



RURAL BROADBAND



FCC authorizes second wave of funding for rural broadband from Connect America fund auction

The FCC authorized \$166.8 million in funding over the next decade to expand broadband to 60,850 unserved rural homes and businesses in 22 states, representing the second wave of support from last year's successful Connect America Fund Phase II auction.

Is the next big digital health device going to be your TV?

Companies ranging from American Well to Comcast to Independence Blue Cross are looking to the television sets in people's home as a healthcare delivery method.

DOD unveils plans for contractor cybersecurity standards

A Department of Defense official unveiled plans Thursday for contractor cybersecurity standards that are scheduled to be implemented by January 2020.

Social media post puts 'serial' convenience store robber behind bars

Des Moines police said a man behind several metro convenience store robberies is behind bars thanks to social media. Surveillance photos posted to the Police Department's Facebook on June 12. Facebook post led to his arrest after a tipster recognized Dan Toomey.

Pew: Mobile Broadband Users Double Since 2013

The percentage of respondents who said their primary online access devices is mobile has effectively doubled since 2013, and many of those are using mobile as a substitute, rather than a complement, to wired broadband service.

Encounter Telehealth pairs patients with providers for psychiatric care

More than 85% of nursing home residents have a diagnosable mental health care need, according to statistics. However, many of these residents fail to receive needed treatments. Reasons vary, but location, logistical challenges, and continuity of care are major factors that can limit or impede access for this underserved population.

In Jefferson, governor spotlights DMACC tech scholarships

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds heralded a growing collaboration of Silicon Valley, major American corporations and local development leaders aimed at using a rural tech-jobs hub in Jefferson as a

model for the nation during an event in Jefferson June 5.

Microsoft garners support for TV white space reforms

Comments came in Monday in response to Microsoft's May 3 filing (PDF) that proposed changes to various rules that would, if adopted, enable TV white space spectrum to be more efficiently and effectively deployed for rural broadband access, according to WISPA.

Hackers behind dangerous oil and gas intrusions are probing US power grids

In a new troubling escalation, hackers behind at least two potentially fatal intrusions on industrial facilities have expanded their activities to probing dozens of power grids in the US and elsewhere, researchers with security firm Dragos reported Friday.

Can Congress Get Ahead of the Problems Surrounding AI?

Lawmakers and regulators still grappling with the downsides of the internet and social media era — such as loss of privacy, criminal hacking and data breaches — are now trying to balance the promises and perils of artificial intelligence.

Six States to Craft Election Security Plans Through National Academy

The National Governors Association-sponsored policy academy will help officials from Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada and Virginia devise communications and response plans to deploy if their election systems come under attack.

Eleven years and counting: the UN goal to connect every adult in the world by 2030

The straightforward title of a new United Nations report, The Age of Digital Interdependence Report, perhaps says it all: People no longer just want access to a digital world, they need it. That is especially true for vulnerable populations that could benefit in immediate and important ways.

Internet Trends 2019 Report Shows 51% of the World is Now Online

The 2019 Internet Trends Report shows growth in online advertising, driven by the mobile platform. The e-commerce market is also growing, and targeted advertising is higher than ever before.

Healthcare organizations lack money, tools, talent to address biggest cybersecurity threats: survey

Third-party vendor risk and medical devices are the biggest cybersecurity threats that keep healthcare IT security executives awake at night, according to a new survey.

Senate Passes Broadband Economic Impact Bill

Goal is to prove how critical broadband is to economy.



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