

2023

YEAR IN REVIEW





A COMPANY WITH COMMUNITY VALUES

2023 was a busy one! We kicked it off with Superhero Iceworm in Cordova, serving up a super potato bar and a Hot Cocoa Bar, and giving away capes and other prizes.

We brought together our Valdez High School Athletes and Elementary School students to foster relationships, and in Glennallen, we passed out GHS swag during their

regional basketball conference.

CVT got involved in a financial reality fair for Valdez High School Students, participated in a Career Fair, hosted trick-or-treating, and completed ROAR recycling! We are proud to have supported numerous programs and events in our communities this year!



2023 ANNUAL MEETINGS RECAP

Copper Valley Telecom hosted the 2023 Annual Meetings in early May, featuring a Technology Showcase highlighting the latest tech. Attendees received a CVT-branded house plant and had the chance to win door prizes purchased from local businesses.

The Infinity Game Table (now available at CVT stores), offering 100+ games, and the Samsung Flex Fridge, were crowd favorites. While the Toybox 3D Printer (also available in CVT Stores) impressed with its ability to create unique toys, and the JBL booth showcased the Party Box 1000 which delighted guests.

Both events featured a pasta bar by Cast Iron Cafe in Glennallen and Serendipity catering in Valdez, with

desserts from Baked in the Deez.

Local achievements were celebrated, including converting 400 homes to fiber optic service, constructing or upgrading 6 cell towers, and participating in the FCC's Rip and Replace program. Copper Valley Telecom is committed to Alaska Plan objectives and values its employees' dedication.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 meetings. Looking forward to seeing you again at the 2024 Annual Meetings!



NEW YEAR, NEW DEVICES: THINGS TO WATCH FOR WITH YOUR NEWEST TECH

After unwrapping and setting up your new tech gadgets from the holidays, you may be facing potential issues impacting your internet experience. Common concerns include bandwidth hogging, software updates, privacy settings, and disposing of old devices. Copper Valley Telecom's advanced fiber network can help maximize your new tech's performance.

Bandwidth Hogging: New devices, like smart TVs and smartphones, may consume additional bandwidth, causing internet slowdowns. Visit cvtc.org/speed-test to analyze your bandwidth usage and consider upgrading your internet plan for improved performance, with CVT offering speeds up to 1 Gbps.

Software Updates: Before indulging in your new devices, prioritize a software update check. Manufacturers regularly enhance software for security, addressing vulnerabilities. Stay vigilant about updates to

ensure your device's security and optimal performance.

Location Settings and Privacy: Review privacy settings, especially location tracking, to control the digital trail left by your online activities. Adjust settings to require permission for location tracking from certain apps. Additionally, address other privacy settings, such as limiting or turning off voice recordings on smart speakers.

Old Tech Disposal: Exercise caution when passing on or disposing of old devices. Sensitive information like credit card details and personal photos may linger. Safely wipe the memory using device settings or specialized apps before selling, giving away, or recycling old devices.

Visit cvtc.org for more helpful tips on securely and efficiently using CVT's Internet at Northern Light Speed!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING CREDENTIALS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Per CVT bylaws, "The Committee shall consist of an uneven number of Cooperative members not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, Directors or known candidates for Director, and who are not close relatives as defined in Section 4.3[a] of the bylaws."

The Credentials and Election Committee is responsible for validating signatures on returned ballots and for tallying ballots received for Annual Meeting purposes (Director election and, if applicable,

bylaw amendments). Ballots will be received at the Cooperative headquarters in Valdez, Alaska. Volunteers who travel outside of their district will be reimbursed for eligible mileage expenses. Additionally, a token of appreciation will be given to each committee member who takes an active role in this important process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit cvtc.org/volunteer to sign up today!

RISING STARS IN THE COMMUNITY

Copper Valley Telecom proudly donated \$15,500 in scholarships to local graduating high school seniors. The 2023 scholarships were available to graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are CVT members (or wireless customers in some service areas).

our heartfelt thanks to the Committee for their time and dedication to this program.

Top Row: Emory Disney, Brynna Gerlach, and Ginger Keller
Middle: Mason Holmes
Bottom Row: Dillon Fowler, Allen Watson, and Avery Hart

Our scholarship winners are outstanding students chosen by CVT's Scholarship Committee based on the merits of their applications. We offer

2023 Scholarship Committee Barb Doty, Brian Hodges, Kayla Goodwin, Amber Cawley, Rowena Palomar, and Cheryle Fleming.



Copper Valley Telecom is also looking for volunteers for the 2024 Scholarship Committee to assess the scholarship applications. Scholarship Committee volunteers must be CVT members in good standing without conflicts of interest. Please apply today by visiting cvtc.org/volunteer



UPCOMING EVENTS

CORDOVA ICEWORM: Join us in Cordova January 27th - February 3rd.

Visit www.cvtc.org for more information.

The CVT Connection

Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

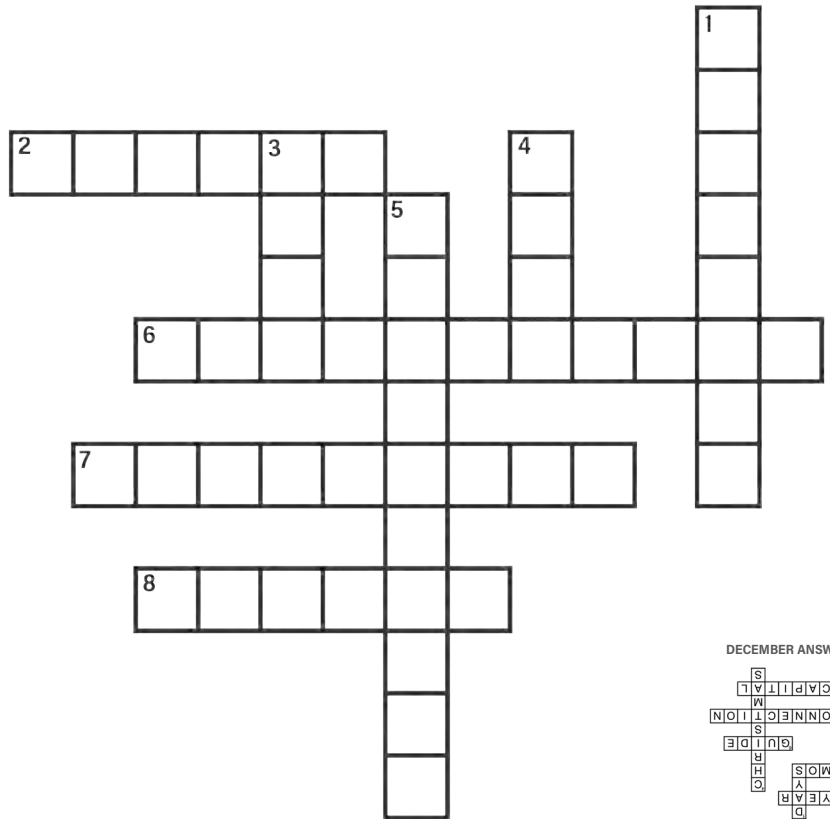
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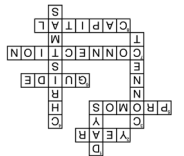
- Before using new devices check for a software _____.
- Congratulations again to the 2023 _____ winners.
- CVT is proud to be a company with _____ values.
- Thanks for reading the 2023 Year in _____.

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- This game table offers over 100 electronic games and is now available in CVT stores!
- Check out this issue for things to watch for with your newest _____.
- We wish you a happy New _____!
- CVT is looking for _____ to join the credentials and election committee.



DECEMBER ANSWERS



Solve the crossword, 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, **GULKANA VILLAGE COUNCIL** (Glennallen) and **DANIELA PRINCZ** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

