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This Week's Pictures and Stories



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Pat Childers is among the hundreds of volunteers who put out flags every year for Memorial Day, but he doesn't take the easy cases. Childers hikes into the woods to make sure that even the veterans' gravestones in the most remote places of Crawford County are properly honored each year.

[Memorial Day will not look like any other in our lifetime](#)



This year [Memorial Day](#) will look different around here. Franklin and Oil City have cancelled ceremonies. Titusville will have one, but it will be shortened and attendees will be asked to respect social distancing. Meadville will also hold a smaller affair, but also have set up for the community a chance to listen and view the ceremony from home. Some residents are not happy with that decision and decided to plan an event of their own which they have called a ["We the People" rally](#). Check out both stories published this week.

[Father's mission of faith to help others and honor his son](#)



What began as a father's desire to honor those who serve this country has turned into a mission of faith and love. Burton Kephart's booklet "Proven in Battle" contains thoughts, prayers and accounts of a very difficult time of the Franklin family's life after Jonathan Kephart was killed fighting in the war in Iraq on April 8, 2004. Over the years, more than 70,000 copies of the book have been shared.

[Pregnancy and pumping iron](#)



Franklin resident Leigh-Anne Williams might have what some would find an interesting exercise routine for a pregnant woman, but she knows, with doctor's approval, working out is an important part of staying healthy. She carries the weight of being of a mother of soon-to-be 5, physician's assistant, and a powerlifter.

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.

- [Rocky Grove High School](#) seniors picked up their caps, gowns and other belongs last week. The school district is working out the details of the graduation ceremony set for June 4.
- After sitting empty for several months due to winter and the shutdown, the [Graffiti Gallery](#) committee decided to give window shoppers something worth peaking at.
- "The thing about Jodi..." — The [Artist of the Month](#) series continues with more pictures by Jodi Baker Lewis.
- [Where in Venango County?](#) — The [Franklin Retail Association](#) is sponsoring this series with a \$10 gift certificate to be awarded each week. Identify the location to be entered to win.

Have a Story Idea?

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