

A look back at 2012

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Each year, The Herald takes a look back at the stories and photos of the year. Here is the final of four 2012 wrap-ups.

October

Oct. 13

Thirteen-year-old Mitchell Bradley was named the 2012 Delphos Herald "News Carrier of the Year." Some comments regarding Bradley were, "He never misses a delivery: he is always on time; he is very polite and respectful; he is concerned with customer's needs and puts the paper where requested; he always has a smile; and takes time to talk to his customers." As Carrier of the Year, Bradley received a plaque, certificate and gifts from the Herald. He is the son of Lindsey and Kaye Bradley.

Oct. 14

Zombies of all ages converged on Veteran's Memorial Park for the first-ever Zombie Walk, bringing canned goods for a donation. The contributions collected for the event were donated to local food banks. The event was organized by Mike Betz of MyTown and event planner Sonya Osting.

Oct. 18

St. John's Parish held its 100th annual Fall Festival. The first "housewarming" was held in October of 1913 in the school's new auditorium. The festival was a great success and netted a sum of \$9,600 for the school fund. Fast-forwarding to this year, the event was a homecoming for parishioners who moved away and for those who are here, a sense of place and community.

Oct. 25

Delphos kicked off its 2012 United Way Campaign and was charged by United Way of Greater Lima to raise \$38,000 over the next year. CEO Phil Hayne hosted an open house with local Co-Chair Bob Schulte at Spherion to kick off the campaign. "We have increased the goal by 10 percent and are hoping to increase donors in Delphos by 15 this year," Hayne said. "We are focusing on getting new donors on top of the donors we have. If we can get three or four new donors, the dollars will follow."

Oct. 29

Residents of the northeastern coast prepared for the worst as Hurricane Sandy, dubbed an "epic superstorm," lurched toward New Jersey, New York City and Long Island. The storm resulted in the deaths of over 100 people, leaving tens of thousands homeless and causing

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devastating damage.

November

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President Barack Obama brought his vision for the next four years to West Central Ohio, delivering a speech to thousands at Lima Senior High School. Obama re-iterated his message of change. "Change comes when we live up to this country's legacy of innovation," he said.

Nov. 6

President Barack Obama was elected for a second term, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney. "You made your voice heard," he said during his acceptance speech. Obama's list of promises include many he was unable to deliver on in his first term, such as rolling back tax cuts for upper-income people, overhauling immigration policy and reducing federal deficits.

Nov. 11

Post Commanders and Presidents of the Delphos VFW and American Legion and their respective auxiliaries gathered with local residents to honor all who served in the military during Veteran's Day ceremonies at Veteran's Memorial Park. "We are gathered here to honor those who have served at home and in war far away and have died in defense of our country," VFW Post Commander Mike Hughes said. "Please remember those who are serving in the Armed Forces today. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, for a safe return home to family and friends."

Nov. 17

Due to the catastrophic damage caused by Superstorm Sandy on the east coast, the Delphos Veterans Council, VFW and American Legion spearheaded a relief effort, collecting supplies to send to storm victims. Items donated included generators, clothing, hygiene, cleaning and other necessities. Coordinator Rick Schuck estimated items donated at \$40,000 if purchased new. The items filled three vehicles and were delivered over the weekend.

Nov. 25

The ninth annual St. John's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held, with four honorees. They were: Professional Achievement- Paul Baumgarte, Class of 1939; Arts/Athletic Achievement- Scott Schulte, Class of 1990; Service to St. John's- Johnny Giesken, Class of 1943; Service to Mankind- Bishop Albert Ottenweller (1916-2012).

December

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The Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation surpassed its record-breaking \$305,000 grant presentation from last year, during ceremonies at The Delphos Club. Twenty-nine recipients shared in \$320,000, including \$45,000 each to St. John's and Delphos City Schools.

Dec. 5

Trinity United Methodist held its annual Bazaar. Guests enjoyed a meal prepared by volunteers and a General Store made up of homemade candy, baked goods, jellies and jams and more.

Dec. 11

Delphos City Schools politely declined an offer by the Ohio School Facilities commission for a new school building.

Dec. 12

The Delphos Public Library of Board of Trustees accepted the retirement of three long-time employees: Director Nancy Mericle; Assistant Director Margaret Seuver; and Technology Coordinator Jane Sadler. Kelly Rist, current assistant director at the Brumback Library, will replace Mericle.

Otoville couple Aaron and Renee Burgei welcomed a girl at 12:12 p.m. on 12/12/12.

Dec. 14

A 20-year-old Connecticut man killed his mother in their home in Newtown, Conn., before entering Sandy Hook Elementary and opening fire, massacring 26 people, including 20 children. The killer, Adam Lanza, who was believed to have suffered from personality disorder, then committed suicide.

Dec. 15

The home of Larry and Deann Heiing and their three sons, Logan, Austin and Noah, won the "Clark Griswald" category and People's Choice award in the first-ever "Betty Honigford Spirit of Christmas" house decorating contest. Other category winners were: Religious- Fetzer family at 477 S. Main St.; Nostalgic- Neumeier family at 626 N. Bredieck St.; White Elegance- Gable Family at 508 W. Second St.; Inside Out- Ladd family at 669 Leonard Ave.; and the Grand Prize went to the Hamiltons at 14595 Landeck Road.

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Delphos City Council approved a temporary budget for 2013, hoping to trim another \$800,000 from the General Fund before passing a permanent budget before April 1.

Dec. 18

Fort Jennings Village Council approved fundraising plans submitted by the local Lions Club for restrooms at Fort Jennings Park.

Dec. 20

High school juniors and seniors from Jefferson and St. John's helped deliver a brighter Christmas to 349 children and 143 families through the Delphos Community Christmas Project. Students also delivered 137 fruit plates to shutins.

Dec. 26

A severe winter storm blew through the nation's midsection, into the northeast, leaving a death toll of 7, including an 18 year old girl from Ohio, who lost control of her vehicle and smashed into an oncoming snow plow. Hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed and scores of motorists got stuck on icy roads or slid into drifts. The storm also spawned gulf-region tornadoes.

Dec. 31

Rick Miller and Catherine Hammons were named the Delphos Herald Tri-county Man and Woman of the Year.