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News & Updates

Granite and ICN Begin Partnership

Granite Telecommunications (Granite) and ICN are teaming up to enhance connectivity for the Capitol Complex buildings in Des Moines, IA. This collaboration aims to provide dependable cellular connections for elevators, fire alarm panels, and security systems in locations that Iowans visit every day.

For many State government buildings, integrated building systems operate using legacy copper voice lines. With technology becoming outdated due to rising costs, ICN explored alternative solutions to ensure our government customers can keep providing essential day-to-day services to Iowans.
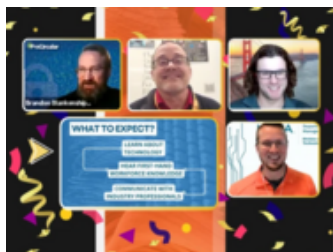
🖥 Read about the new partnership.

Youth Outreach

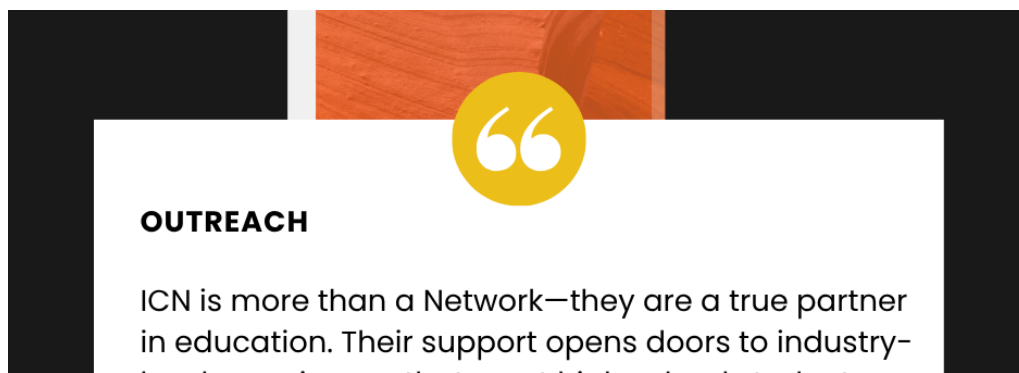### Allamakee Wraps Up First Year of Cyber Curriculum

In May, Allamakee High School's cyber class and ICN wrapped up its SYBAC spin-off. Allamakee's Curriculum Director, Kelli Olson, shares that the collaboration opened doors to industry experts and training, making lessons more meaningful. From January through May, ICN lined up industry experts to offer insights and career tips to the students.

Read highlights from each session on ICN's website: Allamakee Wraps Up First Year of Cyber Curriculum.

Testimonial
A fantastic testimonial received from Allamakee High School for our dedication to our youth outreach.

OUTREACH

ICN is more than a Network—they are a true partner in education. Their support opens doors to industry-level experiences that meet high school students

level experiences that most high school students don't typically access. For any school looking to grow a program or connect students with future-ready skills, I'd absolutely recommend working with ICN.

Kelli Olson, Curriculum Director
Allamakee Community School District

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ICN Speaks at Great Plains Network (GPN) Annual Meeting

OUTREACH!

ICN's Executive Director, Ryan Mulhall, attended the Great Plains Network (GPN) annual meeting in Ames on June 3. He interacted with participants from several state networks and outlined ICN efforts to connect with other state networks in the broadband and telecom communities.

June is Internet Safety Month

There are many steps individuals can take to enhance their cybersecurity without requiring significant investment. The CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency) highlights 4 easy steps to stay safe online.

1. Use strong passwords.
2. Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA).
3. Update software.
4. Think before you click, recognize and report phishing.

Read the CISA blog.

K-12 Education Update

Free Resources
CISA has compiled a list of free services and tools provided by private and public sector organizations across the cyber community.

FREE RESOURCES

Cyber Resilience Review (CRR)
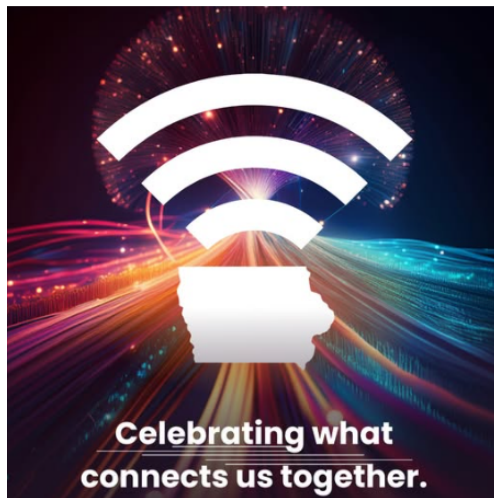The Cyber Resilience Review (CRR) is an interview-based assessment to evaluate an organization's operational resilience and cybersecurity practices. Through CRR, your organization will develop an understanding of its ability to manage cyber risk during normal operations and times of operational stress and crisis.

Highlights from Social Media

Celebrating World Telecommunications Day

We celebrate how communication connects us together. We're committed to bridging the digital divide in Iowa through our public/private partnerships and supporting both urban and rural communities across all 99 counties.

Critical Emergency Communication Support

Did you know that our Network capabilities can support authorized users' efforts during challenging times? Our goal is to keep emergency communications operational when it matters most.

Discover What Sets ICN Apart.

News from the Industries We Serve

STEM Advisory Council awards $200,000 in grants for new pilot program

The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council at the Iowa Department of Education announced 12 STEM BEST (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) programs have been awarded over $200,000 in grants for a new summer pilot program, STEM BEST Explore. The pilot program aims to help students make connections between the classroom and the workplace and learn about STEM careers.

Source: Business Record

Accessing the New Unemployment System in IowaWORKS

A new unemployment system is now available. For the first time, Iowans will now complete the entire unemployment process from one central location, **iowaworks.gov**.

Source: Iowa Workforce Development

The Wellmark Foundation announces a grant to address youth mental and behavioral health crisis in Iowa

The School-Centered Behavioral Health Grant will support rural Iowa school districts, providing timely and convenient access to mental and behavioral health services.

Source: Wellmark

Off to the races: FirstNet keeps Iowa responders in the fast lane

The network offers benefits to first responders beyond its work at the Speedway. Robinson described the in-vehicle tracking devices that tie into their mapping system. They can see where emergency vehicles are and accurately say when a fire truck or ambulance will arrive on scene.

Source: FirstNet

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