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***Pottstown Mercury***

**Op-ed by Ken Lawrence Jr., Vice-Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners**

Congress is moving ahead with an infrastructure deal that includes \$65 billion to bring high-speed internet to those still cut off from the online world. If bipartisan consensus prevails, this bill has a chance to address both dimensions of America's digital divide: doing right by rural residents who don't have broadband available in their communities, and urbanites who struggle to connect to the broadband on their doorsteps. In Montgomery County, we're fortunate to already be among the "digital haves." Our communities already have excellent connectivity — more than 99% have service available, and more than 90% have both fiber and cable options. But we know that our county can't survive as an island of prosperity in a sea of precarity.

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**Shentel news release**

**Shentel to Expand its Glo Fiber High-Speed Fiber-Optic Network to Hanover, PA**

Glo Fiber, powered by Shenandoah Telecommunications Company ("Shentel") (Nasdaq: SHEN), today announced the construction of their all-fiber network is underway in Hanover, PA, and service is expected to be available late October 2021. Glo Fiber offers future-proof fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) multi-gigabit broadband internet access to the Mid-Atlantic region. The Glo Fiber network will offer high-speed data, streaming TV, and digital phone service to over 6,000 homes and businesses in Hanover. With a belief that everybody deserves better internet, Glo Fiber leverages Shentel's 7,000-mile regional fiber network to ensure high speeds, low latency, and fair pricing. In addition, Shentel prides itself on providing superior local customer service across all its markets including the growing list of Glo Fiber communities in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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## ***Wall Street Journal***

### **Facebook Efforts to Attract Preteens Go Beyond Instagram, Documents Show**

Facebook Inc. has come under increasing fire in recent days for its effect on young users and its efforts to create products for them. Inside the company, teams of employees have for years been laying plans to attract preteens that go beyond what is publicly known, spurred by fear that Facebook could lose a new generation of users critical to its future. Internal Facebook documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal show the company formed a team to study preteens, set a three-year goal to create more products for them and commissioned strategy papers about the long-term business opportunities presented by these potential users. In one presentation, it contemplated whether there might be a way to engage children during play dates. “Why do we care about tweens?” said one document from 2020. “They are a valuable but untapped audience.”

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## ***Washington Post***

### **YouTube is banning prominent anti-vaccine activists and blocking all anti-vaccine content**

SAN FRANCISCO — YouTube is taking down several video channels associated with high-profile anti-vaccine activists including Joseph Mercola and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who experts say are partially responsible for helping seed the skepticism that’s contributed to slowing vaccination rates across the country. As part of a new set of policies aimed at cutting down on anti-vaccine content on the Google-owned site, YouTube will ban any videos that claim that commonly used vaccines approved by health authorities are ineffective or dangerous. The company previously blocked videos that made those claims about coronavirus vaccines, but not ones for other vaccines like those for measles or chickenpox. Misinformation researchers have for years said the popularity of anti-vaccine content on YouTube was contributing to growing skepticism of lifesaving vaccines in the United States and around the world.

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## ***Associated Press***

### **Mask opt-out legislation clears state Senate committee**

A bill that would allow parents in Pennsylvania to exempt their children from wearing a mask at school cleared a state Senate committee on Tuesday as Republican lawmakers started making good on their pledge to counter the governor’s statewide mask mandate. The legislation would hand the ultimate decision on masking at school to parents and guardians, allowing them to overrule any face-covering mandate imposed by the state Department of Health, a local health department or a school board. The Senate Education Committee approved the bill on a party-line vote. It requires passage by the full Senate and the House before going to Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, whose office said he opposes the bill.

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