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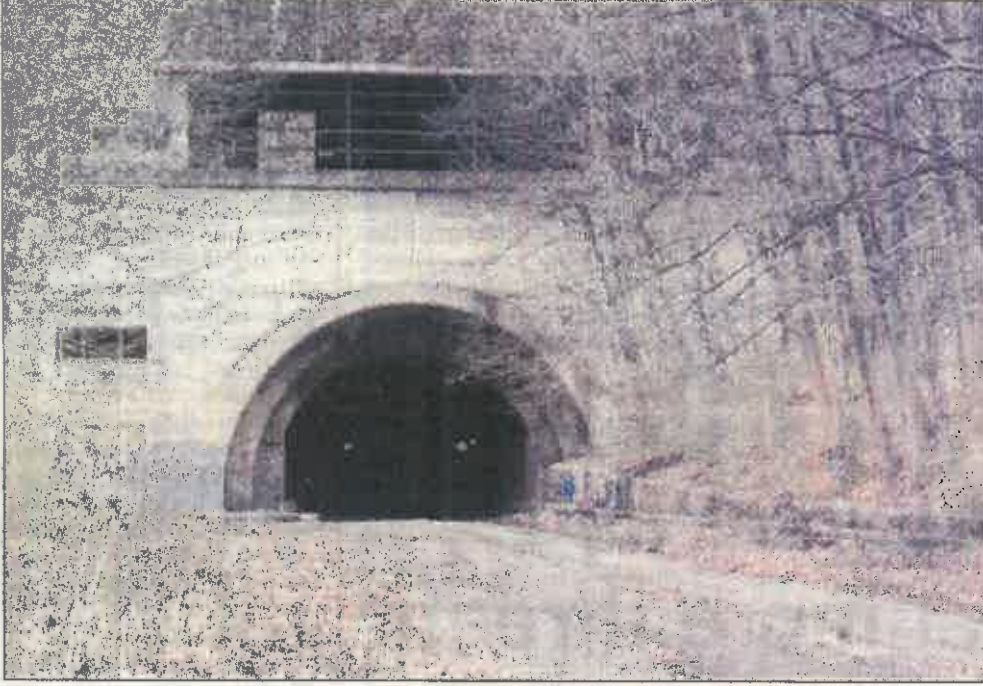
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Shown in this April 21, 2015, photo, is an entrance to Rays Hill tunnel, the shorter of two tunnels on Pike2Bike. Officials hope to develop the trail in the near future. A steering committee recommended a contractor Tuesday to lead the development.

## Pike2Bike steering panel suggests consulting firm

**By Elizabeth Coyle**  
Gazette Managing Editor  
The steering committee appointed to guide officials on the Pike2Bike trail near Breezewood voted to recommend a consultant that hopefully will take the trail to the next step.  
The steering committee voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend to the Bedford County commissioners hiring Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers to update a 2006 master plan and a 2014 economic impact analysis. And, following the appointment of an authority to oversee the project, the firm is tasked to lead development of the 8.5-mile piece

of the abandoned Pennsylvania Turnpike into a trail that proponents believe will be a major economic driver for the area.  
Navarro & Wright was chosen from a three-firm final list that a subcommittee winnowed from seven companies who answered a request for proposals.  
John Carlin, chairman of the steering committee and member of the subcommittee that interviewed the finalists last Tuesday, said Navarro & Wright demonstrated "enthusiasm throughout" their presentation whether it was their written document or their presentation before the

committee.  
The scope of work in the master plan covers many facets of the project, including pavement, amenities, security, gates and barriers, trailheads, bridges and, two tunnels, which are held as part of the draw for the trail but also present potential problems because of safety concerns and the cost of improving them.  
The economic analysis concluded that if officials develop the trail with a lowest cost "safety-first" alternative at \$3.5 million, it would attract 25,000 visitors annually. A more expensive alternative, costing \$7  
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## Open house set to display plans for bridge rehab

**HOLLIDAYSBURG** — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will conduct an open house and plans display to inform the public of the proposed Route 1001 Chalybeate Dunning Creek Bridge Rehab Project in Bedford Township.  
The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bedford Commissioners Board Conference Room, 200 S. Juliana St., Bedford.  
The Route 1001 Chalybeate Dunning Creek Bridge Rehab project will include a

superstructure replacement of two bridges on Route 1001 over Dunning Creek. Guided upgrades, signage upgrades, shoulder widening, super elevation adjustments, and minor approach work will be completed. A detour will be implemented during construction.  
The plans display will introduce the project and allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project and traffic control, as well as comment on potential environmental and community

effects. Anyone with knowledge of historic resources in the project area should attend this meeting. Representatives from PennDOT will be available to answer questions and receive input on the project.  
The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person requiring special aid or additional information regarding the meeting may contact the project manager, James F. Bittner by phone 696-7184 or by email jambittner@pa.gov.

## Winck announces candidacy for register of wills

**By Erin Thompson**  
Gazette Staff Writer  
"A strong calling to serve in the public arena" has prompted a Breezewood businessman to run for the Republican nomination for Bedford County register of

said if elected, he hopes to bring new technology to the office to allow it run more efficiently, as well as look at upgrading the website to make it more user friendly.  
If elected, he said he

others who use the office daily on how the office can better serve the community.  
"I never see things as a one-man show," he said. "I would ask 'what do we want to see from this program' and make it better than in

## WikiLeaks reveals CIA trove alleging wide-scale hacking

**By Jack Gillum and Raphael Satter**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — WikiLeaks published thousands of documents Tuesday described as secret files about CIA hacking tools the government employs to break into users' computers, mobile phones and even smart TVs from companies like Apple, Google, Microsoft and Samsung.

The documents describe clandestine methods for bypassing or defeating encryption, antivirus tools and other protective security features intended to keep the private information of citizens and corporations safe from prying eyes. U.S. government employees, including President Donald Trump, use many of the same products and internet services purportedly compromised by the tools.

The documents describe CIA efforts — cooperating with friendly foreign governments and the U.S. National Security Agency — to subvert the world's most popular technology platforms, including Apple's iPhones and iPads, Google's Android phones and the Microsoft Windows operating system for desktop computers and laptops.

The documents also include discussions about compromising some internet-connected televisions to turn them into listening posts. One document discusses hacking vehicle systems, indicating the CIA's interest in hacking modern cars with sophisticated on-board computers.

WikiLeaks has a long track record of releasing top secret government documents, and experts who sifted  
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## House GOP health bill adds up to big tax cut for the rich

**By Stephen Ohlemacher**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House Republicans' health care bill adds up to big tax cuts for the rich.

The bill would cut more than 20 taxes enacted under President Barack Obama's health law, saving taxpayers nearly \$600 billion over the next decade. The bulk of the money would go to the wealthiest Americans.

Low- and moderate-income families would lose their subsidies to buy health insurance in state and federal marketplaces. The subsidies would be replaced by tax credits to help them buy insurance.

Official estimates for how these people would fare under the bill have not been made public, even as House committees move ahead with the legislation.

The new health bill was released this week as congressional Republicans try to make good on campaign promises to repeal and replace Obama's health law. House GOP leaders say they want to give consumers  
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## Blaine E. Diehl

Manns Choice

Mr. Blaine E. Diehl, 88, of Allegheny Road, Manns Choice, died Monday, March 6, 2017, at MC Bedford Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Diehl was born in Juniata Township Sunday, Jan. 13, 1929, the son of the late Vitelas "Barney" and Mabel (Suder) Diehl.

On May 7, 1949, he married Mary Elizabeth (Getz) Diehl. She preceded him in death on Oct. 22, 2015.

He is survived by daughter, Linda, wife of George Sotirokos, of Pittsburgh and daughter, Myra, Fla.; daughter, Vickie, wife of Michael Baugh, of Bedford; daughter, Lisa, widow of Timothy Diehl, of New Ringgold; brother, Leonard, husband of Peggy Diehl, Manns Choice; brother, Earnest, husband of Nancy Diehl, Manns Choice. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Earnie Sotirokos, Blaine Eddie Sotirokos, Luke Morris, Kylee Welsh, Brian Blubaugh, Bradley Blubaugh, Amy Helms, Sarah Highland, Rachel Vreeland and Lily Helms; and by 10 great-grandchildren: Olivia, Jason, Drew, Liza, Nate, Paige, Roseanna, Leah, Abigail and Bella and by one great-great-granddaughter, Olivia.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rebecca Diehl.

Blaine was a member of the Christ Victory Church in Buena Vista. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Blaine was first employed as a mechanic for Western Express. He then worked as a machinist at Westinghouse in Manns Choice. He was a member of the Antique Car Club. Blaine was a wonderful father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend and he will be missed.

A funeral service will be held at Christ Victory Church, Buena Vista, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, with Pastor Pat Murphy officiating.

Interment will be held at Sunset Memorial Park, Cumberland, Md. Military rites will be accorded by the Fort Bedford Honor Guard.

Friends are invited to call on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Kle-Geisel Funeral Home, Schellsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Blaine to the Christ Victory Church, 470 Buena Rd, Manns Choice, PA 15550 or to the Bedford County Humane Society, 1108 Lutzville Rd, Everett, PA 15537. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.geiselfuneral.com](http://www.geiselfuneral.com).



## Charles Lee Fessler

Dudley

Charles Lee Fessler, 55, of Horton Street, Dudley, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at UPMC Bedford Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1961, in Huntingdon, a son of the late Samuel and Winifred (Fox) Fessler. He was united in marriage to Kimberly A. (Leavelle) Fessler for 15 years, however, spent 20 years together.

Along with his wife, he is survived by children, April Fessler, Charles Fessler Jr. and Kody Smith; step children, Jordan Seville and Ana Thomas; grandchildren: Angel, Richie, Andrew, Avagail and Harper; sisters, Mary Long, Gladys Erwin and Shirlé McFarland.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Samuel Fessler Jr. and Donnie Fessler, and sister, Nancy Baker.

Charles enjoyed spending time with his children doing whatever they wanted. He was told by a special friend "Helen" that he was the best Dad but also the worst, because you can't say no. He especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, they all had unique things they enjoyed doing with their pap. Every time Ava came to visit she would paint his nails. He also enjoyed watching westerns, playing with his dog "Princess," talking to his fish "Spark Plug" while feeding him and hanging out with his BFF, Richie, with whom he helped find his keys and wallet, which he lost at least once a day. One of Charlie's favorite places to go with his wife was Gettysburg.

He was a member of Riddlesburg Bible Church. Charlie was an avid tree trimmer for many years working as a foreman for Penn Lines and K.V. Reese. He had previously worked for Tim Chamberlain as well.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 10, at noon at Riddlesburg Bible Church, with Pastor Ronald Forrester officiating. Friends will be received from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the church.

Arrangements by Akers Funeral Chapel, 715 Church Street, Saxton, PA 16678. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.akersfuneralhome.com](http://www.akersfuneralhome.com).



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In this April 21, 2015, photo, a group of bicyclists emerge from the Sideline Hill Tunnel during a tour of the Pike2Bike trail by local and state officials and biking and hiking enthusiasts. A committee Tuesday recommended a contractor to take over development of the trail.

## Consulting

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million, could bring in 225,000 visitors, the report projected.

Committee member Steve George said the Navarro & Wright representatives "bowed over" the committee. They had one major edge and that was "the old issues of branding, marketing, (use of) the internet, in essence (showing) how to put this project on the map."

Navarro & Wright also came up with "an effective design approach," said committee member Mark Felton, a professional engineer who said he spent six-plus hours going over the top proposals.

Navarro & Wright also was a better value, the committee decided. Their proposal is \$79,912 with \$13,224 toward updating of the economic impact analysis which will provide further insight as to who will travel to ride or hike on Pike2Bike and more importantly, how they will spend money once they get to the area of eastern Bedford County and western Fulton County.

The committee said the second-best proposal came from P. Joseph Lehman which proposed services totaling \$87,397.

Murray Schrottenboer, owner/operator of Grouseland Tours, which provides tours along the region's trails, including Pike2Bike, said the proposal "had a lot of great ideas."

He said he likely will talk with Navarro & Wright rep-

resentatives to hear their ideas, including "the whole idea this is a destination," Schrottenboer said. "I've been saying this for 15 years — I think this is the biggest thing in central Pennsylvania."

Carlin said once the contract is signed, Navarro & Wright will hold a public meeting to gain more public input.

The ball is now in the board of commissioners' court, Carlin said. The plan is for the board to vote on the recommendation next Tuesday.

If it is approved, a next step, the steering committee hopes, is the establishment of an authority representing Bedford and Fulton counties to take over the project.

So far, the two counties haven't come to an agreement on the authority and its makeup, members of the steering committee said.

But once the authority's bylaws and other governing rules are adopted, Carlin said it will take some time for attorneys to sign off on the authority and its makeup.

It's hoped that the authority will be in place by September, but George said, "the sooner the better."

The goal is for the updates of both the master plan and economic analysis to be completed by the end of the year, according to the contractor's timeline.

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## USMC Sergeant Gary

Lee Pfahler Jr.

Schellsburg

Our hearts will forever be broken by the passing of our beloved son, Sgt. Gary Lee Pfahler Jr., on March 2, 2017, in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Gary was born June 1, 1990, in Altoona. He captured the 2008 PA State Wrestling Championship at 140 lbs, bringing the first state gold medal home for Chestnut Ridge his senior year. In 2009, he joined the United States Marine Corp with an honorable discharge in 2013. He had the cutest smile with the orneriest, sparkling eyes. He was adventurous, fun-loving and had a big, big heart. His favorite place was at the beach. He loved wrestling, coaching, stargazing, God, his family, friends, being an uncle and his beloved Dallas Cowboys. Only through the comfort of God's loving arms can we continue, until we can be together again forever.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Lisa and Rick McDannell; father, Gary Lee Pfahler Sr.; five brothers: Travis (husband of Tasha) Pfahler, Brandon Pfahler, Josh (husband of Eva) McDannell, Justin McDannell, and Mike Louder; two sisters, Miranda and Aloina Pfahler; grandparents, Mary and Tom Helsel, James and Freeda Endres; Carolee Conrad and Gary Felosky. Nephew to Bobby and Tammy Pfahler, Brian and Renee Conrad, Jim and Kathy Endres, Missy and Jason Mock, Angie and Dave Price, Shannon McDannell, Teresa Lancaster. Loving uncle of Malachi and Nevaeh Pfahler, Keirsten, Brittany and Allie Price, Kerra, Kayla and A.J. Oliver, Rylie Welshan and Jake Thomas. Cousins: Robert Jr., Bronson, Cayden, Kiara, Jimmy, Jennifer, Sheena, Ryan, Linsey and many, many others.

Family and friends may call at the Crossroads Bible Church (the former Heartland Hall) 5564 US-220 Business, Bedford, on Friday, March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. with funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Dillow and Tim Barthelomew officiating. Military Rites accorded by the Fort Bedford Honor Guard.

Interment at the Schellsburg Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Blackburn Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses. Arrangements by the J. Edward Blackburn Funeral Home.

## Patty Lou (Peters) Yablonski

Huntingdon

Patty Lou (Peters) Yablonski, 84, of the Oaks at Westminster Woods, Huntingdon, formerly of Coalmont, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Oaks.

Born on July 14, 1932, she was a daughter of the late Ted and Emma (Defibaugh) Peters.

On Aug. 7, 1953, she was united in marriage to Pete Yablonski who preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2015.

She was a sales representative for the Avon Company for 40 years, was a graduate of Saxton Liberty High School, and was of the Protestant faith.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen, wife of the late Robert F. Young, of Cassville; a son, Rocky Yablonski, of Coalmont; a granddaughter, Heather, wife of Allen Gwinn, of James Creek; a grandson, Tyrus, husband of Bonnie Young, of Newry; and great-grandchildren, Rachael, Amanda and Natalie Gwinn, and Margaret and Jillian Young.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the Curtis A. Heath Funeral Home Inc., 5010 Railroad Ave., Broad Top City, PA 16621. Online Condolences can be made at [www.caheathfh.com](http://www.caheathfh.com).



## Donna Lou Zimmerman

Dover, Pa.

Donna Lou Zimmerman, 71, passed away Monday, March 17, at Brunswick at Longstown in York.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born in Riddlesburg on Dec. 11, 1945, daughter of the late Clyd V. and Helen (Brallier) Zimmerman.

She was employed as a laborer for several sewing factories in York, Tape & Label and retired from Dentsply Inter. Donna was a member of the York Senior Center.

She is survived by two sisters, Darlene A. Grier of Dover, and Fay M. Muelleur of Michigan, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private. Final resting place will be in Bedford County.

In accordance with the family's request, please make memorial contributions to Riddlesburg Church of the Brethren, 611 Newton Riddlesburg, PA 16672.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Leroy R. Leber Funeral Home, Inc., York, PA [www.leroyleberfuneral.com](http://www.leroyleberfuneral.com).



## EASTER CHURCH SERVICE DIRECTORY

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## Politician who slammed Ramadan criticized for slur

SPRING GROVE, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania politician who apologized for criticizing a church that wished Muslims a "blessed Ramadan" is under fire again this time for a slur referring to Mexicans on his Twitter page.

Spring Grove school board member Matthew Jansen insisted his Twitter account was hacked and he was not responsible for the slur in a response to an illegal immigration article on Feb. 6.

More than 50 people attended Monday night's school board meeting to demand his resignation, some holding signs reading "Jansen resign now" and "No place for hate."

Jansen acknowledged in February that he might have used the slur previously, but he would never use that language now. He said he's had a change of heart since the uproar over his Muslim criticism last summer. The tweet was deleted shortly after it was posted. School board president

Cindy Huber gave a statement before the public comment portion of Monday's meeting explaining that the board can't force a member to resign and distancing the board from Jansen's personal social media activity.

After the meeting, Jansen said he will not resign. Last June, Jansen called St. Paul's United Church of Christ, in Dallastown, to complain about a message on its sign "Wishing a blessed Ramadan to our Muslim neighbors." The Rev. Christopher Rodkey said the caller termed the sign "despicable" and referred to Islam as a "godless" and "pagan" religion. Jansen, who also was an elected delegate to the Republican National Convention, also posted a photo of the sign on social media with the church's phone number.

He apologized for what he called "venting" and later attended a worship service and dined at a Harrisburg mosque.