

September 2025

THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER



DIVE INTO FUN



COUNTY FAIR SQUAD BRINGS THE FUN

This year's County Fair-themed Customer Appreciation Events brought beautiful weather to both districts, making it one of our best celebrations to date! While the wind in Valdez tried to blow our fun away, we pushed through with plenty of laughs and smiles. In Glennallen, the sunshine made for a picture-perfect day, and both events were filled with the sights, sounds, and flavors of a classic county fair.

of friendly competition, with cheers and laughter ringing out across the fairgrounds. For those feeling adventurous, the dunk tank was the perfect opportunity to send a few brave CVT employees into the water, much to the delight of the crowd.



The turnout was incredible, and the energy was contagious. Everywhere you looked, people were smiling, catching up with neighbors, and making memories. These events weren't just about food and games; they were about connection, bringing people together and showing our deep appreciation for our members.

Our friends at the petting zoo stole the show with special guests including Brussel Sprout the pig, Spicy Blue the mini horse, Duxedo the duck, and our mom and baby goats, Ice-Ice and Baby. Families and members enjoyed connecting with these furry and feathered friends, taking photos, and sharing in the joy of being together as a community.

From Valdez to Glennallen, the County Fair spirit was alive and well. It's an event we're still talking about and one that reminds us why community matters so much to us at CVT.



We served up fresh-squeezed lemonade, cooled off with snowcones, handed out fluffy cotton candy and salty popcorn, dished out plates of cheesy nachos, and grilled up hot dogs to perfection. Carnival games brought out plenty



FINDING THE BALANCE: TECH TIPS FOR FAMILIES THIS SCHOOL YEAR

A new school year is the perfect time to refresh routines and set up habits that work for the whole family. Between homework, after-school activities, and catching up with friends, it is easy for screen time to stretch further than intended. While CVT's high-speed fiber network keeps you connected with the fastest and most reliable service, we also believe in making time for life beyond the screen.

A great place to start is with a conversation. Ask your kids about what they enjoy most online, whether it is connecting with friends, discovering new ideas, or exploring hobbies, and share how you use technology, too. When everyone feels included in the discussion, it is easier to work together on creating a healthy balance and planning tech use in a way that makes sense for your family. Open communication helps kids feel heard and encourages them to take ownership of their own online habits.

From there, consider setting a daily rhythm that naturally limits screen use without making it feel restrictive. This could include certain tech-light times during the day, such as during dinner, before bed, or while working on homework. Many devices have built-in tools to help track time and manage usage, which can make it easier to stick to your plan.

Filling the day with a variety of activities also helps. Encouraging time

for reading, outdoor play, creative projects, or in-person hangouts can make screens just one part of the mix. Kids are often more willing to step away from devices when they have other engaging options, and parents can join in the fun to make it a shared experience.

Reducing digital distractions can also make a big difference. Turning off non-essential notifications, or silencing them for a few hours after school, can help keep focus on the task at hand and make the online time they do have feel more intentional and meaningful.

And remember, kids tend to follow the examples they see. Choosing moments to put down your own phone or tablet, whether during family activities or while enjoying the outdoors, shows that unplugging is not only possible, but enjoyable.

Finding the right balance between online and offline time creates more space for the moments that matter most, playing a game, exploring nature, or simply enjoying a conversation together. With a little planning and some thoughtful habits, technology can be a helpful tool without taking over everyday life.

With a little planning and some thoughtful habits, technology can support real-world connections, helping your family create Connections That Matter this school year.

FROM FIELD DAYS TO FLOATS GOLD RUSH DAYS 2025

Gold Rush Days in Valdez brought out the best of our community, rain and all! Copper Valley Telecom kept spirits high by hosting Family Fun Races that had everyone laughing and cheering through the drizzle. Nostalgic favorites like the egg and wooden spoon race, potato sack hopping, and a few new challenges had kids and adults alike joining in the fun. Laughter echoed through the park, proving that a little rain can't wash away the joy of spending time together. We're already planning for 2026, with a Family Field Night that will be bigger, brighter, and packed with even more activities for all ages.

The celebration didn't stop there. As part of the week's Gold Rush Days festivities, we joined in the annual parade. Our float embraced the 2025 theme, "Making a Splash," with a subsea fiber twist, celebrating the kickoff of our undersea fiber project. Decked out in colorful decorations and brimming with CVT pride, the float turned heads along the parade route. Just as the parade began, the Valdez sun broke through the clouds, adding to the excitement of the day. Our staff loved waving to the crowd, handing out treats, and connecting with the community while honoring the Gold Rush spirit.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CORDOVA CUSTOMER APPRECIATION: Join us in Cordova in early September for a special event to celebrate our customers. Check our website and social media soon for all the details. We can't wait to see you there!

VALDEZ BUSINESS LUNCHEON - CONNECT & PROTECT: Join us at the CVT Valdez office on September 17th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM for a presentation on payment security. Learn valuable insights, connect with fellow local businesses, ask questions, share experiences, and help strengthen our community!

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WORDSEARCH

Locate the given words in the grid, running horizontally, vertically, or down diagonally.

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| 1. Fair | 3. Gold | 5. Games | 7. Family |
| 2. Field | 4. Appreciation | 6. Lemonade | 8. Balance |

Solve the wordsearch, 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, **JOHN LEHMAN** (Glennallen), **ELIZABETH KELLY** (Valdez), and **REINA MERCEDES** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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