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# This Week's Pictures and Stories









## "His Community was Everyone" — Franklin Man Remembered for Big Heart



In the early morning hours of May 6, COVID-19 took the life of a 40-year-old Bronx husband, father of two young children, and 1998 Franklin High School graduate. A three sport letterman for the Knights, friends and family remember Clinton Washington's enormous heart and empathy towards his fellow man. By all accounts, on Wednesday the world lost someone it needs now more than ever.

### Honoring the Superheroes of the Classroom



Families of Smedley and Seventh Street elementary school students held a "Quaren-teacher appreciate parade" at Two Mile Run County Park to show how much they miss their teachers and the feeling was mutual. Teachers drove along a row of cars decorated and manned by the schools' parents and students, some of whom were decked out in their favorite superhero outfits.

### For Frank — A Veteran's Send Off



Friends and family of World War II veteran Frank Smith gathered in downtown Oil City Friday morning to remember the man known for his dedication to honoring those currently serving in the armed forces and to drinking his favorite beverage. The V.E.T.S. Honor Guard was among those on hand to wave a final goodbye to Smith.

#### Mini-entrepreneur's Growing Endeavor



Valley Grove Elementary School student Waylon Ion may only be four feet tall, but his love of growing plants and animals is big and has led to the opening of Waylon's Fresh Produce stand outside Cooperstown.

#### Find stories throughout the week on the Eight & 322 site



Eight & 322 publishes pictures and stories throughout the week. Here is a sampling features on the site in the past seven day.

- Wanango Country Club in Reno is adding to its storied history by renovating its pool and recreation area.
- Photo of Day features



- This week's Love Note Series focuses caring for your community and the Polk United Methodist Church's new <u>Blessing Box</u> food ministry.
- The Oil Creek Earthworks Pottery Studio & Creative Workshop started <u>The May Flower Project</u> Facebook group.
  - "Grateful for sunrises and friends" the <u>Artist of the Month</u> series continues with more pictures by Jodi Baker Lewis.
- Where in Venango County Is This The Franklin Retail Association is sponsoring the series with a \$10 gift certificate awarded each week. Identify the location to be entered to win.

### Have a Story Idea?

I'd love to hear it. Send me a direct message at @<u>RichardSayerPhotojournalism</u> Facebook page or an email at <u>richardsayerphotography@gmail.com</u>.

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