

December 2025

# THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER







# CONNECTING THROUGH COMMUNITY

At Copper Valley Telecom, we love being involved in our communities all year long. From Valdez to Glennallen to Cordova, supporting local organizations, schools, and events is at the heart of what we do. Whether it's sponsoring nonprofit programs, helping schools and clubs, providing essential internet and phone services to local events, or volunteering our time, we're proud to play a role in keeping our region connected and thriving.

Recently, our team has been busy making a positive impact in a variety of ways. We sponsored Project Santa in Glennallen, supported the Cordova Chamber of Commerce Business Gala, and celebrated local achievements through events like AVV's Women of Distinction in Valdez. We also volunteered to help organize recycling at the ROAR Recycling Center in Glennallen. Right now CVT is running a community coat drive in partnership with local organizations and encouraging anyone who'd like to contribute to drop off new or gently used coats at our Valdez and Glennallen offices.

This holiday season, we were especially excited to share a little extra cheer. CVT put together two fully decorated Christmas trees, one for Glennallen and one for Valdez, to be delivered to families in need at the beginning of December. Each tree was decorated with ornaments, garland, and small gifts, all arranged with care by our staff. We partnered with the CRNA Food Bank in Glennallen and AVV in Valdez, who each identified a family in need of some extra holiday cheer and ensured the trees were delivered directly to them. It was a heartwarming way for our team to spread holiday spirit and bring joy to families in our communities.

At Copper Valley Telecom, we're always looking for new ways to support the communities we serve, during the holidays and all year long. If your organization has a project or event that could benefit from our support, we encourage you to reach out and apply at [www.cvtc.org/sponsorship](http://www.cvtc.org/sponsorship). Together, we can continue building stronger, more connected communities, this holiday season and beyond.

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD QUESTIONS

### ACROSS

3. What white crystals fall from the winter sky?
5. What character delivers gifts from the North Pole?
6. What snow figure comes to life with a magic hat?
8. What figure decorates the top of many Christmas trees?
9. What reindeer leads Santa's sleigh with a glowing red nose?
11. What creamy holiday drink is made with eggs and milk?
16. What classic ballet is performed during the holiday season?
19. What winter activity involves sliding downhill on skis?
20. What plant with red leaves is a common Christmas decoration?
24. What reindeer's name means "thunder" in German?
25. What edible holiday house is decorated with candy?
27. Who tries to stop Christmas in Whoville?
28. What sleigh accessory makes jingling sounds?
29. What traditional Christmas log is a rolled cake dessert?
30. What bright object guided the Wise Men?
31. What striped holiday treat is hung on Christmas trees?

### DOWN

1. What spicy aroma is common in holiday baking?
2. What number of golden rings appears in the classic carol?
4. What citrus fruit is sometimes found in stockings?
5. What item is traditionally hung by the fireplace for Santa?
7. What garment is often given as an "ugly" themed gift?
10. What winter accessory is worn around the neck for warmth?
12. What reindeer shares its name with a symbol of Valentine's Day?
13. What plant encourages a kiss when hung overhead?
14. What animals pull Santa's sleigh?
15. What word means "Christmas" in French?
17. What treat do children often leave out for Santa?
18. What spiced drink is made from apples?
21. What shiny decoration made of thin strips is used on trees?
22. What plant with sharp leaves and red berries decorates homes?
23. What warm hand covering is worn in winter?
26. What decorative item counts days until Christmas?



# UNWRAPPING INTERNET COOKIES: A SWEET GUIDE TO ONLINE PRIVACY

Ever wonder what those cookie pop-ups are when you visit a website? Think of internet cookies like Christmas cookies. They come in different flavors, they stick around for a bit, and they help make things a little sweeter. Instead of sprinkles or frosting, these cookies are tiny text files that help websites remember things like your login (if you've asked them to), your preferences, or what you left in your shopping cart.

Some cookies come straight from the site you're visiting, while others come from advertisers or outside services that follow your activity across different websites. Some cookies disappear as soon as you close your browser, while others stick around until they expire or you clear them. They don't store personal details like your password or payment information unless you entered that information directly on a site, but they do shape how the online world recognizes you.

As online privacy becomes more important, many websites are

required to ask before storing or sharing your data. That's why you see so many "Accept Cookies" banners these days. Most cookies are safe and actually improve your experience by keeping you logged in, saving your preferences, helping pages load faster, and serving content that's more relevant to you.

If you'd prefer a more private online experience, clearing your cookies is simple. You can remove them in your browser's settings or browse in private/incognito mode to avoid collecting new ones. Just keep in mind that blocking all cookies can cause some websites to stop working the way they should.

No matter how you choose to manage your cookies, it's always good to know you're in control of what websites remember. And when your browsing is paired with a fast, reliable connection from Copper Valley Telecom, you've got the perfect recipe for smooth, secure time online (milk optional).

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12 DAYS OF

Christmas

DECEMBER

8<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:** Shop amazing deals. December 8-12, 15-19, & 22-23!  
**CHRISTMAS:** CVT offices will be closed December 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. Normal office hours will resume December 26<sup>th</sup>.  
**NEW YEAR:** CVT offices will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>. Normal office hours will resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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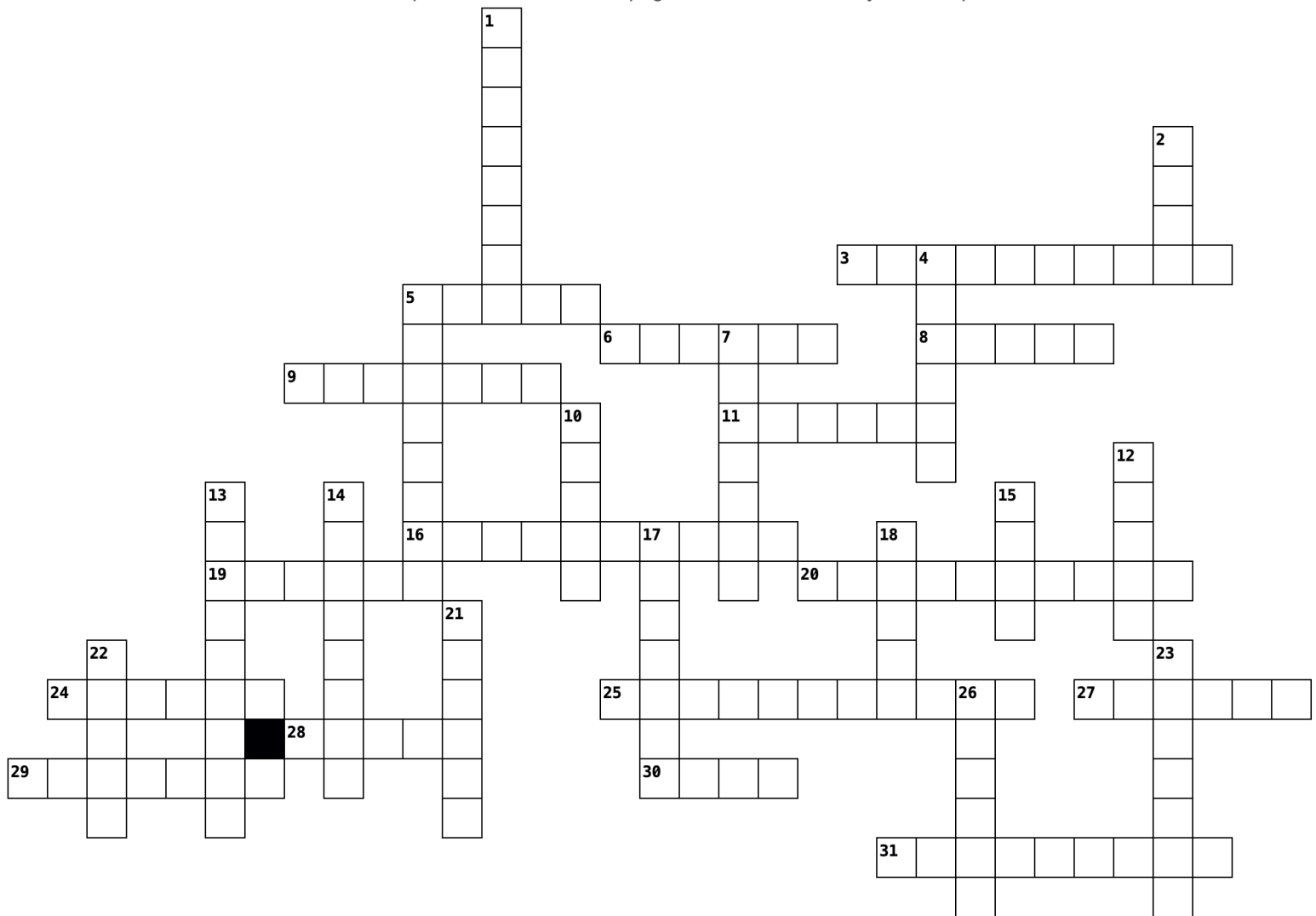
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### CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Answer the questions on the inside pages to solve this holiday themed puzzle!



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, **MARSHA LESEMAN** (Glennallen), **ALESHIA CRANOR** (Valdez), and **REINA MERCEDES** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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



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