

Happy palindrome birthday to OC's Delores Ferrante

Oregon City's Delores Ferrante is a treasure and I hope she can happily celebrate more of her birthdays to come.

I am so happy that Delores celebrated her 98th birthday on 02/02/2020, which was the only full ubiquitous palindrome date of this century. This month she is celebrating her 100th birthday, another ubiquitous palindrome date: 2/2/22.

Note that 2/2/22 repeats every century, so her 200th birthday will also be 2/2/22. But her 300th birthday will be a one-of-a-kind ubiquitous palindrome date: 2/2/2222.

As an aside, the prime factors of her birth year, 1922, add up to $2 + 31 = 33$ (palindrome) and interestingly, the 33rd day of 1922 (and any other year) is her birthdate, Feb. 2.

If numbers 1 through 26 are assigned to let-



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ters A through Z, I found out that the letter numbers of "Delores" add up to 78 and the letter numbers of "Ferrante" add up to the reverse of 78, that is, 87.

Their sum (that is, the sum of the letter numbers of "Delores Ferrante") equals $78 + 87 = 165$, and 165 equals 5 times 33. Note that the 33rd day of each year is Delores's birthdate, 2/2.

I hope this article will make Delores and her family very happy! I am already humbled and happy to make a small contribution to Delores's birthday, because she and her generation paved the way and served as a guiding light for our generation. This means so much.

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