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## Holiday Open House

WCCTA held their annual open house on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members were able to stop by to enjoy cider, cookies, door prizes, and free stuff for everyone who attended. We had a wonderful turn out and are thankful to everyone who stopped in. Congratulations to our door prize winners: Sandy Christianson, Jeannie Streit, and Gene Black.



## Why is Multi-factor Authentication Important?

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a layered approach to securing your online accounts (social networking, email, online banking, etc.) and the data they contain. When you enable MFA, you provide a combination of two or more “authenticators” to verify your identity before the service grants you access. Think of this like having a front door on your Facebook account, your username and password are just a plain lock, but the deadbolt and security camera are your extra MFA “authenticators”.

You would login just like you usually would with your username and password, along with...

- Answering security questions, with answers only you would know. (This is why it's a good idea to avoid those fun quizzes on Facebook that ask your favorite color, maiden names, pet's names, etc.).
- A personal identification number (PIN) that you choose or one that an authenticator application has decided for you.
- Getting a text message sent directly to your phone or email with a verification code.

Learn more about MFA here >>> <https://www.cisa.gov/mfa>



## Best Internet Provider

Thank you for voting Webster-Calhoun as the 2022 Best Internet Provider in the Fort Dodge Messenger's annual Readers' Choice Awards.

## Aureon Charity Grant Program

Kent Atha, Aureon, and Marcie Boerner, WCCTA, present a check to Chad Loseke, Daryl Promes, AJ Dorsey, and Austin Promes, all four are WCCTA employees and volunteers of the Gowrie Fire Department. The Gowrie Fire Department received \$1,500 from the Aureon Charity Grant Program to help purchase new SCBA Air Packs which need to be replaced every few years to keep up with federal regulations.

The Aureon Charity Grant Program was established to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunications companies and the communities they serve. Applications are considered on a quarterly basis and available to organizations within the WCCTA service area.

