

A Broadband Initiative from the Iowa Communications Network



# **ELECTION SECURITY**

# **#Protect2020**

Focusing on building outreach programs to engage local election officials in order to further assist elections officials' efforts to identify and plan for potential vulnerabilities to election infrastructure.

Source: Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

### Coronavirus Scams: Phishing, Fake Alerts and Cyberthreats

As new global stories emerge by the hour, bad actors are trying to confuse online updates with phishing scams and destructive malware. Here's why action is required now. Source: Security Boulevard

#### Kansas Towns Struggle with Broadband Availability Challenges

Conversations about the need to improve rural broadband have been happening for years, and towns in Kansas continue to struggle with speeds that make business and life difficult. Source: Government Technology

## Education

### Pennsylvania Education Agency Investigates Malware Attack

The regional education agency was on high alert after a malware attack targeted its network. There is no evidence that any sensitive information was compromised. Source: Government Technology

#### Protect Parent Communications with Security Tools and Education

Streamlined parent-teacher communications don't just help with digital overload — they limit the number of entry points for incoming threats. Source: EdTech: Focus on K-12

### **Healthcare**

### Telehealth's untapped potential in rural America

As a growing number of rural healthcare organizations embrace telehealth, now is the time to consider what is needed to create a value proposition for rural residents and physicians. Source: Medical Economics

#### **OPINION: How Telemedicine Can Solve the U.S. Rural Health Crisis**

Telemedicine ... reduces travel and cost barriers while expanding the availability of basic and specialized care in areas with severe shortages of health providers. Source: Connected Nation

# Government

#### Government awards more money for Missouri broadband

To improve connectivity in rural Missouri for more than 11,000 rural households, 81 farms, 73 businesses, 16 educational facilities and two health care facilities. Source:Missouri Farmer Today

#### Trump budget proposal pitches billions for rural America, a key constituency in 2020

Budget rollout to propose spending billions on health care, infrastructure, business loans and internet access in rural America.

Source: AZ Central

# **Public Safety**

### 8 Things You Need to Know About the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

The way public safety organizations communicate will be radically changed with the reliable and secure broadband platform being deployed across the US. Source: Independents Fiber Networks

### Pai's C-Band Proposal: A Public Auction, and Soon!

FCC announced draft rules that would reform the use of the C-band, make a large amount of spectrum available for 5G, and generate significant revenue through a public auction. Source: Benton Institute

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