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Narrowing the Digital Divide in Rural America

Chuck Grassley: All Americans ought to be able to share in the opportunity that advanced telecommunications and mobile technology can bring.

Mental Health Care Providers In Flood-Stricken Rural Areas Short-handed But Expecting More Demand

Iowa does not have enough psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists or other mental health care providers to handle an increasing need to care for farmers dealing with relentless flooding this year, several mental health experts IowaWatch interviewed warned. Telepsychiatry, with appointments conducted online, is a potential solution but many regions lack adequate high-speed internet connection.

Des Moines is Becoming a Tech Hub: Here are 3 Reasons Why

As any good tech startup knows, scope creep can kill a business before it ever releases its first product. This can be tough given that, laser focus on the smaller aspects of a product is key to surviving the initial stages of a tech business. Another wise and guiding principal is the focus on customer experience. Des Moines seems to be hitting on both of these fronts as it strives to grow into a "No Coast" tech hub.

Space-based internet the focus of new OneWeb Florida satellite factory

OneWeb officially opened a high-tech factory near the Kennedy Space Center. It's part of an ambitious plan to launch nearly 2,000 broadband relay stations providing cable modem-class connectivity for schools, rural communities and other underserved populations around the world

States don't have enough money to secure the 2020 election, new report warns

States are barreling toward 2020 with major digital weaknesses in their election systems and not enough money to fix them, according to a report out today from four organizations focused on election security.

What is telehealth and how will it affect you?

The United States telehealth market is poised to exceed $64 billion by 2025, supported by the presence of a large number of mobile and smartphone users coupled with a well-developed telecommunications network, according to Reuters.

Municipally run internet tops national speed test rankings

Six of the 10 fastest internet service providers in the United States are either directly run by a local community or involve some form of partnership between the public and private sectors, according to a new study from PCMagazine.

North Dakota College Establishes E-sports Program

By creating a competitive video game team and offering players scholarships, Bismark State College hopes to gain national attention and to help fill workforce needs in computer science and cybersecurity fields.

New Cyber Attack Trends Report Reveals That Digital Criminals Made Off With $45 Billion in 2018

A new report on cyber attack trends that combines information from a number of high-level sources has just been released, and it reveals a startling amount of cyber crime growth. The report revealed that cyber crime became a $45 billion industry in 2018, up tens of billions of dollars from the previous year.

IoT Spectrum Bill Introduced

Before the Internet of Things (IoT) becomes the internet of everything, a bipartisan duo of House members wants to make sure there is spectrum for that.

Locking Down Data: The Rise of the Chief Privacy Officer

As government collects more citizen data and cyberattacks increase in frequency, states are hiring chief privacy officers to keep all that data secure. Here's a data-driven look at who's doing the job and where.

Bridging the Digital Divide

The purpose of the event is to shine a light on innovative and lucrative career opportunities available in tech fields that most disadvantaged youth may not be aware of. "Bridging the Digital Divide" is an event open to and designed for local middle school, high school and college youth in need of a level playing field to pursue careers in coding and tech.

Forensic Logic Announces Nationwide Crime Search Tool

A San Francisco Bay Area company has combined its law enforcement search engine with Coplink, a well-known data-analysis tool, to make a smarter platform for sharing information and solving cases.

E–Rate Updates Free Up Resources for New Classroom Technology Projects

By using E-rate money to update district broadband, K–12 schools find new opportunities to introduce technology in other areas.

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