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Field testing has Community Internet Project hopeful

A group of Iowa City community organizers and activists is working to bring internet access to households without it in the Iowa City School District.

App Brings Parents Into the Classroom in Ottumwa, Iowa

The ClassDojo mobile app lets parents see what their children are learning, creates rewards for students and streamlines communication between parents and teachers. Here's how it's being used in one school district.

Boeing Commits \$6M to Iowa State University Innovation Center

The Chicago-based aerospace company has chipped in to fund the university's Student Innovation Center, which will focus on building hands-on engineering and technology experience.

Rural Americans are rebooting the spirit of the internet

Back in the early 1930s, farmers couldn't get wired. The big-city electric utilities claimed that delivering power to customers spread out in rural areas wasn't profitable. So they formed electric co-ops and strung their own damn wires, aided by cheap federal loans. A DIY success story! Now history repeats itself—with broadband.

Communications Workers of America Launches Informational Webinars on FirstNet

This builds on the recent launch by CWA of FirstResponderVoice.org, an educational website that increases the availability of online information about FirstNet for first responders and public safety agencies.

Russia's elite hackers may have new phishing tricks

A MAJOR QUESTION hanging over the United States midterm election season: Where was Russia? But while GRU hackers didn't directly interfere, they appear to be as active as ever. New research from two threat intelligence firms indicates that two prominent Russia-linked groups have been developing some clever phishing innovations, and are working purposefully to expand their reach.

Two US Hospitals Hit with Ransomware

A pair of hospitals owned by Ohio Valley Health Services and Education Corp. are struggling to fully recover from last week's ransomware attack that left both facilities unable to accept emergency transport patients, according to WV News. As a result, emergency squads redirected patients to other area hospitals after learning of the full redirect.

New international standard for the Internet of Things

A new international standard has been produced for the Internet of Things, signifying the growing use of connected technology and the need for a global commonality of practice for the various types of emerging technologies.

Coalition looks to end rural digital divide

There are 19.4 million rural Americans without reliable access to the internet according to Connect Americans Now, a coalition of groups who believe a lack of connectivity is holding rural America back. Microsoft is one of the founders.

Kentucky eyes AI to slash thousands of service desk requests

Artificial intelligence could change the way Kentucky runs its service desk, the state's CIO says. "We're actually looking at AI to help us with our service desk. We run about 16,000 trouble tickets a month — 42 percent of those are literally password resets. Can we implement artificial intelligence and allow that to occur automatically?"

95% of Organizations Have Cultural Issues Around Cybersecurity

It's essential for HR and IT to work hand-in-hand to train staff in online safety & write solid cybersecurity policies that serve to entrench security in the corporate culture.

Watch out for these holiday shopping scams

Hundreds of malicious Black Friday apps and websites will be looking to steal personal data and credit card information this year in the United States and United Kingdom, according to a new report from cybersecurity company RiskIQ.

Callyo's i911 Gives Caller's Location to First Responders

The police tech startup's website aims to skirt outdated infrastructure that doesn't give public safety professionals accurate location data. The technology can use cellphone GPS to help locate the caller.

North Carolina launches cybersecurity training program for veterans

North Carolina will start offering free cybersecurity training to the state's military veterans, officials said Wednesday, making it the third state to participate in CyberVetsUSA, a program backed by Cisco that aims to connect recently discharged service members with jobs in the information security industry.

Two ex-CIA officers are coming to Congress. Here's how they want to improve security policy

Former Central Intelligence Agency officers Abigail Spanberger and Elissa Slotkin won their House races last week and will be representing Virginia and Michigan respectively. They're coming to Washington at a time when Congress is expected to address a wide range of cybersecurity issues — including securing election systems and supply chains.

California Students Teach Coding to Kids in Shelters

Two high school students from Orange County have made computer programming classes “cool” for homeless children.



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