

The nights are cooler and the sounds of a high school football game fill the air. It must be the fall. Well, not really but for all intents and purposes, summer is over.

“What I did on my summer vacation” is a staple for a first assignment for school children everywhere.

Little do they know, once they become adults, oftentimes summer vacation takes on a whole new meaning.

I am pleased with what I accomplished this summer at home, as well as at work. As usual, the break from school brings a host of interesting things to cover for the newspaper. From the Firemen’s Convention to Relay to three county fairs, Fourth of July and Fort Jennings turning 200 thrown in the middle, there’s plenty to do.

Once again, we were honored with hosting Murray’s granddaughter, Claire. A delightful 16-year-old, she brought a breath of fresh air to the newsroom when she graced us with her presence. She spent some time in each department and she even went out on assignment by herself. Her visit was too early for the fair this year. I was a little bummed. I like the fair so much and can’t get there and she doesn’t have her fair shoes yet. Last year was Claire’s first ever trip to a county fair. I know it’s hard to imagine when they are a part of your life that some people have never experienced one.

Nonetheless, she can check off her annual visit to Delphos.

One thing I can mark off my list is surviving what I have dubbed “The 2012 Blackout.” I won’t soon forget those 4 1/2 days that were hot as h-e-double hockey sticks. I know, I know, some were without power for a lot longer than I was but it doesn’t mean I can’t be snarky at the thought of doing it again. It was pretty crappy.

I also got to spend some quality time with Cameron and friends. He’s doing well and started his fall classes this week. He’s very busy and has to remind me that I can also call him.

I am super excited about Labor Day weekend — the last weekend of summer. Just happens to be my birthday weekend. What? You say. Please, not gifts. I have everything I need. Really.

My summer vacation ...

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I have a pretty good date for a birthday. It's kind of a last hurrah of summer and then a segue way into my favorite season — fall.

I can almost hear the crunch of the leaves and smell the first frost.

Editor's note:

So now I want to know what you guys did this summer. Send pictures of your summer activities to nspencer@delphosherald.com or drop them off at the office. Make sure you identify the people in the photos, what they are doing and where they are doing it. We'll put them in the paper and you'll have another souvenir or memory of your summer.