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### DoIT's Progress Makes News

DoIT has been featured both on TV and in print for “getting back to basics” and achieving milestones. Dorothy Tucker of CBS Chicago recently reconnected, as promised, with Secretary Guerrier, to follow up on a conversation they had six months ago primarily to address the state’s need to modernize technology. Link to their conversation [here](#). Also, *StateScoop* recently interviewed newly promoted Acting Assistant Secretary, Jennifer Ricker, who will lead efforts to retire old systems and pursue standards for future growth and stability of agency applications. Technology is often a balancing act of knowing when to make upgrades and when to stick with what works well. DoIT leadership is guiding a balanced and measured approach to service delivery in Illinois. Link to the article [here](#).

### Information Security Tip: Beware of Tax Related Identity Theft

Identity thieves probably aren’t working on submitting their own returns, but rather hacking into yours! As the term implies, “tax related identity theft” refers to the practice of using someone else’s social security number to file a return and claim the associated refund. You may have no idea that you have been scammed until you discover that a return has been filed in your name or you receive a letter from the IRS stating that a suspicious return has been identified. To further combat the ever-evolving techniques of the scammers, a verification process has been designed by the IRS, Illinois Department of Revenue, financial institutions and others with a stake in the game, as an additional barrier to this method of fraud. [Department of Revenue’s website](#) contains much more information about how to file safely and many other helpful topics.

### ICN Steps Into the Future

ICN’s participation in IDEAcon 2020 last week coincided perfectly with award announcements to get our *Connect Illinois* broadband build out off and running. Ultimately, and with the help of \$20 million dollars allocated by the Illinois legislature, the ICN will lead the effort to fulfill Governor Pritzker’s vision for all public schools in Illinois to have free access to the learning tools that the internet can provide. Underserved K-12 schools will soon be able to provide the same digital learning capabilities to their students protected by the security services that come with the ICN. IDEAcon 2020 hosted over 3,000 attendees, many of whom stopped by the ICN booth to understand the *Connect Illinois* project and can now share that information with colleagues.



### DoIT FYIs and Reminders



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m. The State Fire Marshal recommends using this opportunity to [change your smoke alarm batteries](#), as well.

Please remember to use our current [DoIT Templates](#), which are updated regularly and available on the DoIT Employee Portal.