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AREA EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Frontenac Rotary

Frontenac Rotary Club will meet at noon in the basement of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Program will be presented by Ruth Weitzel from Spring River Mental Health and Wellness. Carl Ulepich will provide the Rotary moment and also serve as sergeant at arms. Greeter will be Cindy Minelli. Pizza will be served for lunch.

High Noon Club

High Noon Club will meet from 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. at Pizza Hut. A DVD on morality will be shown. Those attending may bring their pastors and church leaders for inter-denominational training on Biblical leadership. The group is also planning counter-education parties for youngsters in the future.

Liberal Ladies

Liberal Ladies Who Lunch will meet at noon at the Pittsburg Public Library. Those attending should bring their own lunch and any topics they wish to discuss. All women interested in progressive issues may attend.

Chicopee card games

Card games will be played from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday, except holidays, at the Chicopee Community Center. All card games are welcome. Bridge players do not need to bring a partner, since the game is set up so that everyone plays, even when there is an odd number of players.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers will meet every Wednesday at the Homer Cole Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

Jewelry sale

Via Christi Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor its annual fall jewelry and accessory sale on Thursday and Friday in the cafeteria area. All items are \$5. Hours of the sale will be from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Kiwanis Club

Pittsburg Kiwanis Club will meet at noon in dePaul Hall, Via Christi Hospital. Krista Postai will present the program titled "Community Health, Then and Now." Rick Hudson will be cashier and Sharon Barone will give the invocation. Greeter will be Jake Chancey.

Farmer's Market meals

Pittsburg Farmer's Market will serve Crock Pot meals from 5 p.m. until sold out during the Halloween Pittsburg Art Walk. Available will be rabbit stew, chili dogs, Ossabaw pork apple cider beans, kraut and potato dumpings, beer cheese bread, apples with caramel dip, hot chocolate and more. Market donations will range from \$1 to \$5, depending on the item.

FCCLA Trunk or Treat

ARMA — Northeast High School Chapter, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, will have a trunk or treat from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Washington Street, Arma. There will be a costume contest at 6:30 p.m. for ages 3-15. FCCLA is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education or related courses as determined by the state department of education.

PATRICK'S PEOPLE



Doug Anstaett, longtime Kansas newspaper publisher and current executive director of the Kansas Press Association, visited Tuesday in Pittsburg. His first job, after graduating from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in journalism and mass communications, was as a reporter for The Pittsburg Morning Sun. ANDREW NASH/THE MORNING SUN

Meet the Press

Doug Anstaett has made his way from the Morning Sun to executive director of the Kansas Press Association

When Doug Anstaett first came to Pittsburg in 1973, the ink was hardly dry on his diploma from Kansas State University and on his marriage certificate.

Now the long-time Kansas newspaper publisher is executive director of the Kansas Press Association. "My first job out of college was at the Pittsburg Morning Sun," he said during a visit Tuesday. "I was hired by Ken Bronson, and I remember John K. Hay showing me around Pittsburg and introducing me to the city leaders."

He said that his reporter's beat included covering the Crawford County Commission. This was during the tenure of the legendary D.J. "Joe" Saia. "As I recall, one of the big stories in my year was that there were some shenanigans at the county jail involving sex," Anstaett said.

It was also an eventful year at the Morning Sun. "That was the year the press was installed," he said. "That press is 40 years old now. I did a story on the man who came here and installed it. That was a good interview. He'd installed presses all over the world."

Anstaett and his bride, Lucinda, lived in the Whispering Pines Trailer Court.



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"At Christmas I dug a cedar tree out of a ditch, put it in a bucket and that was our Christmas tree," he said. "Afterwards, we planted it, and it's still there. It's huge now."

His marriage to Lucinda also thrives, and the couple has two married daughters, Beth Anstaett Iversen and Ashley Anstaett All, and six grandchildren.

The couple left Pittsburg in June of 1974. They still keep in touch with friends here, including Tom and Deanna Loughmiller.

Anstaett's next stop was the newspaper in Nevada, Mo., where he worked as an editor for 1 1/2 years.

"Then I was chosen for the Stauffer Communications management training program, and went to Grand Island, Neb.," Anstaett said.

Stints followed in Brookings, S.D., Newton and Topeka. Between 1973 and 2003 he worked a reporter, editor, editorial page editor or editor and publisher in six communities. From 1987 to 2003 he was editor and publisher

of the Newton Kansan.

Anstaett received numerous editorial writing awards during his career, including four first place awards in the 10,000 and under circulation category of the William Allen White Editorial Excellence competition sponsored by the Inland Newspaper Association in 1987, 1992, 1999 and 2002, the last three while he was at the Newton Kansan. In 1992 he also won the sweepstakes award, a citation presented to the newspaper judged best that year among all circulation categories in editorial writing.

On Jan. 3, 2004, he became KPA executive director.

"Our main function is to represent newspapers as a profession," Anstaett said. "We keep a close eye on the legislature on issues regarding open government and public notices. We also provide educational opportunities for our members."

He also runs the Kansas Newspaper Foundation, which is the 501 (c) (3) arm of the KPA and strives to develop new resources to fund programs to benefit KPA members and ensure a strong future for the Kansas newspaper industry.

"Ken Bronson hired me for my first job, and 30-some years later I hired him for his last job, which was with the Kansas Newspaper

Foundation," Anstaett said.

He said there are currently about 29 daily newspapers in Kansas and around 210 non-dailies.

Technology, and the advent of the Internet, have impacted the newspaper business.

"What the Internet and social media have done is expand our readership and audience," he said. "The role of journalism has not changed, but it now has a splintered audience."

Still, Anstaett said, journalism is alive and well.

"Nothing can compete with the excitement of the newspaper business," he said. "Often we're the first ones to know what's happening in the community, and we have the privilege of telling that story every day. I wear the mainstream media badge with honor. The mainstream media is the source of good journalism."

When Anstaett was at the Newton Kansan, he was asked what was the most important part of the newspaper's function. After thinking a moment, he replied that it was to build community.

"I have always believed that newspapers have a responsibility to provide comprehensive news coverage, editorial page leadership and a vision for the community to grow and prosper," he said.

DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Working smoke alarm improves chance of surviving house fire

DEAR ABBY: I am a firefighter who has seen too many families experience accidental home fires, many with fatal results. It is devastating to find out that a life could have been saved had someone taken the simple precaution of replacing a dead battery in a smoke alarm.

In a recent survey, more than 50 percent of the respondents admitted to removing the batteries in their smoke detector, leaving them inoperable. A working smoke alarm in your home greatly increases your chance of surviving a home fire, but only if it is functional.

Please remind your readers to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they turn their clocks back to standard time on Nov. 3. On average, home fires kill seven people every day. No one should be injured or lose a life because of a non-working smoke detector.

This is the 26th year the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Energizer have collaborated on the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Program. What may seem like a tedious task can be lifesaving. A working smoke alarm can give families precious extra seconds to get out safely. If you help me circulate this important safety reminder, together we can make a difference and save some lives.

— WILLIAM R. METCALF, PRESIDENT, IAFC

DEAR OFFICER METCALF: I hope my readers will take your letter to heart as I have, and buy those replacement batteries TODAY if they haven't already. Yes, I know tomorrow is Halloween — but as distracting as the holiday may be, your family's safety is more important. If you're buying candy, grab some batteries. On Saturday night you'll be turning your clocks back an hour. Before you do, be sure you insert fresh batteries in your smoke detectors and test the alarms.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, and my 45-year-old father acts even more childish than me. He doesn't have a stable job, and he stays out late or never comes home at all.

My father complains that we don't have enough money and says we need to start saving, then he goes and blows his paycheck on booze and his girlfriend. I need a car to get to work, and I'll be going to college in two years. I can't pay for it all myself.

How do I get Dad on the right track? Please help, because I'm tired of worrying about my future and what's left of his. — HEADING FOR COLLEGE SOON IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HEADING: I wish I could tell you how to motivate your father to behave more responsibly, but a lesson you should learn early is that you CAN'T change someone else. Your father is a self-centered individual, but only he can change his behavior.

Talk to a counselor at school about what you need to do to earn scholarships. You should also look online or at your local library. With some guidance you can accomplish your goals.