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We do not have access to broadband - closest is using Hughesnet. I asked our local Co-Op, SEMANO, but they have no plans to provide it. We live in Mansfield, MO.

I would benefit from broadband - I ran one of the help desks at Shell Oil before retiring. Now I design and maintain several websites, including two veterinarians, our church, and our Men's Fellowship. Now I have to go to town and use the CenturyTel Internet, which is so slow some times it times out. It is very frustrating to try to do things that people in many "3rd World" countries can do because they already have high speed internet. To top it off, one of the companies I called - something like "rural high speed internet" - only provides internet in large cities like Springfield (MO). To me this is unacceptable and misleading. With Hughesnet, I cannot even keep my 3 computers updated, let alone maintain and update websites because of the data limitations. Often I have to take my computers to town and leave them overnight to download updates. I have a cloud service but obviously cannot use it because of data limits imposed by Hughesnet. Thanks for providing a place to be heard.

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