a safe bet to say that Mike Randleman likes to play poker, and this time he's sharing his talents with the Cheyenne Little Theatre Players.

Tonight, for a \$25 donation, anyone 18 and older can play No Limit Texas Hold 'em at the Atlas Theatre.

"We're doing this as a fundraiser" said Randy Bernhard, the director of the Cheyenne Little Theatre Players.

Randleman approached the theater staff about doing this fundraiser, since the theater is a non-profit.

"We thought this was a good idea to try out," Bernhard said. "We're holding the event at the Atlas Theatre because of its historical nature."

The poker event is for entertainment purposes, and there will be prizes for winners, Randleman said.

"The Atlas Theatre is the classiest place in town," Randleman said. "It has an Old West feel, so hand in glove, it's the perfect location."

Randleman's gone to a few of the theater's play productions.

"I've enjoyed it," Randleman said. "It's a nice theater. I've always enjoyed it, and I catch what I can, when I can."

Randleman said he's always tried to give back to the community of Cheyenne.

Regarding tonight's game he said, "It looks like we're just doing poker this time at the fundraiser.

"We're going to start it off easy and maybe it might get more complicated down the road."

If you've never played No Limit Texas Hold 'em, it's OK, because the fundraiser is for all skill levels of player.

But, Randleman said, they're playing No Limit Texas Hold 'em tonight because it's everyone's favorite.

Some tips for beginners:

"Wear long sleeves and make sure you have lots of cards up them. No, I'm just kidding," he laughed. "If you don't know how to play it, do it carefully.

"Actually, I do free poker tournaments in town at various locations in town," Randleman said. "It's a free game. We don't charge you anything, and it's a great way to learn."

Randleman isn't a pro poker player, so you won't be seeing him on TV's "World Series of Poker," anytime soon.

"If I was a professional poker player, I wouldn't be in Cheyenne," Randleman said. "I wish I was that good. I've enjoyed the game for many a year.

"I like poker because it's the friends you make, and the most social thing you could possibly do," he said. "I enjoy the social part."