-Readers Write———

To the Editor:

the whole world published business. Treating employby and for the people of ees well is one of the main Tucker County" decided to ingredients used to create an run a huge, (no doubt expen- atmosphere that is appealof PATH – the high voltage obviously not high and will transmission line that would probably stay that way for cut an ugly gash across our the near future, but there are beautiful county. Yes, a grin- many ways to show apprecianing woman from Virginia tion for our tourism employreassures us that even though ees, to keep them happy, and sion line on her property: "It's years to come. still my mountain, it's still beautiful, and it's still there," inward and see what can be

she savs. putting her family's health at potential. risk and makes many forms of electronic communication impossible, the herbicides that get sprayed on her property and could end up in her tourists that don't come to her hers, it's still beautiful, and hands them. it's still there."

grinning woman from Vir- temperature days and lots of ginia made us all feel a lot natural snow, yet no more better about your plans to slopes opened by Christmas cut a giant scar across our then compared to the "bad" county. Did she volunteer to years. Pure and simple misdo the ad because she loves management and exactly the the power company so much? case this past season. Not likely. Wonder what want it on my hands.

PATH's misleading propa- on many trails? No. ganda. I don't know. But if to hold your head up.

paper's stance?

if it wished.

Fellow citizens, PATH ing they do." wouldn't be spending money on propaganda if your opin- snowmaking to open much ion didn't matter ... so get an more than Canaan did. How opinion. Get angry, Tucker do we know? Because they County. They're coming for did it in so many years with far your land, and they're going less of nature's help. Christto charge you higher power mas week brings in half of rates to build it. You get noth- total revenue at many ski aring but the bill, the pollution, eas. In Christmas week huge and the poison.

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industry.

A better economy and capital improvements would staff provided erroneous indefinitely help tourism and formation by phone about the ski business; in spite of the ice rink being closed and that, Canaan Valley Resort got it wrong on whether the the best skiing south of New Asked for a manager, they ers. The quality of our snow quality of their information. and our natural beauty (for all Better in summer? No. Their are many areas that influence p.m. while beautiful biking tourism numbers but they weather runs until at least 8 factors. Snowmaking that is hurts customers, the ski area not utilized to its potential and the state. They need new and idle lifts certainly do management and state overnot help our skier numbers. sight with serious teeth in it. Poor customer service and poor employee moral is also

a sure way to dampen repeat "The only newspaper in business and to curtail new sive) ad last week on behalf ing to tourists. The pay is she has a "similar" transmis- to retain their services for

Maybe it is time to look done to improve our product She doesn't mention the and to help Tucker County EMF radiation that may be to reach its long overdue

> John Lutz Davis

To the Editor:

The July 1 article (Canaan drinking water, the fact that Resort losing millions) fails her property is now worth to name one primary cause. I less and that her children will support the resort every way be left with a smaller inheri- I can and skied there every tance because of it. Of course season they've been open, but there's no mention of the it has been poorly managed.

The contractor running the county because the county is resort points to fickle weather less beautiful, the lowered tax and economic downturn since base, the higher power bills none of those are under their (so they can build the thing, control. However, a huge of course...), the elevated factor is under their con-CO2 emissions for West trol - how the place is man-Virginia's air, the increased aged. That is what they were mining slurry and runoff.... hired for. Well-run ski areas but hey, no worries: it's "still make the best of what nature

Infuriating seasons are Gee. Thanks, PATH. The the ones with plenty of cold

At least 21 days before she got paid to do it? Thirty mid December were cold pieces of silver? Wouldn't enough for a full shift of snowmaking with many of I'd like to know why "the them consecutive three shift only newspaper in the whole cold days. There was much world published by and for natural snow, ("over 7 feet" the people of Tucker County" claimed to me by the mounfelt the need to run such an tain manager, 60" by the ad. Maybe there is a law press.) Did they make snow that compels The Advocate every day they could or pack to take their money to print natural snow to build up base

There were a few rainy not - shame. Better to be a days before Christmas but little poorer and still be able all primary trails should have been packed long before then. Does the Advocate take What was open early Christa stand on this issue? In all mas week? Almost nothfairness, there were a few ing. None of the unopened sentences giving basic in- slopes showed any sign of formation on how to oppose natural snow having been PATH, but it certainly paled packed on them. Faced with by comparison with PATH's that comment, the mountain huge glitzy ad. How about an manager said, "We did groom editorial column stating the a couple" which amounted to an admission of guilt. When PATH may indeed be Go- I pointed out Timberline had liath, but The Parsons Advo- four slopes open from the top cate could pick up the small, plus more from midstation smooth stone of the written under identical weather conword and wield its slingshot ditions, the lame excuse was From Page 1 we don't have the snowmak-

> Canaan had plenty of mounds of manmade snow Shaun Amos laid on several trails with not East Point, Ga. one snowcat out to groom them to usable status.

It was not a snowcat driver Thank you for your article or a snowgun worker who concerning tourism and busi- failed - it was management. ness losses that appeared One of the best natural snow in the July 1 Advocate. The Decembers in years ended in county residents need to be dismal failure. None of this kept informed about this vital is fickle weather or economic downturn.

To add insult to injury, and Timberline have some of buffet was open that night. England and upstate New said there was none on site. A York and can still attract ski- resort sinks or swims on the seasons) is unrivaled. There only bike rental closes at 4 are not all caused by outside p.m. The way this resort is run

Bill Rymer Lexington Park, Md.

Parsons Advocate letters policy

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They must include contact information, including a daytime telephone number. In addition, letters may not exceed 500 words.

Rosenau

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stand up for what was mor- stint in the mayor's office "He was there to help out elected in 2006 and 2008. the common man, whoever needed a hand. He would of-

with the Lord."

Making the death even

Jason Myers said early Mon- Sen. Robert Byrd. day evening.

downtown redevelopment at Army Corps of Engineers phone.' floodplain work and headed home to play with the grand-

"I just can't believe it," Recorder Dorothy Judy said. "He definitely was a good about the city. Regardless of how you felt about the polifor the good of the citizens of Parsons.

Rosenau started his second

ally right," Arbogast said. again in 2004 and was re-

priority, especially for infrathe old railroad bridge.

Work is scheduled to begin do that because it benefits the grandfather." more difficult was the sud- soon to beautify the stretch citizens of Parsons." denness with which it came. of U.S. 219 known as Lovers

1 p.m. Monday, then Rosenau did. He'd tell me, 'Get them Davis Health System. talked to Myers about U.S. on the phone. Get them on the

Myers became city adsaid when the two traveled to at that. He was dedicated." Charleston for meetings with and plan and swap stories."

tics, he was always fighting cal battles came over use of "He gave his all to the unabashed in his push to loved West Virginia Uni- come available. Condolences projects.

only has a budget of \$94,000 Securing grants was his top a year to run the city, plow snow, take care of streets," fer you the last dime he had or structure. Parsons acquired Rosenau said just before the or," said Judy, who takes over the last piece of food he had if millions of dollars for water 2008 election. "How better to the post on an emergency he thought you were in need. and sewer upgrades during benefit the citizens of Parsons basis. "There were many "He stood for what God his tenure, plus money for than to help with water and other facets of his life. I just wanted, even if he stood alone sidewalks and restoration of sewage? The fourth category feel so bad for the family. He

"He was just here," a Lane, for which Rosenau got sade was to restore 24-hour where he lettered in football, stunned City Administrator a \$2 million grant through health care in Tucker County. baseball and basketball all "When he first got in of- went to Washington, D.C., into the Hall of Fame in The Mills Group made its fice he said, 'Buddy, we're with Commissioner Mike 2007. The class president, final presentation regarding going to hit the grants hard,' Rosenau and Mark Doak, he married his high school " Myers recalled. "And we chief executive officer of sweetheart, Sylvia, who was

"I think he was adamant

state officials, "Those were priorities will be to finish the mayor. He cared so much the fastest trips. We'd just talk Moore-Porterwood water line extension the mayor was pas-Rosenau's biggest politi- sionate about.

When he wasn't working funeral. proceeds from the William on city business, Rosenau Harman Fund, but he was closely followed his behave the money used on city versity Mountaineers and may be expressed at www. Tucker County High School lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

"A lot of people don't stop Mountain Lions. He rarely to realize the city of Parsons missed football or basketball games played by his grandsons, Logan and Tyler Snyder.

"He was more than a maygives us the prerogative to was a husband, a father, a

Rosenau was a 1956 grad-The mayor's latest cru- uate of Parsons High School, Rosenau and Myers recently four years and was inducted secretary of the class.

He worked for the Departabout getting health care into ment of Highways and then Tucker County," said Carol Dorman Mills until it closed ministrator about the same Hebb, who works in the City in 1971. After attending Potime Rosenau took office. He Hall office. "He really worked tomac State, Fairmont State and West Virginia Tech, he Myers said one of his top taught in the Tucker County school system for 30 years.

> All city meetings this week were canceled, and City Hall will be closed the day of the

> More details at www.parsonsadvocate.com as they be-

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tected," she said at the July

Last year the commission gave \$5,000 to the group.

Pennington also expressed a need to get new uniforms July 22 meeting. for the cheerleaders. Penare "falling apart."

ment with the middle school of \$9,000. football team when needed. Sixth-graders can participate money," Pennington said. in either middle school or

as well.

the bottom line."

entire county.

"I think it also helps them abuse program. develop their social skills as "Shotgun" Leary said after Potomac Valley Hospital

Thomas area.

Pennington will submit a mission to be voted on at the Mont Miller said.

nington said the cheerleaders of the Tucker County Fair conduct treatment. There are gesting term limits. have had the same uniforms board, asked the commission also plans to put satellite asked whether the youth county Parks and Recreation their own community. football teams share equip- Commission and needs a total

"Basically we just need

because the middle school for Aug. 25-29, with the

ing Hope House" a substance the breaker box.

well," Commissioner David would be located at the old the generator as well.

written request to the com- facility to me," Prosecutor voted against the reappoint-

Miller said the facility

Pennington excitedly Hinton will be coming to the \$80,000 Courthouse Presrecreational league football talked about an emergency lower end of the county to ervation Grant to use in the service day at the fair, which inspect the floodwalls. It has near future. Pennington replied that he has been working hard to been many years since the they happily share equipment plan. The fair is scheduled walls have been inspected.

* Leary and Jim Propst, team shares its field with them emergency service day on director of the county Office to research and choose an Saturday, Aug. 29. Penning- of Emergency Management, architect to determine what Commissioner Mike ton also will submit a written are looking to finalize instal-needs to be done and how Rosenau said, "Safety, that's request for the next meeting. lation of the generator in to do it. * Commissioners agreed Thomas. The two traveled to Rosenau also said the new to donate \$1,000 toward a Thomas last week to see what ing July 2, commissioners equipment would benefit the feasibility study for the "Liv- upgrades need to be made to awarded the contract to r

* Commissioner voted 2-1 received.

need to be properly pro- Pennington confirmed more in Keyser. Several other to reappoint Stan Dragovich participation from the Davis- commissions have donated and Paula Faye Currnace to three-year terms on the "It sounded like a good Ambulance Authority. Leary

> "There's so many people Paul Pennington, president would evaluate, diagnose and interested," Leary said, sug-* The commission dis-

for at least five years and they for \$4,000 to help defray stations in nearby counties, cussed hiring an architect to expenses. Pennington said including Tucker, to enable help prioritize what needs to Commissioner Tom Carr he received \$5,000 from the people to receive treatment in be done next at the Courthouse. Carr said the state's Rosenau said the satellite Chris Knorr inspected the station in Tucker County building and advised them would be a good job provider. not to paint the brick. Com-* Leary reported that Mike missioners hope to put their

"It's something that we need to do," Leary said.

Commissioners now have

* During a special meetvate the OEM office and EMS Commissioners agreed that Station One to Canaan Valley The Living Hope House a fence needs to be put around Builders. The firm's bid was \$13,950, the lowest of three

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is unconstitutional because

Manchin, however, thinks other." the law would pass a court power line.

'But deal with the facts."

customers in the PJM region vould see their bills go up just

it taxes interstate commerce. ing to push it one way or the good for the nation."

line route.

billion project is completed. ment against this," said Silas ate majority leader. "If it's built they all should Witzman, who owns property

Manchin said. "I'm not go- not good for the state, it's not

He said he and others have volved with this," he said. ponents also have expressed tion to Manchin, those attend- number of local residents. concern about the impact on ing included Rick Thompson, He said the 51 million property values along the the speaker of the House of last month raised \$1,110. Delegates and a potential "We want the governor to 2012 gubernatorial candidate, eryone who helped us out,"

have to pay for it, and West on Location Road and helped to send a message," Witzman tional meetings."

said he thinks the measure Virginia should benefit," organize the protest. "This is said. "We wanted to make a public show of what people

think about this project." The deadline to intervene Other estimates of the cost written letters to state and with the PSC was Monday, test and questioned some of to customers have been much federal officials but thought with more than 200 oppothe arguments against the higher, noting the companies Friday's fund-raiser was a nents filing to make their are set to get a 14.3 percent regood opportunity to be seen case. Tucker is among several "Everyone should be in- turn on their investment. Op- by decision makers. In addi- counties to file, along with a

Witzman said a fund-raiser

"We really appreciate ev-50 cents a month if the \$1.8 come out and make a state- and Truman Chafin, the Sen- he said. "We plan on buying more signs and bumper stick-"It's just a convenient place ers and having more informa-

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Although they tried out Blackwater Falls."

said they had a friend with a as well." house in Timberline, which

see what's here.'

booklet of all of the wildflow- the future. ers found in Canaan Valley. The booklet is located at think ahead as to how medi-

"We first started coming the Canaan Valley Wild- cine was changing," he said. Schimpff said, and "(Surhere 36 or 37 years ago," life Refuge Visitors Cen- Schimpff said the imporgeons) don't want a surprise five days out of seven.

"When we first started many different state parks coming out here our daughter limited possibilities for vac-Schimpff said, "We always was 3 or 4 years old, now cines in the future. Vaccines travel back to Columbia, seemed to come back to she is grown up and has two already can prevent two types Md., to live during the winkids of her own and lives of cancer (one being cervical ter, Schimpff said they take a Schimpff said his family in Los Angeles," Schimpff cancer). Schimpff said in the piece of Canaan Valley back enjoyed staying in cabins at said. "This will be the third future vaccines will be used to with them. Carol, a water-Blackwater Falls and liked or fourth summer that she prevent other things such as colorist, works on pictures of driving out to Canaan Valley has been able to bring her heart disease and Alzheimer's Canaan Valley at their home State Park as well. Schimpff children to Canaan Valley disease.

eventually led to their pur- two years to write, Schimpff medicine with future medical sions of the valley to pass chase of a home in Timberline interviewed 150 individuals devices. Devices used today her time spent away from in the medical field across such as pace makers and CAT Canaan. When he isn't enjoy-'We love nature. We love the country. Using his knowl- scans are good examples of ing the beautiful mountains to get out in the woods and edge and the information he what engineering can do. of Tucker County, Schimpff gathered, Schimpff was able Schimpff said that imaging is working on his next book, Schimpff said his wife to identify major themes that devices and simulators will "The Cost of Medicine." is "really into wildflowers" he believed would be main one day be created to allow and together they created a components to medicine in doctors to practice surgeries www.medicalmegatrends.

"I was always trying to imaging system.

Schimpff said in an inter- ter, where Schimpff and his tant components include a when they get inside." view. "Some friends who wife volunteer as well. On a revolution in genomics, an had grown up in West Vir- regular week spent in Canaan, emphasis on stem cells, cru- write his book for the average ginia recommended we try Schimpff said he and his wife cial developments in vac- person, without a knowledge out some West Virginia state get out into the valley to hike cines, robotics, simulators of medicine. and new imaging devices.

Schimpff said there are un- anybody," Schimpff said.

Schimpff said that engi-For his book, which took neering will play a key role in the valley, Carol creates vi-

"You learn by doing," ers such as Amazon.com

Schimpff said he tried to

"It was meant to be for

Even when the Schimpffs all of the time.

Using pictures taken of

Schimpff's Web site is for a specific patient on an com. The book also is available through major booksell-