



Gov. Reynolds announces Rural Broadband Grants

Governor Kim Reynolds announced the Iowa OCIO has awarded \$1.3 million in grant funds to 7 projects across the State of Iowa covering approximately 760 square miles in 12 counties.

NCTA Praises Broadband Fund Coordination Effort

A bipartisan bill to coordinate the deployment of broadband deployment and funding to areas in need and reduce overbuilding. NCTA-The Internet & Television Association is definitely on board.

Cybersecurity Programs Mushroom on Minnesota College Campuses

More than a dozen institutions in the state system have started programs in the past three years. The University of Minnesota, which has a Masters program in cybersecurity, will offer a 24-week boot camp this summer.

Financial crime outpaces espionage as top motivation for data breaches, Verizon report finds

While there's been uptick in espionage targeting the manufacturing sector, the overwhelming majority of cybercrime still is carried out by hackers primarily interested in making a buck.

Digital technology: A cultural shift in healthcare

Digital revolution in healthcare is now feasible, the required components exists, we just need to connect the dots.

Charter data use "rising rapidly" as cord cutters average 400GB a month

Charter cable Internet customers who don't subscribe to Charter's TV service are using an average of more than 400GB of data a month, the company said yesterday.

Growing demand for cyberdefenders in Iowa, Nebraska

The demand for cybersecurity experts has grown as crooks with computers hack their way into business, government and other networks. CyberSeek, a project funded by the U.S. Commerce Department, says nearly 4,300 are doing cybersecurity in Iowa, with openings for more than 2,400 people.

Ransomware Attacks Jump 500% as Businesses Continue to Be the Prime Target

Malwarebyte's latest Cybercrime Tactics and Techniques report exposes some trends indicating that 2019 is looking to be the year of the cyberthreat for businesses.

Alabama Schools Use Technology to Stop Student Bullying

The Tuscaloosa County School System will spend \$13,000 annually to cover the cost of a free phone app that allows users to anonymously report bullying incidents, reducing the risk of retaliation.

Good Health Care Increasingly Requires Good Internet Service

In Washington state, two lawmakers are making the case that Internet service is needed for more than just entertainment purposes. The growth of telemedicine requires reliable service, too.

Ajit Pai-proposed upgrade to 25Mbps starts paying off for rural ISPs

More than 106,000 rural homes and small businesses in 43 US states will get access to 25Mbps broadband at some point in the next decade thanks to a Federal Communications Commission policy change.

Trump emphasizes federal cybersecurity workforce, education programs in new executive order

The White House issued an executive order that is intended to bolster the nation's cybersecurity workforce. The goal is to build a "superior cybersecurity workforce," one senior administration official told reporters on a call about the order.

Why Marketing Departments Are Cyber Security Targets

Attackers employ social engineering to get marketers and their assistants to open or click on fake email. It's a common ploy, but marketing departments are particularly prone to spearphishing, since it's their job to check out what may appear to be a business lead.

Iowa DNR unveils new online hunting and fishing license system

The new system, Go Outdoors Iowa, launched in February 2019 and makes it easier and more convenient for hunters and anglers to purchase licenses, manage profile information, apply for quota hunts, and report harvests.

FCC: Work Remains to Close Tribal Lands Digital Divide

A just-released FCC report to Congress finds that while there has been progress in deploying broadband on tribal lands, more work needs to be done, particularly in the rural areas that are the FCC's focus for non-tribal lands as well. The FCC has pledged to open a proceeding "in the near" term to address that "challenge."



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