March 2024 THE CVT CONNECTION CONNECTIONS MATTER

# **2024 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

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### MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> IN GLENNALLEN & MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> IN VALDEZ



## JOIN THE CVTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the exception of incumbents running for reelection, all candidates for election to the Board of Directors must be nominated by petition. The petition must be signed by fifteen (15) or more cooperative members and submitted no later than Thursday March 28th at 6:00 p.m. Signatures on the petition must match those on file with CVTC. Occasionally, nonmembers will accidentally sign a petition, or a signature may not be able to be validated. Submission is encouraged prior to the deadline in case additional signatures are required. Invalid or late petitions will not be accepted. Petitions may be downloaded from CVT's website or

picked up in one of the storefronts. Petitions may be returned to one of CVT's offices or, preferably, via email to rsmith@cvtc.org.

This year there are **two seats available in Glennallen**, currently held by Mike Rego and Odis Scott Brawner who will be seeking reelection. There is also **one seat available in Valdez**, currently held by Trish Stowe who will not be seeking re-election. All seats are for three year terms.

Scan the QR Code for more information.



#### BUCCANEER SPIRIT SHINES COPPER VALLEY TELECOM SPONSORS VALDEZ ELKS TOURNAMENT PEP RALLY

We love to see the kids of our communities connect! Which is why, Copper Valley Telecom is thrilled to be a proud sponsor of the Valdez Elks Tournament Pep Rally, a spirited event that unites our high school athletes with the elementary school students.

At the CVT-sponsored event, the Buccaneer-themed swag items are always a big hit, especially the foam fingers! This year, the festivities included an exciting game of head hoop basketball, where seniors from our high school team competed alongside enthusiastic students from the crowd.

One of the most cherished moments of the rally is our signature sendoff, where elementary students parade through a tunnel of cheering VHS basketball players and cheerleaders, exchanging high-fives and contagious smiles. It's a heartwarming tradition that embodies the spirit of unity and support within our community.

Congratulations are in order for both the Valdez Buccaneers and Lady Buccaneers for their outstanding performance, securing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 46<sup>th</sup> Elks Tournament! Go Bucs!

# DINO-FUELED FUN AT ICEWORM FESTIVAL

2024's Iceworm Festival was a roaring success! Copper Valley Telecom joined the Pre-Ice-Storic fun with dino-themed food, sales, games, and prizes. Customers took a shot at Dino Dice, aiming to snag prizes and secure a spot in the end-ofweek Tournament. As the week came to a close, we capped off the festivities with a Hot Cocoa Bar adorned with whipped cream and dino sprinkles! Being part of this dino-mite community event was a blast; thank you, Iceworm Festival!

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING CREDENTIALS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Copper Valley Telecom is looking for volunteers to serve on the 2024 Annual Meeting Credentials and Elections Committee.

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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.

Applications must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>, so if you are interested in volunteering, please visit **cvtc.org/volunteer** to sign up today!

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

# COPPER VALLEY TELECOM WELCOMES NEW CEO

We're thrilled to share the exciting news that Joshua Beug has officially joined the Copper Valley Telecom family as our Chief Executive Officer. With a robust background in telecommunications, Joshua brings with him a wealth of invaluable experience, honed management skills, and a deep understanding of the industry landscape.

His proven track record and strategic vision make him the ideal leader to guide us through our next phase of growth and innovation. We couldn't be more excited to welcome Joshua aboard, and we look forward to the incredible impact he will undoubtedly make as part of our team.

Please join us in extending a warm congratulations to Joshua Beug as we embark on this exciting new chapter together!

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETINGS: May 7th in Glennallen and May 9th in Valdez. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES: Deadlines for CVT Scholarships as well as FRS Youth Tour Applications is March 8th.

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Visit www.cvtc.org for more information



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, **JANE BROWN** (Glennallen) and **JORDAN QUADE** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!** 

Name:	Phone:
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CVTC Board Members: Karen Linnell (P), Ryan Morgan (VP), Jennie Sodergren (Sec/Tres), Odis "Scott" Brawner Jr., Scott Malone, Mike Rego, Terry Valentine, and Trish Stowe