Cybersecurity Employee Training Is First Line of Defense

Employees can be one of the biggest threats to a company's cybersecurity, but with the right training, they can be armed with the tools to form a frontline defense.

Source: The Lane Report

Government

Bills targeting broadband service clear Iowa House
"...We will continue to work to connect every last Iowan," said Representative Ray Sorenson.
Source: Radio Iowa

Iowa Senate passes broadband incentives
With a 48-0 vote to approve, "This bill is an attempt to expand broadband service to where it is inadequate, especially in rural Iowa. It alters and modifies the download speeds and increases the grants."
Source: Sioux City Journal

Nextdoor Releases App Designed for Public Agencies
New app makes its existing tools for public agencies accessible from mobile phones, and adds the ability to send geo-targeted alerts or communicate with the public from the field.
Source: Government Technology

States, local governments ask for 'large-scale' rural internet funding
State and local governments asked Congress on Tuesday to funnel more investment to broadband

infrastructure in rural areas.
Source: State Scoop

Education

DMACC to open new virtual learning lab for students
The new lab incorporates state-of-the-art virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies.
Source: Clay and Milk

Students develop skills in cybersecurity through organization on campus
The Information Assurance Student Group (IASG) is a student-led organization for any Iowa State students interested in cybersecurity.
Source: The Iowa State Daily

Digital Divide

Mitchell business owners excited about broadband access
The USDA announced in January that Osage Municipal Utilities will receive nearly $5,000 to build modern broadband infrastructure in the Mitchell area.
Source: The Globe Gazette

Cyber

US natural gas operator shuts down for 2 days after being infected by ransomware
Infection spread to site's OT network that monitors and controls physical processes.
Source: Arstechnica

Afraid You're Communicating Too Frequently? Rethink That
Scientists have found that the effectiveness of communicative processes plays a vital role in the prevention of security breaches and the affected organization's response to them.
Source: KnowBe4

Healthcare

Healthcare from Anywhere: Groundbreaking Study Looks at the Impact of Telehealth in Rural America
"This study demonstrates why connecting rural America is critical."
Source: Connected Nation

Connectivity Considerations for Telehealth Programs
Lack of connectivity can hinder the implementation and expansion of telehealth programs that require live-video connections between patients and providers.
Source: Rural Health Information Hub

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