

OBITUARIES

Steven Ray Hedgecough

Steven Ray Hedgecough, 53, of Franklin, Ky., passed away on Oct. 23, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29,

at 12 p.m. at Crafton Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Marsha Jean Shoulders Akin

Marsha Jean Shoulders Akin, 78, of Franklin, Ky., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 11 a.m. at Gilbert Funeral

Home & Crematory in Franklin, Ky. Visitation began at the funeral home on Friday, Oct. 23, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Jimmy Ray Wix

Jimmy Ray Wix, 58, of Franklin, Ky., passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, 2026, at the Medical Center in Bowling Green, Ky. Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 23, at

11 a.m. at Crafton Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Sulphur Spring Cemetery. Visitation began at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

GOODNIGHT NOOK

BY SAVANNAH MOHR

Eager to get this Halloween started, trick-or-treaters? Before you jump on your candy route, remember to stop by the library this Saturday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., for a movie matinee the whole family can enjoy. We'll be gearing up for the holiday season starting next week. Get your Christmas shopping done early and give your loved ones the gift of reading: Our "Dungeon" doors are open for two days, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our Friends of the Library Book Sale. If you've been missing Paint Over Canvas, there's plenty of time to pre-register for our next class on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., where we'll create a still life of ornaments. If you're looking for some thrills this weekend, don't miss out on all of our latest thrillers, like John Grisham's "The French Illusion." After Paul and Chelsea Tanner's fairytale wedding, their future is full of promise. However, their honeymoon to Paris takes a dark, shocking turn when they are kidnapped while on a day trip to the French countryside. Who

would target them, and why? The search for clues soon stretches across borders, with the FBI, CIA, and French Intelligence trying to work together to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Struggling to find answers, a young lawyer is recruited to be the bait in an elaborate CIA operation. If you prefer scares on the big screen, check out new horror films like "Scary Movie (2026)" or the reimagining of "Faces of Death." We're also already adding some cozy Christmas mysteries to our shelves, like the newest installation of Laurien Berenson's Senior Sleuths series, "Peg and Rose Deck the Halls." Sisters-in-law Peg and Rose are preparing for Christmas in Connecticut, with the annual dog-show fundraiser as a highlight. When the jingle bell tolls for a party guest, though, a murder investigation breeds trouble. Whether it's frightful or festive fun you're looking for, our Library team can't wait to celebrate with you.

Savannah Mohr is the social media and events coordinator for the Goodnight Memorial Public Library, located at 203 S. Main St., Franklin.

Chamber Small Business Saturday weekend returns

The Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce's annual Small Business Saturday Weekend returns Nov. 27-29, highlighting local retail shops and restaurants. For every \$20 spent at participating businesses, holiday shoppers will earn a chance to win chamber gift certificates valued at up to \$250. Local retail and restaurant merchants can register to participate for \$15, which enters them into a drawing

for a 2027 chamber membership. Other businesses looking to participate in the shopping event can sign up as contributing sponsors for \$50. The deadline for both merchants and sponsors to register with the chamber is Friday, Nov. 6. For more information or to register, contact Cristi Freese at cristi@franklinsimpsonchamber.com or call the chamber at 270-586-7609.

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active school grounds, and private properties posted with trespass warnings. Violations of the panhandling and solicitation ordinance are punishable by a fine of up to \$250 per conviction. Since each day of non-compliance is considered a separate offense, individuals can face consecutive fines without receiving a new notice for the ongoing violation. In addition to regulating panhandling and soliciting, the ordinance addresses unlawful camping across Simpson County. This measure follows previous fiscal court discussions highlighting that unlawful camping has persisted on the Franklin courthouse square, a property maintained under Simpson

County's jurisdiction. Phillips noted that the unlawful camping regulations align with KRS 511.110, which was updated by House Bill 5 under the 2024 Safer Kentucky Act to curb illegal camping in public and private areas. The ordinance structures penalties for unlawful camping as a standard violation for a first offense, escalating to a Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense, or if an individual refuses to comply during the initial citation. The policy explicitly exempts the traditional, temporary use of rest stops, recreational camping grounds, and other properties formally designated for sleeping. Furthermore, it permits individuals to sleep temporarily inside a legally parked vehicle on public

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT. 29 GLOW FUN RUN
Lincoln Elementary School Beta Club is hosting a Glow Fun Run on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Simposn Track and soccer field beside SES at 721 Witt Rd. Registration is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students over 6.

AGRICULTURE TRUNK OR TREAT
Logan County Jr. Conservation Board is hosting an Agriculture Trunk or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Logan County Ag arena, 255 John Paul Ave., Russellville. Enjoy free candy, games, and fun for the whole family.

OCT. 30 TRUNK OR TREAT
The Franklin Police Department will host Trunk-or-Treat on Oct. 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 501 W Madison St. Bring the family, dress up, and join for some fun, and of course lots of candy. Thrilling music, haunted vibes, and a Halloween inflatable.

HALLOWEEN BOO BASH
Russellville Parks and Rec presents a Halloween Boo Bash on Oct. 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Parks and Rec Center, 198 S Winter Street, Russellville. The fun begins with the games, followed by a costume contest for kids ages 10 and under at 6:30 p.m. and a scream contest for kids ages 5 to 10.

OCT. 31 HALLOWEEN MOVIE
Join us for a fun, family-friendly Halloween Movie Matinee at the Goodnight Memorial Library on Oct. 31. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Come dressed in your costume (optional) and enjoy snacks as you count down the minutes before it is time to descend upon the streets for trick or treating. Plot: This is the rambunctious, ridiculous and totally true story of how the Minions conquered Hollywood, became movie stars, lost everything, unleashed monsters onto the world and then banded together to try and save the

planet from the mayhem they had just created.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS
Franklin's trick-or-treat hours will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

FOOD GIVEAWAY
The Churches of Christ Food Bank 3009 food giveaway will be Saturday, Oct. 31, at 400 Pelham Street in Franklin, starting at 8 a.m. Drive by and pick up; first come, first served. Contact food bank coordinator Annie Bland at 270-872-9293 for more information.

NOV. 3 SOUTHERN KENTUCKY AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY MEETING
The next meeting of the Southern Kentucky Amateur Transmitting Society is Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Search and Rescue building located at 101 Thurston Drive, Russellville. Anyone interested in joining the society, earning an amateur transmitting license, or testing may attend. Testing is available monthly at 7 p.m. following the meeting.

NOV. 6 BOOK SALE
Friends of the Goodnight Library Fall Book Sale will be held on Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—\$1 for hardbacks; .50 for paperbacks; .25 for children's; and .50 for media (DVDs, CDs, etc.)

NOV. 7 BOOK SALE
Friends of the Goodnight Library Fall Book Sale will be held on Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—\$1 for hardbacks; .50 for paperbacks; .25 for children's; and .50 for media (DVDs, CDs, etc.)

NOV. 6, 7, 8 DINNER THEATRE
The Franklin-Simpson Community Arts Council will be presenting "The Marvelous Wonderettes" as Dinner Theatre on Nov. 6, 7, 8. This smash off-Broadway hit takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom, where we meet Betty Jean (Stacie Johnson), Cindy Lou (Kelsey

Freeman), Missy (Leigh Bayles), and Suzy (Jamie Norton): four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. As we learn about their lives and loves, the girls serenade us with classic 50s hits, including "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," and "Lipstick on Your Collar." In Act II, the Wonderettes reunite to take the stage and perform at their ten-year reunion. We learn about the highs and lows the girls have experienced in the past decade and are charmed to find that no matter what life throws their way, they will conquer it together. Featuring over 30 classic 50s and 60s hits, The "Marvelous Wonderettes" will keep you smiling in this musical trip down memory lane! Sponsors include Lighthouse Mini Storage and the F-S Industrial Authority. On Friday and Saturday, dinner and play tickets will be \$40. On Sunday, dessert only, and the play will be \$20. Tickets will go on sale soon.

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE
The Franklin Police Department is having a food drive through Oct. 31. They are accepting non-perishable food items at 501 W. Madison St.

LIHEAP
Community Action of Southern Kentucky's LIHEAP program kicks off Nov. 9 through Dec. 18. This is a heating source subsidy program. For more information, contact your local Community Action office.

SHELTER NEEDS
The Simpson County Animal Shelter is in need of cat litter and newspaper. You can drop off donations at 2194 Dittmore Ford Rd, Franklin or call and make arrangements at 270-586-3125.

OPERATION VETERAN BANNERS
Applications are now open for the Operation Veteran Banners 250 project, which honors local heroes by displaying banners on electric poles entering and leaving downtown Franklin. You can pick up an application at the

Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce, the Simpson County Tourism Office, or any local veteran posts in Franklin. For more information, please contact Liz Burris at 270-586-4221 or Patricia Robertson at 270-348-6581.

SIMPSON COUNTY HAY BALE
Simposn County's Hay Bale Decoration Contest deadline is Oct. 16. Your creation must incorporate red, white and blue. Applications are available at www.visitfranklinky.info or on Facebook at Franklin-simpson tourism.

LITERACY CLASSES
The South Central Literacy Council classes are now meeting at 201 N. College St., second floor, inside the Presbyterian Church building. Further questions contact 270-222-3999.

FREE MICROCHIPPING
The Fixed Foundation is offering free microchipping thanks to grant support from the Rotary Club in Franklin. Limited number available. Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fix Foundation. Must be a Simpson County resident.

ANIMAL SHELTER REMINDS SIMPSON CITIZENS
The Simpson County, KY, Animal Shelter reminds everyone that if you live in Simpson County, you cannot try to drop off dogs in Warren County (Bowling Green); just as the Simpson County, KY, Animal Shelter can only take in dogs from Simpson County. No one on our staff will ever recommend you drop by to see them.

LINE DANCING
Join Sylvia Clark Pulliam for line dancing Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. (\$5) at The Old Favorite; Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (\$5) at the Community Park; and 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (free) at the Goodnight Library. Both beginners and experienced dancers are always welcome.

Going up to Jerusalem

Exodus 29:43&45 “And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.



VAN YANDELL

Much of the terminology in the Bible is based on first-century (and previous centuries) knowledge at the time. Also, many of the Bible usages concerning such things as geographic directions are based on factors we may not consider today. For example, the Bible often states “going up to Jerusalem.” (Matthew 20:18, 1 Kings 12:27, John 2:13) We may think of “going up” as meaning going in a northerly direction. In Bible speak, “going up to Jerusalem” is because Jerusalem is a high point in that specific geographic location. Mt. Moriah, the location of the first and second Jerusalem Temple, is 2700 feet above sea level. Jericho is 850 feet below sea level and only seventeen miles from Jerusalem. The trip is definitely uphill all the way. The Dead Sea is 1200 feet below sea level and only twenty-five miles from Jerusalem. The coastal cities in Israel are of course, at or near sea level. It doesn't matter where one is traveling from (walking in Bible times); the trek is uphill, thus “up to Jerusalem.” We must also consider the Bible reference to “the world.” Their world was less in area than the eastern part of the U.S. Matthew 24:9 “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.” “All nations” would have been different from today. Whereas there are 195 countries in the world today, how many nations were there in 33 AD? We could probably come up with a close number but with over 2000 years passed, the history of nations could easily have been convoluted.

We continually try to make the Bible fit into our current day's conditions of speech, geographic, social and economic conditions. At times, considering the differences in usages (then and now), the meaning we glean from our Bible studies can completely change. Most Christians believe the Holy Bible was written by forty men over a period of 1600 years, and their inspiration came from God. Since such an opinion may be true, we still should consider the time factor involved. The knowledge of the planet earth possessed by those forty writers and the interpreting in the King James Bible (Published 1611) and those compiling other versions was limited. Understanding these and other considerations are open for opinions, it becomes logical to regard the differences in time and space. Personally, I have to think that if God inspired the writing of the Holy Bible, He would possibly have inspired the translating of the numerous versions. While those were mostly composed with a “sell-the-product” motivation, whether or not God inspired them is certainly up for opinion.

The examples of changing understandings throughout the Bible are numerous. Conditions currently identified as such as epilepsy, blindness or mental illnesses were thought to be demonic possession. This, of course, would be impossible to disprove, but current “medical wisdom” indicates injuries, chemical imbalances or short circuits in the brain as being the causes of such conditions. I was in a village in East Africa and saw a little boy with numerous one-inch scars on his chest and belly. The attending physician (witch doctor) had cut holes in him when he was ill to let out the evil spirits. The child survived and appeared healthy when I saw

him. Consequently, the people of the village believed the doctor's treatment cured him. Such beliefs are in the thousands and we seldom consider all the possibilities. Our presumptions are sometimes not logical but we also know we believe what we want to believe and researchers usually publish findings that agree with their points of view. There is one Bible teaching we can take at its face value. That would be the Biblical plan of eternal life. Regardless of one's denominational affiliation, the fundamental of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the same. The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation; that is, by a faith-based belief (Ephesians 2:8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27:35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4:25), resurrected (Matthew 28:6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1:9). In today's world, the church places value on many conditions and situations the Bible does not support. The Bible says nothing about the church accumulating wealth for the sake of “having wealth.” The only reference to buildings is in 1 Kings 6, the building of King Solomon's

Temple. The building of cathedrals and large, elaborate church buildings is not supported by scripture. Many of us believe (Matthew 16:18) the church is the people, not a building. One such example of changed meanings is the word “tabernacle.” That word is currently used in the name of many churches but in Old Testament times (Exodus), a tabernacle was a portable/movable structure (tent) that adapted to the nomadic nature of the people in the Middle East of that day and time. Passage of time and generational hand-down information are many times misleading or inaccurate. Always read the Bible to determine what it really says and consider the passage of time. Does it matter what we believe about the issues that divide Christians? Only eternity and how to be a part of it matter. The next time you go “up to Jerusalem,” be prepared for an uphill trek, and you may not be heading north.

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