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### This Week's Pictures and Stories



#### [Yoga Anyone?](#)

Today is International Yoga Day, but a group of area enthusiasts took the opportunity to celebrate a day early with a morning outdoor session near Allegheny College in Meadville, Crawford County. Check out the series of photos on the Eight & 322 website.

### Commemoration Held; Discussions on Equality Continue

Discussions about racial equality and unity continue to draw attention in communities across the nation, including northwestern Pennsylvania. On social media, talk persisted over the presence of [armed civilians](#) at the Venango County Black Lives Matter rally last week. On Thursday, the Franklin First Baptist Church was the location of the [forum on racism](#). And Meadville marked [Juneteenth](#) with a community celebration in Bicentennial Park.



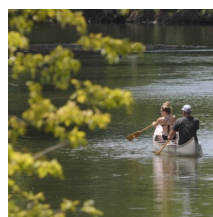
#### [Franklin Man Needs a New Kidney](#)

Darrin Graham, his wife and six children are hoping as word of his condition becomes known among the community, someone will step forward to donate him a kidney. The Franklin resident spends out hours each week doing dialysis while he awaits a match with a living donor.



#### [Artist-of-the-Month Joann Wheeler](#)

The Artist-of-the-Month series continues with the June Oil City resident Joann Wheeler. When describing her art, Wheeler said she loves "to fill contained spaces with meaning, and I also love to stretch the boundaries, push the limits." She is currently seeking a new creative process, but shared pictures of several of her finished works.



### Find stories throughout the week on the [Eight & 322](#) site

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

- Franklin Area High School held a [modified graduation](#) ceremony that gave families the opportunity to have a short, personal moments on stage with their loved ones.
- Allegheny College graduate [Blake Lyle](#) has been smack dab in the center of protests in Baltimore, where he lives. He shared some of his street photography and thoughts the movement with Eight & 322.
- Make sure to check out the [Eight & 322](#) website throughout the week for featured photos and other updates that tell the story of communities along Route 8 and Route 322 in Crawford and Venango counties.
- This week we continue the [Where is Venango County](#) contest sponsored by the Franklin Retail Association. All those who correctly identify the location of the photo are entered to win a \$10 gift certificate. See the photo above, right for this week's mystery spot.