A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the Iowa Communications Network
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Why Every Business Should Train Employees to Spot Phishing Emails

It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month!
You can stop cyber incidents by reporting phishing to IT departments and email providers as soon as you see it.

Source: Hacked

Cybersecurity

Safe Passwords!
Here are a few tips for creating strong passwords. Take a moment to review these, and consider strengthening some of your passwords if they fall short.
Source: Brian Krebs

What's a next-gen #firewall?
Is it better for #K12 districts than traditional firewalls? Learn more about the modern cybersecurity standard.
Source: Ed Tech Focus on K-12

Arizona opens new cybersecurity operations center
A new cybersecurity command center in Arizona that will pool federal, state, local and private-sector resources to help manage the state government's information security operations.
Source: State Scoop

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American Rescue Plan: $200 million grant program to improve Iowan's broadband access
Communications service providers in unserved and underserved locations are encouraged to apply for a grant to install broadband infrastructure.
Source: KHQA-TV

Public Safety

Iowa first responders using app to locate people in emergencies
Some metro first responders are now using an app that can help them get to 911 calls quicker when someone doesn't know where they are.
Source: KCCI

Education

[NewBoCo, DeltaV partnership welcomes high schoolers to coding program](#)
New community partnership allows high school students to attend computer training at DeltaV alongside adults.
Source: The Gazette

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[Universities among recipients of $36.5 million to boost tech industry](#)
Furthering technology-based economic development, funding programs at 50 higher education institutions, nonprofits, state agencies and other organizations.
Source: EdScoop

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[Whole-of-State Cybersecurity Gains Ground in Government](#)
Governments are embracing a larger role in collective cybersecurity, creating cross-jurisdictional partnerships to make states, cities and counties more secure.
Source: Government Technology

Healthcare

[How a new wireless infrastructure changed the way one provider does business](#)
The investment has helped Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services gain more reliable telehealth, cloud electronic health record access, and more.
Source: Healthcare IT News

[Opening the Door to Telemedicine With Broadband](#)
Now is the perfect time for broadband innovators to start developing the imaging and techniques needed to provide true diagnostic medical care. This author tells you why.
Source: The Fast Mode

Public Safety

[NENA's latest version of i3 standard receives ANSI accreditation](#)
The American National Standards Institute fully approved the latest version of the IP-based NENA standard for next-generation 911 (NG911) networking and core services.
Source: Urgent Communications

Digital Divide

[Broadband: FCC is Taking Steps to Accurately Map Locations That Lack Access](#)
In 2020, FCC was tasked with mapping all U.S. locations that are and could be served by broadband, which should allow more precise assessments of where it is lacking.
Source: US Government Accountability Office

[Panelists announced for national conversation on the Digital Divide, free event to broadcast live from 3 US cities](#)
"There is an awareness of the need to expand internet connectivity unlike any other time in our history."
Source: Yahoo Finance

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