

September 2026

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D I G I T A L W I N T E R P R E P

Fall is the perfect time to start getting ready for another Alaska winter. Before the snow arrives and winter storms become part of the forecast, most of us are already thinking about prepping the house, stocking up on supplies, and pulling out the cold-weather gear. But in remote Alaska, being prepared also means making sure you can stay informed, access important information, and keep in touch when weather disrupts normal routines. This year, add digital winter prep to your seasonal checklist.

Start by making sure important information is backed up and easy to access. Digital copies of identification, insurance information, medical records, and other important documents can be invaluable if you need them unexpectedly or cannot access your physical files. Store copies securely in the cloud or on a USB drive kept with your emergency supplies. Fall is also a good time to review your phone and make sure important contacts, emergency numbers, and account information are up to date.

Don't wait for the first big storm to think about staying connected. Check that emergency weather alerts are enabled on your phone and sign up for local community, emergency management, and utility alerts. Take some time to download any apps you rely on for emergency information and make sure you know where to find local weather, community, and utility updates. In remote Alaska, winter weather can change quickly, so having important information readily available is one more way to be prepared if plans change unexpectedly.

Backup power should be part of your digital preparedness as well. Keep phones, power banks, and other essential devices charged and ready for the season. If you rely on your home internet for Wi-Fi calling, work, or other important services, consider

whether you have a battery backup or portable power station that can keep your router running during an outage. Knowing what your backup power can support before an outage happens is much easier than figuring it out in the middle of a storm.

It is also worth knowing how to report a service outage before you need to. Save your provider's outage reporting information in your phone and familiarize yourself with any available apps or online tools. During a major storm, customer service lines can become busy, so knowing your options ahead of time can help you get information and report an issue more easily.

Winter preparedness starts before winter does. September gives us a great opportunity to get organized while the weather is still manageable and there is plenty of time to make sure everything is ready. As you prepare your home, vehicle, and emergency supplies for the months ahead, take a few minutes to prepare your digital emergency kit, too. Because in Alaska, you never quite know what the weather may bring, and being prepared means having more than a flashlight and a snow shovel. It means being ready to stay informed and stay connected when you need it most.





THANKS FOR RIDING ALONG

AT THE 2026 CUSTOMER APPRECIATION RODEOS

Our Customer Appreciation Rodeos in Valdez and Glennallen were a fantastic way to wrap up our summer of community picnics! We were so excited to bring a little western fun to our customers and neighbors while spending time together outside the office.

Both evenings had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many members come out to enjoy the festivities. From the mechanical bull and hobby horse races to hat decorating, games, and Copper's Moose Tracks ice cream, there was plenty of fun for everyone.

One of the biggest hits of the evenings was, of course, the mechanical bull! Many of our members were brave enough to take a turn, and even Copper the Moose got in on the action. Watching everyone cheer each other on and enjoy a little friendly competition made for some unforgettable moments.

Congratulations to our Valdez winners! Betty Sodergren, Emma Wesson, and Amanda Glazer each took home a \$25 local gift card in our door prize drawing. Our bull riding champions were AJ Tudela, who held on for 19 seconds to win the adult competition, and Rani Kompkoff, who rode for an

impressive 32 seconds to take the youth prize.

We also want to congratulate our Glennallen winners! Derrick Sinyon, Rachel Morse, and Crystal Cyr each won a \$25 local gift card in the door prize drawing. On the bull, Shepherd Korth took the adult title with an incredible 1 minute and 20 second ride, while Lily held on for 52 seconds to win the kids competition. Way to hang on!

Guests also enjoyed chili dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream while visiting with friends, neighbors, and our team. Most importantly, we loved having the opportunity to spend time with the communities we serve and see so many familiar faces enjoying the evening.

A huge thank-you goes to everyone who helped make both rodeos possible. There was a lot of work happening behind the scenes, and seeing our members enjoy themselves made it all worthwhile.

Thank you, Valdez and Glennallen, for coming out, having fun, and helping make our Customer Appreciation Rodeos such a success. We are so grateful to be part of these communities and look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

LABOR DAY: Our storefronts will be closed on Monday, **September 1st**, in recognition of Labor Day. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday the 2nd.

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. Fall | 3. Digital | 5. Rodeo | 7. Friends |
| 2. Winter | 4. Preparedness | 6. Appreciaton | 8. Family |

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, **DARLENE WRIGHT** (Glennallen), **JUDI THURMOND** (Valdez), and **JEANINE BULLER** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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