

March 2026

# THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER

A photograph of a group of children sitting on bleachers, holding blue pom-poms. In the foreground, an adult in a black shirt with a large white logo on the back is seen from behind, looking towards the children. The children are of various ages and are looking towards the adult. The background shows more children and adults, suggesting a community event or school celebration.

# BUILDING CONNECTION

FROM CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



# CVT IN THE COMMUNITY A MEMORABLE START TO 2026

It's been an exciting and impactful start to the year for Copper Valley Telecom, with meaningful opportunities to connect, celebrate, and invest in the communities we serve.

In Glennallen, CVT hosted a booth at the Glennallen High School Job Fair, organized by Copper River Native Association, to connect with local students and share information about career pathways within the Copper River Basin area. Freshmen through seniors stopped by to spin the wheel, which featured fun, future-focused career questions and reflections on how far they've come. A staff favorite question was, "What did you want to be when you were in kindergarten?" It was a lighthearted and meaningful way to connect with the young adults in our community while highlighting the wide range of career opportunities available right here at home.

The Cordova Iceworm Festival was one to remember! Throughout the week, our team hosted an in-store promotional campaign aligned with this year's "Ice and Dice" theme, featuring a Gum Drop Sale on select items and a customer favorite, our Candy Land-inspired game experience. Customers of all ages stopped in to play, win branded prizes and candy, and enter for a

chance to win an Infinity Game Table. Seventeen participants made it to the Candy Castle and earned entry into the grand prize drawing. Congratulations to Dale Johnson, our grand prize winner! The week wrapped up with our annual hot cocoa bar on parade day, a festival favorite and the perfect treat to enjoy while watching the parade.

We also proudly sponsored the Elk's Pep Rally, which brought Valdez High School basketball players and cheerleaders to Hermon Hutchens Elementary School ahead of the Elk's Hometown Invitational Tournament weekend. With fan gear, school spirit, and high energy, the rally was a success. Students loved the event, and that excitement carried throughout the weekend as the community showed up strong to support the teams. It was a powerful reminder of how youth engagement and school pride strengthen overall community pride.

Community celebrations are at the core of what we do, and CVT remains committed to supporting events that bring people together and reinforce the connections that make our communities thrive. We're looking ahead to even more opportunities to connect as we welcome warmer weather, and we look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

## SUPPORT YOUR COOPERATIVE: JOIN THE CREDENTIALS & ELECTION 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 Committee plays a key role meeting prep by validating signatures and tallying ballots for Director

elections and any applicable bylaw amendments. Ballots are received at the Cooperative headquarters in Valdez, Alaska, and volunteers who travel outside their district are reimbursed for eligible mileage. Each active committee member also receives a token of appreciation for their contribution.

If you're ready to help ensure a fair and smooth election process, visit [cvtc.org/volunteer](http://cvtc.org/volunteer) to join the committee today!

# IS YOUR MEDICAL ID SET UP?

## HOW THIS PHONE FEATURE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Our smartphones do more than keep us connected, they can also provide critical information to first responders in an emergency. Both iPhones and Android devices include a built-in Medical ID or Emergency Info feature that allows you to store important details like medical conditions, allergies, medications, blood type, and emergency contacts. This information can be accessed from your lock screen by emergency personnel without unlocking your phone or viewing any of your private data.

Setting it up only takes a few minutes. On iPhone, open the Health app, tap your profile, then select Medical ID. Enter your medical details and emergency contacts, and be sure to turn on "Show When Locked." You can also enable the option to share your Medical ID during emergency calls where supported.

On Android phones, open Settings and go to Safety and Emergency (or Emergency Info on some devices). From there, add your medical information and emergency contacts, and make sure the option to display this information on the lock screen is turned on so it's visible in an emergency.

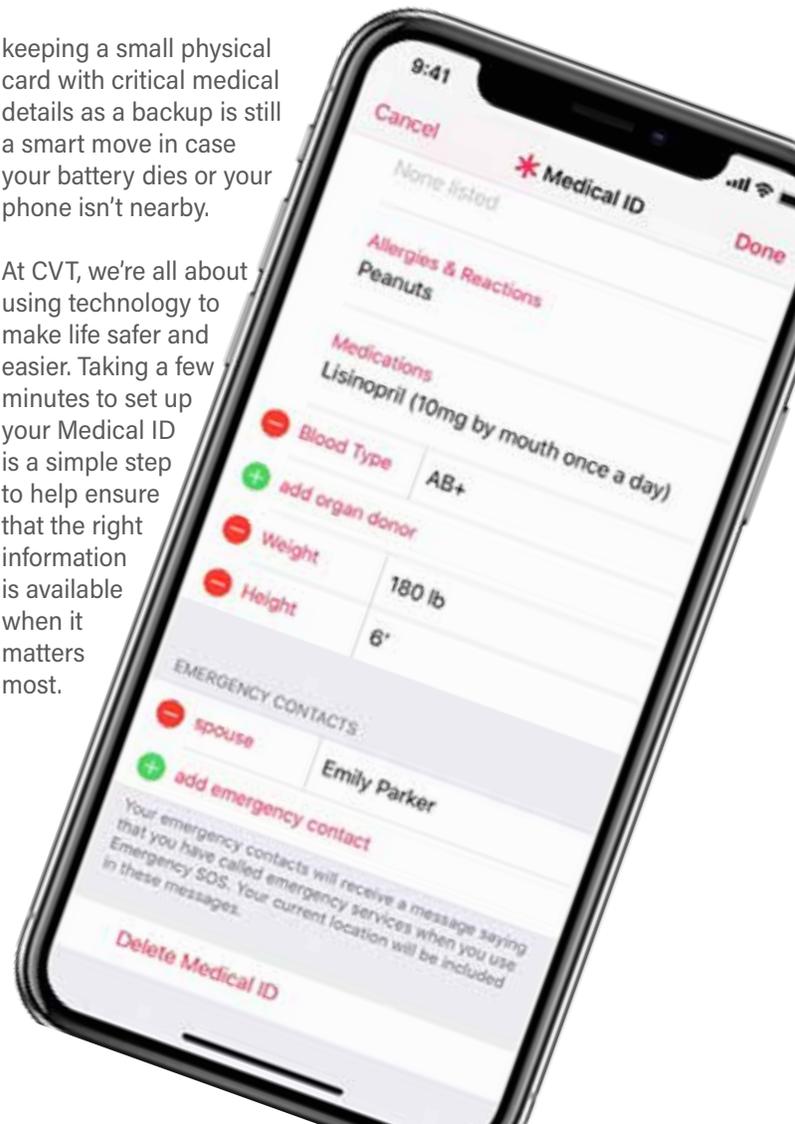
In most cases, this information can be viewed by tapping the "Emergency Call" button on your lock screen, where you'll see an option for Medical ID or Medical Info. It's a good idea to review and update your Medical ID anytime medications change or after doctor visits so your information stays current.

If you're comfortable with technology, helping family members set theirs up can be a great way to look out for one another. If you're not sure where to find these settings, our CVT staff is always happy to help point you in the right direction.

While your phone makes emergency information easy to access,

keeping a small physical card with critical medical details as a backup is still a smart move in case your battery dies or your phone isn't nearby.

At CVT, we're all about using technology to make life safer and easier. Taking a few minutes to set up your Medical ID is a simple step to help ensure that the right information is available when it matters most.



# COPPER VALLEY TELECOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## APPLY NOW!

**DEADLINE  
03/19**

Are you interested in serving on Copper Valley Telecom's Board of Directors?

With the exception of incumbents running for re-election, all candidates for election to the Board of Directors who wish to appear on the ballot must be nominated by petition. This petition (and qualification information) may be downloaded here or picked up at the Valdez or Glennallen storefronts. The petition must be signed by fifteen (15) or more cooperative members and submitted no later than **Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m.**

There is one three-year seat available in Valdez, currently held by Scott Malone, and one three-year seat available in Glennallen, currently held by Karen Linnell. Both incumbents will be seeking re-election.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:** It's not too late to apply for the CVT Scholarship or FRS Youth Tour. Applications are due **March 6th**, and the ATA Scholarship is open until **April 3rd**. Visit [www.cvtc.org/scholarships](http://www.cvtc.org/scholarships) to apply.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:** Board of Directors and Credentials & Election Committee applications close **March 15th**.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** Join us on **April 28th** in Glennallen, and **April 30th** in Valdez for the Annual Meeting!

Visit [www.cvtc.org](http://www.cvtc.org) for more information.

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Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

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## WORDSEARCH

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

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| 1. Committee | 3. Opportunities | 5. Directors | 7. Meeting |
| 2. Iceworm   | 4. Castle        | 6. Deadline  | 8. Medical |

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, **ROSS GREGSTON** (Glennallen), **JULIE ROETMAN** (Valdez), and **PAMELA WHITESELL** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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

