

June 2026

THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER





THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

After a combined 52 years of service at Copper Valley Telecom, three longtime employees are beginning their well-earned retirements.

On May 21st, **Chris Mishmash** retired following a 20-year career with Copper Valley. As Chief Operations Officer, Chris helped shape the future of CVT and made a lasting impact on the company, employees, and communities served.

On April 3rd, **Ron Fowler** wrapped up 16 years with CVT. As a Plant Technician in Valdez, Ron played an important role in maintaining the network and helping keep customers connected through every season.

Together, Ron, Lon, and Chris have dedicated decades of hard work, knowledge, and commitment to keeping communities connected. Their contributions have left a lasting impact on CVT, and they will be greatly missed. We wish each of them all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter in retirement.

On May 1st, **Lon Rake** retired after 16 years with the company. As Valdez Plant Superintendent, Lon's leadership and knowledge helped guide countless projects and support the team through years of growth and change.



SUMMER SCREENTIME

Summer break is here, and while screens are part of everyday life, it's easy for them to take over without the structure of the school year. The goal isn't to eliminate screen time entirely. It's simply about finding a balance that leaves room for outdoor adventures, creativity, family time, and downtime too.

Summer also brings more opportunities to unplug naturally. Bike rides, backyard games, walks, fishing trips, and time outside with friends all offer easy ways to step away from devices for a while. Small screen-free moments, like meals or outdoor activities, can help create more opportunities for connection without needing to make hard rules around technology.

For many families, having some kind of routine during the summer can help days feel a little more balanced. That doesn't have to mean a strict schedule. Sometimes it's as simple as starting the day with outdoor play, reading, chores, or another activity before screens become the focus. Even a loose routine can help break up long stretches of screen time.

Kids also tend to notice how adults use technology. Family movie nights, watching videos together, or simply putting phones away during conversations can help make screen time feel more shared and intentional instead of something everyone experiences separately.

Not all screen time looks the same either. Educational videos, creative apps, coding games, and learning platforms can offer fun ways for kids to stay engaged while still learning something new. Mixing in creative or educational content alongside entertainment can help create a little more variety throughout the day.

Every family handles screen time differently, and there's no one-size-fits-all approach. Summer should have room for all of it: outdoor adventures, creativity, connection, relaxation, and yes, even some screen time. A little balance can help make the season more enjoyable for everyone.





CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS AT THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETINGS

Copper Valley Telecom held its 2026 Annual Meetings on April 28th in Glennallen and April 30th in Valdez, bringing communities together to celebrate CVT's 65th anniversary with an evening of company updates, great food, prizes, and connection.

Prior to each meeting, attendees were invited to explore the Company Showcase, featuring booths from departments across CVT. Guests had the opportunity to meet with staff, ask questions, learn more about company services and projects, and participate in games and activities at each booth. One especially popular activity at the Accounting booth challenged attendees to guess the total combined amount of retired capital credits issued by CVT over the years. The correct answer was an impressive \$38,680,086, with the closest guess without going over taking home the prize.

In Valdez, dinner and dessert were catered by Serendipity Supper Club. In Glennallen, dinner was provided by Cast Iron Café, with dessert from Baked in the Deez. More than 40 door prizes were awarded in each district, with prizes generously donated by CVT partner vendors and supplemented by prizes purchased by CVT.

Mail-in ballot results were announced during the meetings, including the outcome of a proposed bylaw amendment that would have extended the maximum number of years a director may serve from 15 years to 30 years. The amendment did not pass.

Board election results were also announced. In the Glennallen District, Karen Linnell was reelected to a three-year term. In the Valdez District, Karen Feero was elected to a three-year term.

CVT also recognized this year's scholarship recipients during the meetings. Through Copper Valley Telecom scholarship programs, nine students received a combined \$16,500 in scholarships. Photos of this year's recipients are featured below, and more information about these incredible students can be found by visiting Copper Valley Telecom.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's meetings a success. Those who were unable to attend can view the meetings through their SmartHub portal. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



From Left to Right: *Kayla Abbott, Chelsey Palmer, Monica Bryan, Erik Vincent, Savannah Barton, Lola Compehos, Hailey Major, Phoebe Tschappat, Robert Quemado Jr.*

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LEARN MORE!



Family Fun BINGO Night



5:30 - 7:30 PM | Free Fun for the Whole Family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VALDEZ 125TH ANNIVERSARY: Valdez's 125th Anniversary celebration kicks off June 11th with three days of events, including CVT hosting Family Bingo at Kelsey Dock on **June 12th** from 5:30-7:30 PM.

FIREWEED MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL: Join us in Copper Center on **June 27th**, where we will be handing out water to festival attendees.

Visit 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. Congrats | 3. Graduation | 5. Anniversary | 7. Family |
| 2. Retirement | 4. Scholarships | 6. Valdez | 8. Fun |

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, **RYAN & AMANDA LUITEN** (Glennallen), **JAMES ODDEN** (Valdez), and **CHRIS BOURGEOIS** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

