



UMAPINE BULLETIN

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99 Year Birthday Celebration Betty Benz by Keith Carlin



Parking space was scarce, so I walked a bit to enter Tate's Mercantile where I found it crowded with friends and family of the guest of honor Betty Benz.



Delectable Goodies!



Wonderful Memories

Pictures that reminded those attending of magic moments from the past were mounted on several display boards around the room.

Happy conversation testified to the joy of the happy celebrators who came to let Betty know she is loved and appreciated.



Certifying 36,160 Days of Life



Memory Montage



Even the Young Came to Celebrate

From young to not-so-young, they all enjoyed the excitement, the happy sharing of memories, and the inspiring music from Pastor Roger Johnson's viola.



“Do you remember when ...?”

It was obvious that these folks remembered the events portrayed so thoughtfully in the many pictures on this board.



Someone has their attention!



Chatter



“Amazing Grace”

These are the kind of celebrations that draw the community together, reminds them of their shared roots, even with the variety of backgrounds from which they come.

Families are the core of small communities, the foundation of strength that builds the momentum that carries them through trying and troublesome times. The good times, like this celebration, are the highs that sustain through the valleys, that foster the relationships that can be counted on when the chips are down, when friends come to the aid of those who can use a helping hand. Invest your time in those important to you, but also find ways to serve those you don't yet know, but will count as friends when you do. Be good to your family AND be a good neighbor!



Cute Kid!



Music to Set the Mood

Thanksgiving Celebration

Our community can share with each other the joys and blessings we have enjoyed this year at the Thanksgiving celebration on Tuesday November 20 at 7 PM. Music will be provided by the Umapine Philharmonic Strings at the Adventist Church.

Community Breakfast

The Men's Group of the Umapine Adventist Church is cooking breakfast at the Friendship Center (four-way corner) from 8:15 to 10 AM on the last Saturday of each month for the Umapine community. The next one is November 24. No charge, just bring a smile to share with others.

Driving Winter Roads

by Pam Baumgartner

As we head into winter a co-worker has reminded those of us who drive in our jobs to review how to drive safely in the coming winter weather.

1-Make sure your tires are safe for winter driving.

Change to winter or studded tires to handle icy road surfaces.

2-Remember that you'll need to take things more slowly, so give yourself extra time by starting early.

3-Make sure you can see well.

A-Scrape windshield, side and rear windows—and mirrors—completely. Keep an ice scraper in your car. However, if worse comes to worst, use a credit card. As my co-worker said, most windshields accept Visa and Master Card.

B-Remove extra snow from your car. Left over snow can slide forward during braking and cover your windshield, or it can blow back and obscure the view for someone behind. If it happens to be icy, it can actually fly back and break a windshield, seriously harming those in a vehicle behind you.

C-Keep your car supplied with windshield wiper fluid to help you keep your windshield clear.

D-Wipers can develop chunks of ice that keep them from clearing your windshield properly. You may need to pull over into a safe area and drop the blades against the windshield several times to loosen the ice. Perhaps you'll need to scrap them as you did the windshield.

4-When on slippery surfaces you have low traction. In icy situation you can turn, brake, OR accelerate, but you can only do one at a time. Take a corner, *then* accelerate. Slow down, *then* turn.

5-Your stopping distance can increase significantly, depending on conditions. Pick a point 30 feet *before* where you need to stop. Aim for that spot as your stopping point. If things are a bit slicker than you realize, you won't hit the car ahead of you or accidentally continue on into the intersection. Try to stop at that early stopping point and watch your rear view mirror. As the car behind you approaches, you can move up and give them that extra space to stop. This helps protect you and them.

6-If you skid, and your back end begins to slide out, only take your foot off the gas. Don't brake. Steer toward where your back end is starting to go. This brings your car into line again. Once front and back are again lined up, you can gently start to brake if you need to.

Plan well, take care, and drive safely this winter!

Thanksgiving Reply

by Pastor Roger Johnson

Our traditional greetings deserve a facelift occasionally.

When asked, "How are you?" I find myself replying the expected, "I'm fine."

Talk show financial advisor, Dave Ramsey, has started a new reply, "Better than I deserve." If one reads the Bible chapter, Romans 3, one can plainly see why Ramsey has adopted this greeting on his radio program. We are completely dependent on the Holy Spirit whether we realize it or not, for the good that comes from fallen, naturally self-centered human beings like me. My mother felt that on occasion, I especially demonstrated how self-centered I was. Apparently, my sense of entitlement was beyond levels of acceptability.

On the eve of this Thanksgiving season, I was asked for help by the hungry, the homeless, and an individual whose car was tireless. These encounters are ways to help me practice saying, "I'm thankful." When asked to supply a tire, I balked, and heard myself say, "Will you pay me back?"

After seeing the exploded tire with its exposed steel, and asked about the spare, I saw that the spare had a similar condition. I was glad I had gloves on when I handled the "spare." It was good enough to get us to Walmart for two new tires.

When I arrived back home I was reminded about a check I had received for a graveside service of a long time Umapine resident. The card accompanying the check said that someone would probably need this so "Pass it on." The check paid for two thirds the cost of the two new tires.

Yes, "I am thankful" this season for food, a bed with a roof over it, and tires without the steel belts showing.

A Poem for Thanksgiving

Wendell Berry

Eating with the fullest pleasure—pleasure, that is, that does not depend on ignorance—is perhaps the profoundest enactment of our connection with the world.

In this pleasure we experience and celebrate our dependence and our gratitude, for we are living from mystery, from creatures we did not make and powers we cannot comprehend.

Community Input

Your input to this community newsletter is really desired by the team that publishes it. If you are planning social events like Betty's birthday celebration, or would like to see an article about someone or something in the neighborhood, please contact our publisher Keith Carlin at 509-540-0544 or email keithrcarlin@gmail.com