

Often we get so caught up in the rat race we forget to take a look at what is right in front of us. Some new things have sprung up in Delphos and are doing quite well.

Our small town is home to many diverse eateries that are all doing quite well. Some are known outside our city limits.

New shops in the downtown are thriving and bringing in shoppers from other towns and cities. The senior complex is right on schedule and changing every day.

The city works are becoming greener and our parks look better than ever.

As you read on the front page, our little burg will also be home to a bed and breakfast in the future.

We may not be growing by leaps and bounds, but I'd say we are taking bigger-than-baby steps. Change is good, my sister is always telling my mother.

Change is good. It may startle or scare us but if you don't change, you fall behind the rest of the world and stagnate. If you keep doing the same thing, you will keep getting the same result.

Few things stay the same.

Even with the new additions, I have a feeling some things in Delphos will not change. On Monday you will read about how recipients of the Delphos Community Christmas Project fared this past season. We tend to take care of our own and we do it well. Our surrounding communities are also quite good at it. We see a need and we do all in our power to fill it. We help each other and in turn, help ourselves become better people.

Here is a quote I found on change in the Internet:

"Change is the essence of life. Be willing to surrender what you are for what you could become." That's really the hard part, isn't it? Surrendering what we are for what we can become. It's frightening to go outside our comfort zone. Uncertainty abounds. What will happen? Will we be successful? What if we fail? We've all heard the saying on that one: "It's better to have tried and failed than to have never tried."

We are doing a lot of things right. While we strive for the future, we also preserve our past. The Delphos Canal Commission Museum is expanding and the Museum of Postal History is making strides daily with new exhibits and murals being completed. Curator Gary Levitt also received a grant you will also read about in Monday's paper.

We need to remember the past so we don't make the same mistakes. Sometimes you have to look back to move forward. It's how we learn.