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## This Week's Top Stories



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### Love Notes Series: [It started with a letter she didn't even want to write](#)



Love can sometimes come from the most unexpected places. For Susan and James Ring of Franklin it was a letter one of them almost didn't write and the other only read after plucking it at random among dozens of others. More than 50 years later, the couple marked their golden anniversary by waving to friends and family as they paraded by in vehicles Saturday afternoon.

### [Franklin Businesses Use Shutdown Time to Make Improvements](#)



Despite the unusual business climate, the Franklin business district continues to forge ahead in support of each other and the community. This includes several business owners who have spruced up their decor, relocated their outlet or prepared to open new ventures. Eight & 322 checked in with a handful of these Franklin proprietors.

### [Featured Artist of the Month: Jodi Baker Lewis](#)



On Friday, Eight & 322 officially kicked off its new "Artist of the Month" series with photos by Jodi Baker Lewis. Known locally for her tireless work on behalf of the Franklin area business community, Jodi has developed an eye for capturing the beauty of the Oil Valley in still frames. Go to [Eight & 322](#) to check a selection of her images and the story behind her art. More pictures will be posted every week in May.

### [Take a Closer Look](#)



What do you see while walking around? Some people look up into the clouds to use their imagination. I tend to look at the ground, and sometimes that leads to interesting discoveries — like roadway stained in the pattern of the poodle. Share you unique observations, lookalikes created by nature and other funny sites. Shoot me an email or comment under posts on the [Facebook](#) page.

### In Case You Missed It



There was a lot of great stuff published throughout the week. Here is a look back on a few of those items.

- [Titusville Redevelopment Authority](#) moves forward with plans to raze blighted commercial building on Diamond Street.
- PennDOT announced that [Route 8 southbound](#) will be detoured starting Monday.
- Meadville business owners Leslie Flint celebrated the second anniversary of [Indigo Boutique and Botanica](#) by shining that uplifting attitude outward with a big giveaway.

### Have a Story Idea?

I'd love to hear it. Send me a direct message at [@RichardSayerPhotojournalism](#) Facebook page or an email at [richardsayerphotography@gmail.com](mailto:richardsayerphotography@gmail.com).



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