

The Smith Family Times

News, photos & love from all of us — to you, Grandma & Grandpa

THIS MONTH'S HEADLINE

We Surprised Mom for Her 70th!

shared by Aunt Carol



PHOTO

The whole gang on the back porch — even Uncle Pete made it down from Maine.

Forty-two of us packed into the back yard last Saturday and somehow kept it a secret until the very last minute. When Mom walked through the gate and saw the banner, she just put both hands over her mouth and cried — the good kind. The grandkids had made a giant card, Dad grilled until dark, and Cousin Jenny brought her famous peach cobbler (recipe below, finally!).

We're already planning the next one. Thank you to everyone who drove, flew, and baked to be there. It meant the world.

AROUND THE FAMILY

- Tyler made the varsity soccer team — first freshman in years!
- Grandpa's tomatoes are already taller than Lucy.
- The Dallas cousins adopted a beagle named Biscuit.
- Aunt Sue finished her first half-marathon. 13.1!

BIRTHDAYS & MORE

- June 9 — Lucy turns 6
- June 18 — Mom's 70th
- June 24 — Mark & Dana, 15 yrs
- July 2 — Grandpa Joe



PHOTO

Lucy's birthday crown, handmade.

FROM THE KIDS

What everyone's been up to



PHOTO

A note from Lucy (age 5)*from Lucy & her mom*

I lost my front tooth and the tooth fairy came! She left me a gold dollar. I can whistle now but only a little bit. I love you Grandma.



PHOTO

Big news at the Miller house*from cousin Dana*

We finally finished the treehouse! The boys slept out there the first night and lasted until about 2 a.m. before marching back inside. Come visit and we'll give you the grand tour.



PHOTO

This month we tried...*from Uncle Pete*

...lobstering off the dock at dawn. Caught exactly one keeper and named him before letting him go. Marg says next year we eat him. Photos don't lie — I really was awake at 5 a.m.

FAMILY RECIPE

Jenny's Famous Peach Cobbler

Finally written down — serves the whole porch

Ingredients: 6 ripe peaches, sliced · 1 cup flour · 1 cup sugar · 1 stick butter · 1 cup milk · 1 tsp baking powder · a good pinch of cinnamon · vanilla ice cream, for serving.

Melt the butter in a 9x13 dish. Whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, milk and cinnamon; pour over the butter (don't stir). Spoon peaches on top. Bake at 375°F for 45 min until golden. Serve warm. Don't tell Jenny you have the recipe now.

We can't wait to see you next month. Save this one for the keepsake box — and send us your photos for July!

— All of us