



Iowa House panel green lights Reynolds' incentives for housing, broadband

"All over the state there is a crying need for both housing and broadband," Carlson said. It's nearly impossible to operate a business without broadband connectivity, and housing is often a key in the "challenge for talent."

What our transition to online polling means for decades of phone survey trends

The fact that many public opinion surveys today are conducted online is no secret to avid poll watchers. What is not well known, however, is what this migration to online polling means for the country's trove of data documenting American public opinion over the past four decades, on issues ranging from abortion and immigration to race relations and military interventions.

DHS works to gain trust, help states on election security

State election officials' relationships with the Department of Homeland Security have grown much stronger since 2016, but it took a lot of trust-building to reach that point, a senior U.S. cybersecurity official said Saturday at the South by Southwest conference in Austin, Texas.

Colorado University's Cyber Program Gains State Interest

Colorado's secretary of state spoke with students from the University of Colorado Boulder about the school's Technology and Cybersecurity Policy Program and how cyber plays a critical role in state government.

IoT Security Bill Teed Up

A bipartisan, bicameral bill was introduced March 11, the Internet of Things (IoT) Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2019, to try to get at Hill concerns over network and telecom security. The bill would require the government to make sure that any devices it purchases meet minimum security requirements.

To prepare for 2020, DNC security chief tries to make hackers' lives harder

It is a simple but proven principle of cybersecurity: Make it harder for hackers to succeed by implementing time-tested basics like two-factor authentication. The question for the DNC is: How do you aggressively broaden adoption of such practices for campaigns and state parties scattered across the country, many which have very limited budgets?

County library taking part in Internet pilot program

The grant will allow the Robeson County Public Library to deliver digital literacy training to program participants, hire a digital inclusion librarian to implement the project and purchase Wi-Fi hot spot devices for up to 35 K-12 households per partner county. The Wi-Fi hot spots will provide the at-home Internet access students need to complete homework assignments.

Bill would overrule local control on NE Iowa communication tower denial

Companion bills in the Iowa Statehouse essentially would overrule the Allamakee County Board of Adjustment, which this year voted against the tower for obstructing bluff views of the scenic Mississippi River. But some state officials argue the structure is needed to complete a statewide emergency communications network.

mHealth App Helps Patient, Family Caregiver Education Post-Op

Eighty-seven percent of families said an mHealth tool was preferable to paper materials for patient and family caregiver education.

Digital driver's licenses solve problems of convenience and security, officials say

In both Wyoming and Maryland where they have been conducting pilot programs, participants found it easier to conduct transactions that require verifying identity, they said. The digital licenses were accepted at bars, liquor stores, casinos and in simulated traffic stops.

Officials worry next-generation 911 could expose operators to gory images

Emergency managers say they have concerns about the emerging next-generation 911 technology. At issue is how the internet-protocol-based networks will be secured and funded. But some managers also expressed worries about whether the introduction of photos and video into emergency calls could expose dispatchers to graphic imagery they may not be accustomed to viewing.

The Effects of Technology on Mental Health

Many of us lament how technology has changed our lives, but is it really bad for us? And, if so, what can be done about it? Let's take a look at what science tells us about the effects of technology on our mental health.

Survey: Cybersecurity Threats from Careless Insiders and Foreign Governments Reach All-Time Highs

A survey suggests risks have risen substantially over the last five years, but cyber professionals still feel agencies are doing a good job in IT security.

Fitbit, Solera Health Extend mHealth Partnership After DPP Success

Arizona-based Solera Health saw success using Fitbit's mHealth wearables in its Diabetes Prevention Program. Now the integrated health network wants to expand that connected health platform.

Emotet malware shut down classes for two days at Tennessee college

Classes at Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tennessee, reopened Wednesday after malware shut down the college's network and connected devices last week. As reported by The

Daily Herald, a college employee opened an email on Feb. 13 and malware subsequently spread to the college's communications network.



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