



# CVT MOVES MOBILE CELL SITE

Copper Valley Telecom recently moved the mobile cell site from Thompson Pass to Mile Marker 22 on the Denali Highway. Although the mobile cell site likely won't cover the Tangle Lakes Campground, it increases coverage for several road miles in the surrounding area. It will remain in its new location through the hunting season in September.

## CONGRATULATIONS LINDA!

It was the late 1980's when Linda Flint worked as a temporary employee at Copper Valley Telecom. CVT was smaller then and only twenty-something years-old. Flint recalls that Shannon Saavedra was the only clerical person working in their Glennallen office at that time. Eventually, Flint gained full-time employment in February of 1998 and has been a dedicated employee ever since. In May, Flint retired from CVT; she is greatly missed in the office. However, Flint has plenty of plans to keep busy after retirement; Working with her husband on their Flint Family Farm during the summer, volunteering at various non-profit organizations, kayaking, crafting, and catching up on household projects. Flint also wants to plan a trip through the lower 48 states to visit family, friends, and see parts of the country she's never visited before. "I still have to convince my husband he wants to do that," Flint said, "so we shall see."

The thing Flint said she'll miss most about being retired from CVT, is working with her co-workers and the many customers she's come to know over the years. But, she said she looks forward to getting up without an alarm clock to tell her it's time to get her day started. Congratulations to Linda on her retirement. Thank you for all the years of dedication to CVT. We wish you lots of great adventures and many years of waking up whenever you like!







### DEAR COPPER VALLEY TELECOM CUSTOMER:

**Stay connected.** No one knew how important those two words would become this spring. The COVID-19 pandemic was suddenly upon us, and we needed to be connected to loved ones, friends, teachers, doctors, and up-to-date information.

While communities began to social distance and life slowed down for some, Copper Valley Telecom has continued to prepare for a busy construction season bringing Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) and Wireless enhancements. We are excited to announce the following projects for the 2020 construction season.

#### GLENNALLEN AND THE COPPER RIVER BASIN AREA:

- Tazlina to Copperville, north to the Hub in Glennallen: FTTH groundwork.
- Silver Springs: FTTH - A CVT employee will call customers to schedule fiber installs.
- Copper Center: FTTH project
- Kluti-Kaah: FTTH - A CVT employee will call customers to schedule fiber installs.
- Glennallen CVT Office to Crossroads Medical Center: In July, CVT will make upgrades to buried fiber-optic lines throughout this area.
- Edgerton to Serendipity (36 Miles): CVT will be clearing

trees and working in the right-of-way from the intersection of the Richardson (mile 83) and Edgerton Highways, south to Serendipity.

- Richardson Highway, mile 115-148: CVT will work with the State of Alaska to relocate any cables that may be in their way, as they work on relocating culverts.

#### VALDEZ AREA:

- Alpine Subdivision: FTTH project.
- Heiden View Subdivision: FTTH project starting in July.
- Tatitlek: FTTH project starting in late summer.
- Valdez Native Tribe and Zurich loop: FTTH estimated to begin in June.
- Richardson Highway, mile 18-24: Cable relocating project.

#### WIRELESS:

- The following projects are centered around LTE (Long-Term Evolution) cell sites to various locations throughout CVT service areas, increasing connections and coverage for wireless phone users.
- Tangle Lakes Microwave Project: This project starts in late fall. It includes building a new cell tower in Paxson and the installation of a system that will eventually provide LTE service to customers on a portion of the Denali Highway (spring of 2021).
- Paxson LTE site: Creation of LTE site. The estimated completion



is late 2020.

- Aurora LTE site: Estimated completion is late 2020.
- Gulkana, Copper Center, Kenny Lake area, Valdez Airport, will receive an additional LTE cell site.
- South Harbor Drive LTE site: This project will increase cellular connection for downtown Valdez and any cruise ships that may come in. The estimated completion is summer 2020.
- Prince William Sound Microwave upgrades: Estimated completion by the end of 2020.
- McCarthy: Creation of a new sector on the CVT tower, boosting speeds by optimizing the tower in McCarthy. The estimated completion is summer/fall 2020.
- Cell sites in McCarthy, Valdez, and Cordova: CVT is adding AWS frequencies to these sites; This new spectrum will increase data speeds for customers in these areas. Completion summer/fall 2020.
- Network-wide integration of VoLTE (Voice over LTE): This allows CVT to increase the quality of our voice service, as we transition to upgraded equipment. This project is estimated to be done by the end of 2020.
- The projects are scheduled for completion in the summer/fall of 2020 unless otherwise noted. Dates are subject to change because of weather or due to safety measures around COVID-19. It is our goal to complete all the projects in 2020. If you have any questions or concerns,

please feel free to contact the appropriate project lead below.

*\*Due to COVID-19 health concerns, CVT is working to minimize personal contact between our work crews and residents of your neighborhood. It is our goal to maintain a 10-foot social separation between our staff and clients at all times. Please help us by submitting any inquiries by email.*

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# CVT ANNOUNCES 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Chloe Miller**

Chloe Miller received \$3,000. She graduated from Valdez High School and will study medicine at the University of Otago in New Zealand.



**Grace Keller**

Grace Keller received \$2,500. She graduated from Valdez High School and will attend the University of Alaska to obtain a BA in Art.



**Maison anderson**

Maison Anderson received \$1,500. She graduated from Valdez High School and will attend the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, to obtain a degree in Electrical Engineering.



**Macy Hansen**

Macy Hansen received \$1,500. She graduated from Valdez High School and will attend Idaho State University College of Technology to study Health Information Technology & Medical Coding.



**Jacklynn Stewart**

Jacklynn Stewart received \$1,500. She graduated from Valdez High School and will attend the University of Nevada to study Nursing.



**Celia Chmielowski**

Celia Chmielowski received \$3,000. She graduated from Glennallen High School and will attend Boise State University to study Geology.

This year Copper Valley Telecom gave out \$21,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors. Scholarships were made available to graduating seniors whose parents or guardians are current members of CVT and reside in the Valdez or Copper River School Districts as well as in the communities of Tatilek and Mentasta. An additional scholarship was available for Cordova seniors whose parents or guardians have Copper Valley Wireless as their cell phone provider. The scholarship recipients were selected by committee based on the merits of their application. We wish all of the scholarship recipients the best of luck in their future endeavors.



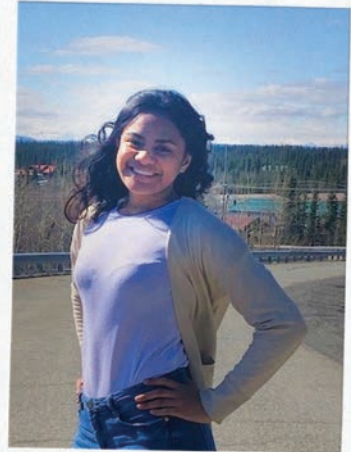
**Cassidy Mathews**

Cassidy Mathews received \$2,500. She graduated from Glennallen High School and will attend Montana State University to study Business.



**Jacob Gottschalk**

Jacob Gottschalk received \$1,500. He graduated from Kenny Lake School and will attend AVTEC in Seward to study Plumbing, Heating & HVAC.



**Ruth Finau**

Ruth Finau received \$1,500. She graduated from Glennallen High School and will attend the University of Alaska to study Dental Hygiene.



**Moses Korth**

Moses Korth received \$1,500. He graduated from the Copper River School District's Upstream Learning and will attend Alaska Christian College to study Criminal Justice.



**Ria Smyke**

Ria Smyke received \$1,000. She graduated from Cordova High School and will attend the University of Alaska to study Psychology.

**Congratulations to our  
scholarship  
recipients  
and all of the  
graduating  
seniors!**







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## SERVICE NOTIFICATION TEXT ALERTS

Copper Valley Telecom is excited to announce our new text alert option, available to all our customers. If you would like to receive text alerts on your mobile phone for planned maintenance or outage notifications, simply text "cvt" to 31996 or visit our website at **www.cvtc.org/service-notifications** to sign up. You will then receive text notifications when CVT has scheduled maintenance that may affect you, or other emergency notifications for landline, Internet, and cellular services. It's easy and convenient. Sign up today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## TEXT "CVT" TO 31996

### Tentative date for CVT Annual Meetings:

June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Glennallen

June 25<sup>th</sup> in Valdez

Visit [www.cvtc.org](http://www.cvtc.org) for more information.

### The Copper Wire Quiz

### Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

June 2020

Answer all three questions below correctly, tear off, then mail or drop off at the Glennallen or Valdez business office. Return by the 10th of the month to ensure your entry is included in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to the last issue's winners, **Eveline Frank** (Glennallen) and **Tierney Washington** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. Name one thing Linda Flint wants to do after retirement? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the new, tentative date for CVT's Annual Meeting in Glennallen? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the name of one CVT Scholarship Winner? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_