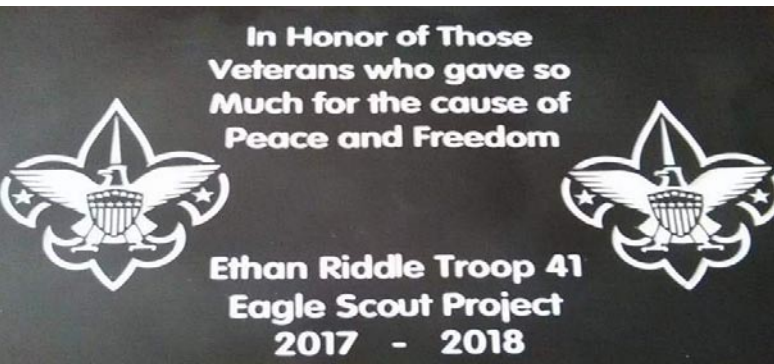




Troop 41 Eagle Scout Ethan Riddle

By Michael Ortoski
 JOHNSONVILLE - Ethan Riddle received his Eagle Scout rank this month and his first set of Palms.
 The project he completed benefited the Legion Post 216 of Johnsonville.
 Riddle constructed a fire pit and a set of benches for when the Legion holds their annual flag retirement ceremony.
 Riddle is a sophomore at Nore Dame High School in Easton Pa. He is the son of Stephen J. Riddle and Mary Elizabeth Rollo.



Every Consider Becoming a State Police Trooper?

By Rep. Joe Emrick
 BANGOR - Applications for the 2020 class at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy are being accepted now through June 30, 2019. Go to patrooper.com for more info.
 The Pennsylvania State Police is an equal opportunity employer that seeks a diverse workforce, which reflects the communities we serve, while ensuring equal opportunities for all employees and applicants for employment.
 Your career of a lifetime begins here! Apply via our online application at <https://www.pssppublicweb.pa.gov/CadetLEOT>.
 The 6013 Testing Cycle has been extended to June 30, 2019 and all qualifying applicants within the above testing cycle will be projected to enter the Academy in March of 2020 (6013 Testing Cycle will consist of applicants from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).
 On January 2, 2019, the Civil Service Commission will start offering the Pennsylvania State Police written examination more frequently at authorized locations. In short, applicants will have the benefit of choosing a conducive date and time to complete their written examination prior to June 30, 2019.



March 26
 Portland Fire Co
 Starts 7pm

March 23
 Immaculate
 Conception
 Doors 11am;
 Starts 1pm

March 27
 Bushkill Twp Fire Co
 Doors 5pm
 Starts 7pm

March 24
 St. Elizabeth Church
 Starts 1pm

March 28
 Wind Gap Fire Co
 Doors 5pm; Starts
 6:45pm

March 25
 Kunkletown Fire Co
 Progressive
 Jackpot - 7pm

BARGAINS OF THE MONTH

<p>46.99 Blue Buffalo® 30 lb. Life Protection Formula® Adult Dog Food <small>N 232 823 1 While supplies last.</small></p>	<p>FINAL PRICE 21.99 24.99 SALE PRICE -3.00 MAIL-IN REBATE* Roundup® 1 gal. Ready-to-Use Weed Killer with Comfort Wand <small>L 165 996 04 *Limit 2 per household. Consumer responsible for taxes. While supplies last.</small></p>	<p>49.99 59.99 SALE PRICE -10.00 MAIL-IN REBATE* True Value® 6 cu. ft. Wheelbarrow <small>L 556 746 25 *Limit 1 per household. Consumer responsible for taxes. While supplies last.</small></p>
<p>4.99 YOUR CHOICE True Value® 10 lb. Black Oil Sunflower Bird Seed <small>L 100 130 1</small> True Value® 20 lb. Wild Bird Food <small>L 500 273 1</small> <small>While supplies last.</small></p>	<p>6.49 Morton® 40 lb. Clean and Protect Pellets <small>F 745 947 863</small> <small>While supplies last.</small></p>	<p>FINAL PRICE 22.99 24.99 SALE PRICE -2.00 MAIL-IN REBATE* Scotts® 5,000 sq. ft. Turf Builder Lawn Food, L 161 891 40 15,000 sq. ft. Turf Builder, 57.99 after \$5 mail-in rebate* L 161 894 25 *Limit 2 per household. Consumer responsible for taxes. While supplies last.</p>

MT. BETHEL TRUE VALUE
 2165 MT. BETHEL HWY.
 MT. BETHEL, PA 18343
 570 - 897- (NUTS) 6887



INSTANT REPLAY SPORTING GOODS

31 W. 1st Street, Wind Gap

TEAM EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Corporate Apparel & Accessories

Screen Printing and Embroidery

Softball & Baseball Supplies & Apparel

610-863-4600 instrep31@gmail.com

For Sale Bullnose Machine For Tile & Stone

The Raimondi Bulldog Advanced Bullnose Machine enables you to perform perfect bullnose and 45-degree miter cuts on just about any tile or stone.

New - Raimondi BD2WV Dual-Head Bulldog Advanced Bullnose Machine with Extensions on both ends and 2 Diamond Milling Wheels For Bull Nosing Tile or Stone Online Price \$5860.

Call 570-856-7617 if no answer leave message.

Will sell for \$4,000.

Includes 2 Milling
Wheels
\$960 value



Includes Extensions



Dual-Head Bulldog Advanced
Bullnose Machine



245 E. Main St. Pen Argyl

OIL CHANGE SPECIAL \$19.95

5 Qt. Regular Oil And Filter

WE NOW DO

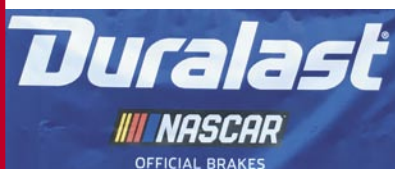
Safety And Emmissions Inspections

Tire Rotation Only \$10.00

Transmission Service \$99.99

Coolant Flush W/ Thermostat \$110.99

Prices are for most cars & trucks



NVL
610-881-4114
Automotive Repair

Philly To Pittsburgh In A Half Hour?

Pa. Turnpike Commission Quietly Awards Contract To Study Cross-state Hyperloop Tunnel

By Carnegie Mellon Hyperloop

PENNSYLVANIA - Commercial goods packed in giant capsules and moving in vacuum-sealed steel tubes at nearly supersonic speeds from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh?

That means packages hurtling from one end of the state to the other in under a half hour.

Pennsylvania transportation officials think it's less futuristic than it sounds, and they have committed \$2 million to study the cost and impact of building a "hyperloop" across the state.

"This is an emerging technology that's coming at us very quickly," said Carl DeFebo, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Turnpike. "It's smart for the Turnpike Commission to be prepared."

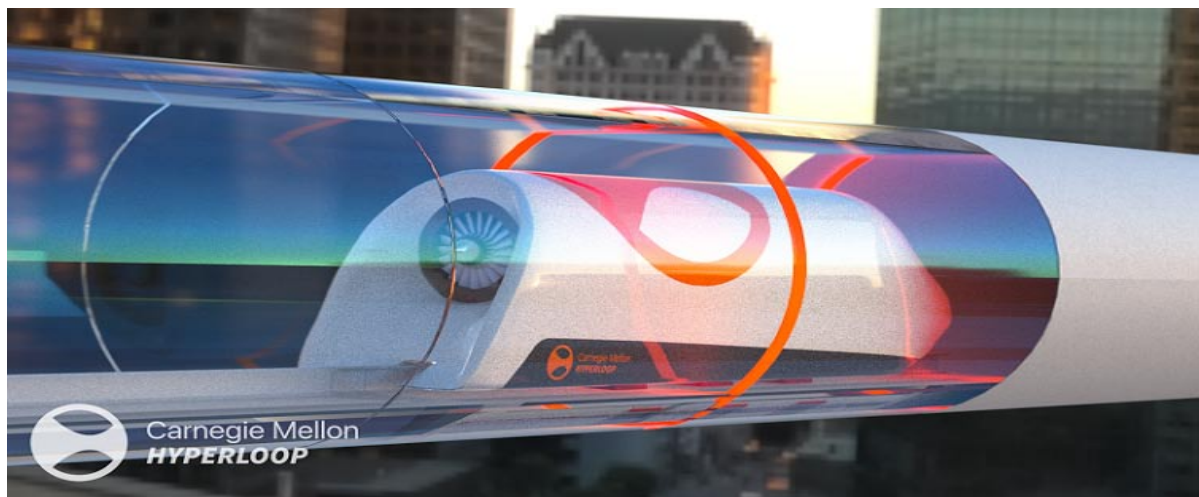
Popularized by engineer and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk, a hyperloop is a trainlike system of sealed pods zooming at more than 700 mph, just below the sound barrier.

No such system has ever opened, though India claims it is getting close.

For years, governments have been abuzz about the possibility of such an ultrahigh-speed transportation network in the face of naysayers who cite the high cost and question the practicality of planning such a project.

In Pennsylvania, DeFebo said turnpike officials are mostly interested in exploring how hyperloop technology can improve traffic conditions, noting that some 15 percent of vehicles on state roads are tractor-trailers.

And, more critically to turnpike officials, commercial vehicles account for some 50 percent of toll revenue. In other words, hyperloop has the potential of being a threat to an essential piece of the turnpike's annual revenue. To an agency already careening toward a financial catastrophe, toll money is a dire matter.



"If there's a new way for shippers to ship goods, we need to be a part of that. There's a chance it could take away a critical segment of our customer base," DeFebo said. "It's not going to replace tractor-trailers. It's not going to replace trains. But it'll work with existing modalities to be part of a wider transportation solution."

A hyperloop for humans, at least in Pennsylvania, is secondary to its commercial potential, DeFebo said. And it might not be underground.

Officials are exploring whether it could propel goods on the ground next to moving traffic or even suspended above state highways,

"There are fewer safety concerns with cargo than with passengers," he said. "So, when it comes to passengers, they would be more impacted by the G-forces. The hyperloop for freight, for instances, can have sharper turns, since we wouldn't be trying to smooth out the ride for passengers."

The study approved this month by the Turnpike Commission, will be conducted by Dallas-based consulting group Aecom, which constructed Musk's first SpaceX Hyperloop test track in the Los Angeles area.

Questions involving cost, design, engineering, environmental impact and acquiring right-of-way near the turnpike will be addressed by the Pennsylvania study, which is expected to be released by spring 2020.

Turnpike officials ordered the study at the direction of state Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne, who wanted to make sure Pennsylvania "didn't miss the boat" on hyperloop, as other states made similar moves to study the technology. Kaufer proposed that the zippy transportation system could have a northeast extension to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area, which includes parts of his district.

Martin Pietrucha, a civil engineering professor at Penn State University, said in the context of the state Department of Transportation's nearly \$4 billion budget, a \$2 million study is a paltry sum.