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A Broadband Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)

U-I report finds telemedicine saves money, helps draw doctors

A University of Iowa study finds rural hospitals that use telemedicine in their emergency rooms save money and find it easier to recruit new physicians.

Google puts $2 million behind prison-based coding academy

Politicians, celebrities, technologists and inmates gathered at a juvenile correctional facility in Indiana to announce the expansion of The Last Mile, a vocational rehabilitation program that trains prisoners in technology skills to improve their chances of employment upon release.

Des Moines Classroom Participates in 'Hour of Code'

A Des Moines Public School classroom is participating in a world-wide event to promote computer science. The week of December 3rd through the 9th is known as Computer Science Education Week. The event is an effort to get kindergarten through 12th grade students excited to learn about coding.

How To Avoid The Latest Google Maps Scam

It appears that nefarious users are taking to Google Maps, and deliberately editing key business details, such as the phone number or contact email.

Broadband For Farmland? Here's Why It Matters For America

For many, the lack of rural broadband coverage may seem like nothing more than a passing annoyance on the interstate. But in reality, the need for reliable connectivity in rural America has never been greater.

Virginia Beach Students Learn Computer Science at Juvenile Detention Center

The students, who are required to receive education while they are held in detention centers, are taught the basics of coding.

Apple will soon offer coding camps for women-founded startups

Apple will offer a two-week technology lab at its campus in Cupertino in which participants will receive one-on-one app development guidance from Apple experts and engineers. That includes "mentorship, inspiration, and insights from top Apple leaders," the company says.

Burgum proposes $30 million for statewide UAS tracking network

Gov. Doug Burgum is proposing that North Dakota spend $30 million to build a statewide tracking network for unmanned aerial systems.

Midland to provide full-time students iPads beginning next year

The liberal arts college in Fremont is the latest to adopt a 1:1 student-to-device program, which faculty and administrators say will better prepare students for careers in a technologically saturated world.

Mexico wants internet access for all. Getting everyone online could reduce poverty, too

Just 47% of households in Mexico reported having internet in 2016, the most recent data available. To get more citizens online, the "Mexico Conectado" initiative since 2013, adding broadband connections to libraries, schools, hospitals and other public facilities nationwide, particularly in poor and rural areas.

10 Cybersecurity Protocols Every Tech Professional Should Follow

Ten members of Forbes Technology Council share some of the easiest protocols team members can follow to help keep their company protected from cybersecurity breaches.

Ames considers getting into broadband business

Ames is thinking of starting their own municipal broadband utility. Cities across the country and in Iowa, such as Cedar Falls, are getting into the business. Duchene said he likes the sound of more competition.

FirstNet helps those who work tirelessly to protect us

Now first responders can get a new tool to count on when seconds matter most: FirstNet. All 50 states, 5 territories and Washington D.C. have opted-in to the communications platform. The importance of this decision cannot be overstated, but many people may still be wondering: what is FirstNet?

The Growing Importance Of Cybersecurity Skills

Cybercrime costs the U.K. several billion pounds per year. Indeed, a recent government report showed that 46% of all businesses identified at least one cyber attack in the last year, with 74% of

directors regarding cybersecurity as a high priority issue for them.

DeVos says FAFSA app did 'the impossible' for student financial aid

More than a month after launching a new mobile application for the FAFSA — or Free Application For Student Aid — U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said updates are coming.

Will a new push for free wireless internet help rural students get online?

Pending FCC rule change could help close the 'homework gap'

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