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A Broadband Initiative from the Iowa Communications Network

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For many lowans, broadband internet connectivity has come to mean more than streaming their favorite TV show or hopping online to see how their fantasy sports team is faring. Broadband connects us to medical professionals, creates access to educational tools across the state and provides the connectivity needed to service the growing field of precision agriculture.

What new digital driver's licenses mean for motorists, police

There's an app for almost everything these days. Now driver's licenses are making the transition from a card carried in a pocket or purse to a digital application on your mobile phone. Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Maryland, Wyoming and the District of Columbia are carrying out limited trials of digital driver's licenses. Iowa and Louisiana are planning to issue digital licenses to every motorist who wants one beginning this year.

From apps to avatars, new tools for taking control of your mental health

A Slack channel, a private online community for people in life-or-death struggles reaching out in real time to save one another, named 18percent for the 18 percent of the U.S. population living with mental illness. Launched this year by a nonprofit group, the channel has about 150 members who have sent more than 11,000 messages.

Piece by piece, next generation 911 is coming

Even without strong federal funding, emergency call centers are slowly adding new features that are expected, ultimately, to save lives.

New breach might have exposed data of almost every US adult

A Fla.-based marketing and data-aggregation company, had exposed a database containing almost 2 terabytes of data, containing nearly 340 million individual records, on a public server. That included records of 230 million consumers and 110 million businesses.

Commissioner Rosenworcel visits NM to discuss solutions to the digital divide

Rosenworcel and Lujan will visit the Santo Domingo Library, part of the Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Tribal Consortium, which received \$3.9 million from the E-Rate program to build fiber to four tribal libraries in New Mexico. They will also see a demonstration of the Rolling Study Halls initiative, which gives students with long commutes the ability to ride buses with Wi-Fi, devices, and an onboard tutor.

Equifax agrees to tighten data security in agreement with eight states

The credit-rating firm said it will upgrade its IT operations and conduct regular internal audits in response to its massive 2017 data breach.

How Artificial Intelligence Could Change the Medical Field

There is no doubt that advancement in science and technology has affected every aspect of human endeavor. Processes and procedures are being replaced with software, apps and the likes at different levels and medical practice is not left out.

State elections officials stress the importance of paper trails

The secretaries of state from three states told a Senate committee they're making progress in securing elections, slowly.

California just passed one of the toughest data privacy laws in the country

The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 is set to dramatically change how businesses handle data in the most populous state. Companies that store personal information — from major players like Google and Facebook, down to small businesses — will be required to disclose the types of data they collect, as well as allow consumers to opt out of having their data sold.

Al tools improve diagnostic accuracy to match that of docs

Babylon Healthcare Services, a new mobile medical consultation service, says its artificial intelligence software, in tests, can assess common conditions more accurately than human doctors.

AWS and Northern Virginia Community College announce 'groundbreaking' cloud computing degree

NOVA will begin offering the associate degree to students this fall, with plans to expand it to a bachelor degree at nearby George Mason University.



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