

PUMPKIN

Picking

You are enthusiastically invited to our first every Pick-a-Pumpkin event! In celebration of Co-Op month, Copper Valley Telecom, in conjunction with Copper Valley Electric Association, will be hosting outdoor pumpkin patches in both Valdez and Glennallen on October 23rd.

Starting at 10 am and going until 6 pm, you and yours can come and each Pick-a-Pumpkin from the patch, play festive fall games, take pictures in the photo booth station, and even decorate your new pumpkin. Don't forget to bring your appetite, though, because a variety of local vendors will be in attendance to sell hot drinks, snacks, and other tasty treats. This event is also an excellent opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations through a gourmet popcorn fundraiser and quilt raffle.

The Valdez pumpkin patch will be held at Kelsey Dock plaza, while the Glennallen event will be in the CVEA parking lot. To attend the

event we ask that each person donates one (or more) non-perishable food items or a small cash donation. Included with your admission is one FREE pumpkin of your choosing! All donations will go to local food banks to help our friends and neighbors in need. Expired food items cannot be accepted.

Hosting a fun, but most importantly a safe and responsible event is of the utmost priority to all of us at CVT and CVEA. To ensure the safety of all in attendance, masks will be encouraged and available, sanitation stations will be present throughout the event, and appropriate social distancing will be advised. Please be aware that this event is subject to cancellation in one or both locations if necessary due to COVID-19.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon at this exciting event! Visit cvtc.org for more information.

JOIN THE CVTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("CVTC") is seeking applications to fill a vacant seat on its Board. In accordance with CVTC's Bylaws, the Board may appoint a replacement to serve until the 2022 Annual Membership meeting.

Interested members who would like to be considered for this Valdez district Board appointment can submit a Board Candidate Application and optional resume as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Valdez office or online at cvtc.org.





THE DIRT ON CVT CONSTRUCTION

Copper Valley Telecom has been hard at work this season to continue advancing your wireless network. The old wooden monopoles at six of our cell sites have recently been replaced with stronger, taller, and more advanced steel monopole towers. Nelchina, Glennrich, Tazlina, Silver Springs, Heidenvue, and Robe River, have all seen an overall improvement in coverage due to the higher antenna positions of the new monopoles. In addition to the new monopoles, we are excited to announce that the state-of-the-art cell tower in Paxson is now active! Due to this cell site's remote location, its

construction has truly been a labor of love, but it is now bringing monumental improvements to wireless coverage in the area.

As new cell sites go up, so must some come down. The sun continues to set on CDMA networks, as CVT recently converted the Ernestine, 7-mile, Silver Springs, Cannon Hill, Robe River, Nelchina, Glennrich, Heidenvue, Shoup Bay, Tatitlek, Aurora, Mentasta, Mentasta Pass, and Gilahina cell sites to VoLTE only. Visit cvtc.org to stay up to date with the latest dirt on CVT construction.

10-DIGIT DIALING IS COMING SOON

The FCC has required that starting October 24, 2021, all carriers implement 10-digit dialing, meaning you will need to dial the 907 area code plus the 7-digit phone number when making in-state calls on both wireless and landline calls. If the area code is not dialed, you will hear a brief recording stating, "Your call cannot be completed as dialed. Please hang up and redial the number, including the area code." then the call will disconnect.

We are hiring.

[APPLY AT CVTC.ORG/CAREERS](http://CVTC.ORG/CAREERS)

CVT currently has a variety of amazing job opportunities available, including a Systems Administrator, IT Tech II, Plant Engineer, and Marketing Assistant. For more information, please visit cvtc.org/careers.

Copper Valley Telecom is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Apply today!

The Copper Wire Quiz

Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

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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, **DONNA HOPPER** (Glennallen) and **AMY GOOLD** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. Where is your local Pick-a-Pumpkin event being held? _____

2. What date does 10-digit dialing go into effect? _____

3. List one of the amazing positions CVT is currently hiring for? _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____