

# Creative Living

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I wanted to follow up on the wonderful 90th birthday celebration we held August 7th for our dear friend, **Eunice Schumpert**. Everything turned out perfect! We had around 200 guests who came by to wish Eunice a Happy Birthday; her two sons were present and provided some wonderful musical entertainment, including their

version of "Hello Eunice," sung to the tune of "Hello Dolly" which delighted everyone - especially Eunice.

Several of her former (and current) students played musical selections throughout the afternoon -- and did I mention the cake!

As you can see in the picture, it was magnificent and Eunice loved it, along with all the decorations. She even bought a new outfit for this occasion, and she truly looked like



royalty. We wished we had thought to erect a "throne" for her to sit on to visit with her guests!

One of the most fun parts of the entertainment was after her sons had performed, and we asked Eunice to play "Happy Birthday" so we could all sing to her - and she did!



All in all, it was one of those special moments none of us will ever forget -- and it couldn't have happened for a nicer person. She is probably still reading some of the birthday cards that were brought by for her, as well as all of the ones that came through the mail. I'm in the process of making her a scrapbook to commemorate the event, and hope to have it ready to present to her at our September 13th meeting. I can sum it all up by saying "A good time was had by all." I'm so glad I got to be a part of it.

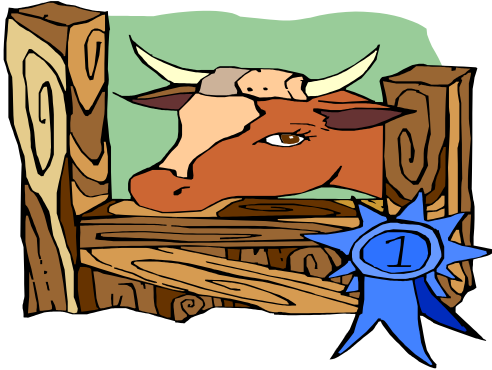
And, I also wanted to report that my grandson, Dillon's 10th birthday party was a big hit as well.

Here he is with his Cruise cake, which was the party theme. Ten friends (and family) helped him celebrate with a swimming party - and everyone had fun.



Our local county fair is going on this week, and other area county fairs are also being held or have already happened. This is such a fun time for the entire family, and provides a great opportunity for 4-Hers, FFA members, and the general public to showcase

their products, whether it be sewing, animals, flowers, pets or handwork. Even though the number of entries seems to decrease each



year, there are still so many dedicated people who work hard in advance of the fair to get their entries ready for judging. Having been the Extension Home Economist for both Roosevelt County (where I live) and Curry County (the county North of us) for seven years, as well as having been a former 4-H member myself, I know how many hours go into preparing for the Fairs. If you get a chance, please attend your closest county fair, and let the young people (and old timers, too) know that you appreciate what they do. This is such a tribute to the American way of life and to the agriculture communities all across our country. I can't wait to get my traditional candied apple after walking through all the buildings!

My first taping for this Fall semester will be on Thursday, September 29th and I have a guest on who was here about a year ago. **Casey Schwartz**, owner of Flower Duet in Redondo Beach, CA, will tape several segments with me on flower arranging. She and her sister are co-owners and designers, and Kit had

originally planned to come as well, but with year-old twins at home, I'm sure she has a very busy schedule both at work and at home. I hope she'll be able to



come in the future. Our students started classes on August 23rd so it won't be long before I'll find out who signed up to work on my crew for the semester.

## What are you going to enter?

A person is never too old nor too young to enter handwork in their local Fair. A good friend of mine from many years back, **Ruth Ashley** was the County Extension Agent after I left, and in looking through her file, I found a handout that showed how to make several quick and easy projects that could be entered in the Sewing or Youth Department at most any Fair. If you like to sew or would like an easy project to teach your children (or grandchildren) to sew, you'll enjoy this little project, which was developed by Judy Cottrell, who is now deceased. Ruth also demonstrated making a Quickie Towel Apron, a Fringed Poncho and a Child's Towel Robe.

## QUICKIE TERRY BIBS

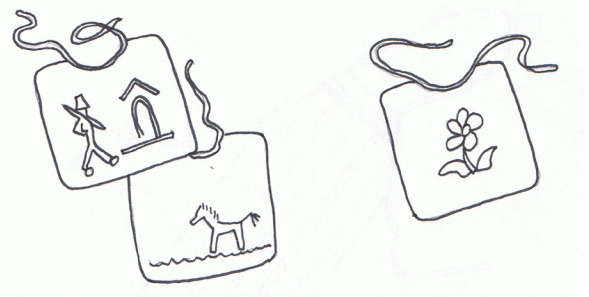
### Materials:

- 1 Terry face cloth OR terry hand towel
- 30" double fold bias tape
- Trim as desired



### Directions:

Cut neck curve 4 1/2" wide and 1 1/2" deep. Bind curve leaving 12" tie-strings. Trim as desired with appliques, rick-rack, or bias tape. A printed hand or face cloth also serves well for decoration. These little bibs would be great shower gifts for a new mom-to-be.



I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll look forward to sharing what Casey taped in the next Newsletter.

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