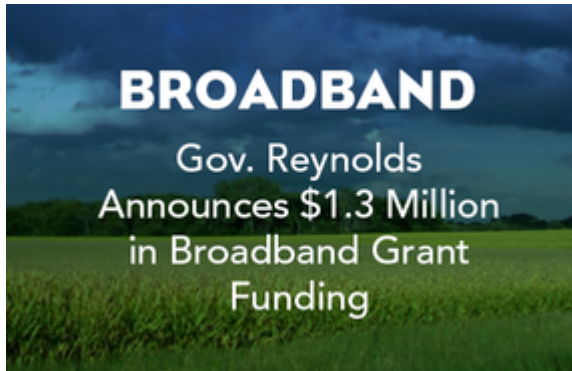


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Gov. Reynolds Announces \$1.3 Million in Broadband Grant Funding

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Friday that \$1.3 million in broadband grant funding is available. The purpose of the grants is to improve broadband access for lowans and to eliminate underserved (targeted service areas) areas across the state.

Electrical co-ops, Delta Regional Authority will help bring fiber broadband internet to rural areas

Thousands of rural Southeast Missourians will soon have access to fiber broadband internet, thanks in part to large investments by two electrical cooperatives as well as a \$1 million public funding boost by the Delta Regional Authority.

Justice Department hopes to disrupt 'dumbest tradition ever' with latest DDoS seizure

The U.S. Department of Justice announced on Thursday officials had seized 15 internet domains that made it possible for web users to launch distributed denial-of-service attacks, which render software inaccessible by flooding targets with fake traffic.

Oregon opens broadband office to connect rural residents

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown issued an executive order this week creating a state broadband office, fueled primarily by a desire, officials say, to bring high-speed internet access to rural and low-income areas.

The big cyber story of 2018: The U.S. hasn't been tough enough on Russian hackers

The master narrative, according to cyber experts: The US is getting better at cyber defense, but our adversaries are hitting us as hard as ever and U.S. officials haven't imposed consequences that will convince them to stop.

Faster gigabit Internet speeds now available in Council Bluffs, Carter Lake and Crescent

Omaha is bounding into the ranks of "gig cities," those that offer residents gigabit Internet speeds no matter where they live. In Iowa, this includes Council Bluffs, Carter Lake and Crescent.

Cybersecurity: The Hackers Are Already Through The Utilities' Doors, So What's Next?

Ray Rothrock, CEO of cybersecurity firm RedSeal, commented that hackers are already likely sitting in various U.S. utility systems and reconnoitering, in what the Department of Homeland Security calls an Advanced Persistent Threat mode. The critical question, then, is what to do about that fact, and how to create resilient responses.

Senators lift hold on FCC commissioner

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) on Thursday lifted his hold after the agency promised to prioritize rolling out funding for wireless broadband in rural areas.

Group of 650 schools partners with College Consortium for online course-sharing

College students enrolled at schools in the Council of Independent Colleges, or CIC — the nation's largest group of small, private institutions — will now have the opportunity to take discounted online courses at any school in the CIC via College Consortium, an online course-sharing platform that allows students to enroll in online classes at similarly-sized institutions.

Radio, 911 upgrades top priorities for county law enforcement

The Public Technology Institute, as part of the 2018 Law Enforcement Technology Priorities national survey, reported radio communications and information sharing as two of the top five highest-priority technology projects over the next five years.

Internet, Housing Rank as Priorities for Rural Iowa

State task forces told Gov. Kim Reynolds Tuesday that rural areas of the state need more attention when it comes to housing shortages and access to high-speed connectivity.

Equifax, others must secure apps as part of New York settlement

The New York attorney general's office said five apps made by well-known companies could have leaked user data. The firms — Western Union, Priceline, Equifax, Spark Networks and Credit Sesame — have agreed to revamp the security of their apps as part of a settlement.



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