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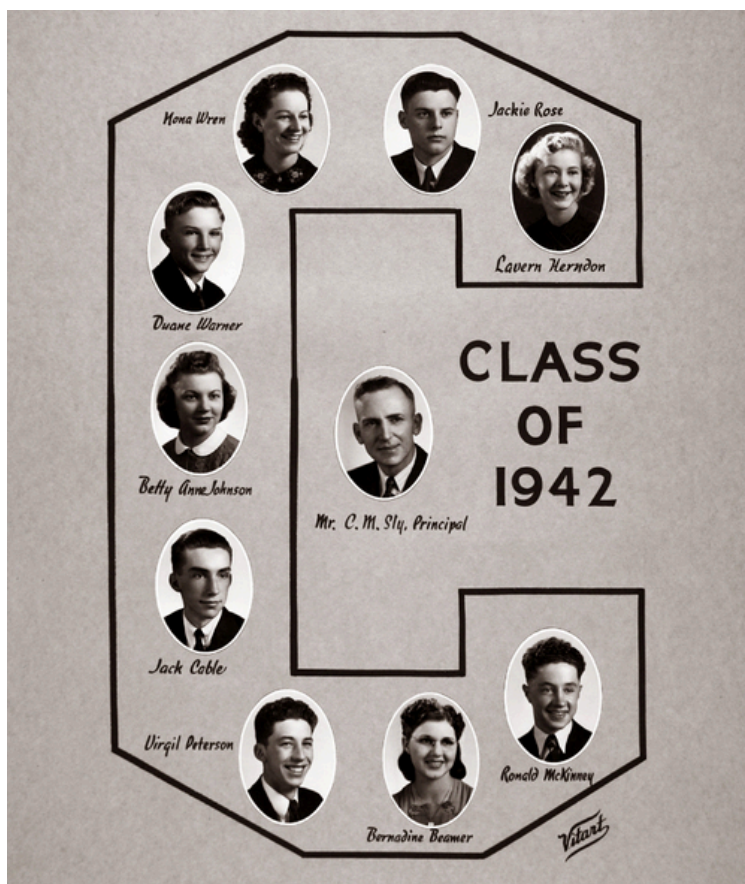
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## Bridgerton Tea Party

You are invited to a Bridgerton-themed tea party! There are prizes, there are refreshments, there are games! Bring an item of canned food to donate to the Weston Food Pantry! Come in costume if you care to! Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Athena City Park. Questions? Call us up at (541)566-2378.



Weston High School Graduating  
Class of 1942  
Hold That Tiger

## What's Happening?

### May Calendar:

**5/2 UCSLD In-Service** (Closed)

**5/13 Library Board 5:30 pm** (Library)

**5/15 Novel Readers 2:00 pm** Quite a Year For Plums by Bailey White (Library)

**5/17 Bridgerton Tea 1:00 pm** (Athena Park)

**5/26 Memorial Day** (Closed)

**Fridays at 10:00 am Preschool Storytime**

## New Books at the Library

*There's treasure inside*, by Jon Collins-Black.

*The Waiting*, by Michael Connelly

*Turkuaz Kitchen : Traditional & Modern*

*Dough Recipes For Sweet & Savory Bakes*, by Bëtul Tunç

*The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis

*Den of Iniquity* by J. A. Jance

*The Life of Herod the Great* by Zora Neale Hurston

*Open Season* by Jonathan Kellerman

*Battle Mountain* by C. J. Box

*A Woman in the Polar Night*, by Christiane Ritter

*The Dante Connection*, by Estelle Ryan



# La! Tea In the Park!

Athena, Adams, and Weston are having a tea party! We are cooperating to put on a charming, engaging, interesting event on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, with a catered tea, lots of prizes, crafts, croquet, and costumes! We hope to see you there, and we hope to cooperate on many gatherings in years to come.

The Bridgerton theme we have chosen is in the Regency-style. This is also the time period of Jane Austen books. High-waisted gowns, men in tailcoats and early top hats, lots of short curly hair-dos\* for men and women alike. In America, it was Dolley Madison times, see the attached picture of her in a high-waisted gown. Dolley was a noted party-thriller, hosting dinner parties, social events, and Wednesday evening drawing rooms.\*\*



What were these dinner parties and social events like? Let's begin with breakfast; a wedding breakfast! Your own breakfast was taken in your quiet bedchamber, or from a buffet of breakfast foods served in the dining room, but a party breakfast was served at 3 in the afternoon, and had a lot more turtle soup than you want at any time of day. Also, a wedding cake that was fruit cake, and ham and eggs. Probably kidneys. Next social event in the day: tea! Well, no. Tea as a social gathering was not usual. Tea was consumed in the morning, and after dinner.\*\*\* Now, dinner was served as a soup course, a main course, and a salad & cheese course, with as many as 25 different dishes on the table for each course, in a mix of sweet and savory. It was usually a spectacle, with fancy presentations for everything. If it could be stacked, stood on end, or molded into a new and interesting shape, it was. Then the ladies left the table for the drawing room, and sewed and chatted until the men came out from the table, where they had remained eating walnuts and drinking port and smoking. Dolley Madison skipped the company for dinner, and just had the chatting-in-the-drawing-room part. How about a ball? They were all at night, and hopefully in the ballroom on your premises, but might have to be at some Assembly Rooms. They had a refreshment room, sometimes card rooms.\*\*\*\* Have you ever heard of a Rout? It was an evening party where everyone the family knew was invited to cram into the house all at one time. People were injured.\*\*\*\*\*How about a musicale? The hostess would hire musicians, and then have her musical children perform as well. As you can see, there were too many opportunities for good times to just have tea parties. We're going to though.

\*refugees from The Terror of the French Revolution brought the fashion for short curls, inspired by the aristocrats with hair cut short for their trip to the Guillotine.

\*\*not a dinner party, just a gathering of witty, interesting, or prestigious people in the drawing room at the White House.

\*\*\*and in America, was typically coffee, just like in most of Europe. Tea was a passion for the English, because of the vicelike grip they kept on tea imports.

\*\*\*\*not always, because men would congregate in there instead of dancing, and then there would be trouble.

\*\*\*\*\*the term is military, it's a disorderly retreat, a bad thing.