



## DIGITAL DIVIDE

### What We Learned About the Digital Divide in 2019

The phrase “digital divide” was first introduced some 25 years ago. As we close the year, this article reviews efforts to better understand and close the digital divide.

### U.S. Representative Introduced Energy Grid Security Bill

Legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb would direct the U.S. Department of Energy to enhance the security and reliability of America's electrical grid.

### Several Florida Police Departments Utilizing Drone Technology

Recent technological advancements in small, unmanned aeronautical vehicles, or UAVs, have brought a new line of low-cost and user-friendly drones to the market. Several law enforcement agencies in the Panama City, Florida, region have taken notice and recently started using some of the latest drone technology for emergency operations.

### Empower Rural Iowa Initiative task force offers ideas

Members of a task force established by Gov. Kim Reynolds in July 2018 offered ideas Wednesday during a meeting in Perry aimed at strengthening rural areas of Iowa.

### How JMA Wireless guaranteed indoor cellular coverage for New York City hotel

The Renaissance Midtown Hotel in New York City was looking for a solution to provide the best possible cellular experience for its guests.

### Twitter removes nearly 6,000 accounts spreading Saudi-backed propaganda

Twitter announced the removal of 5,929 accounts that researchers say has ties to a man accused of recruiting Twitter employees to gather information on Saudi dissident.

### Minnesota Health Care: It's Time to Worry About Cyberhealth

An internal whistleblower at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota said the company is not adequately cyberprepared. Now the state's largest health insurance provider is working to diminish some 200,000 vulnerabilities it has identified.

## Broadband Mapping Bills Pass House

Bills to improve the FCC's broadband mapping effort, something virtually everyone conceded needs improving, has passed the House by voice vote.

## N.C. Schools Win Grant for Long-Distance Internet Learning

The school district has received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for a distance learning strategy, enabling virtual reality field trips and Internet collaboration with other school districts over great distances.

## State CIO priorities align with the future on NASCIO's 2020 list

The National Association of State Chief Information Officers released its annual State CIO Top 10 Priorities list Wednesday. The list includes cybersecurity, digital government, cloud services and consolidation occupying the top four slots, though a closer look reveals a shift in mindset among state CIOs.

## PBS Affiliates Arrive on YouTube TV

More than 100 PBS member stations are now available on YouTube TV. It's the first virtual MVPD distribution deal for PBS, which has kept its more than 330 affiliate stations locked into traditional cable, satellite and telco linear bundles, ever since the emergence of the vMVPD format with the launch of Dish Network's Sling TV five years ago.

## Michigan Teacher Helps Young Students Learn to Code

Working with students as young as first grade, Nancy VanEenenaam, a technology education teacher at Holland Township's Eagle Crest Charter Academy, helps children through the beginning stages of coding.



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