

October 2026

THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER



CO-OP MONTH:

LOCAL. TRUSTED. YOURS

October is Co-op Month, a time to celebrate what makes cooperatives different and, more importantly, the members and communities they were created to serve. At Copper Valley Telecom, being a cooperative is more than how we are structured. It is part of who we are and has shaped the way we have served Copper Valley communities for 65 years.

We are local. CVT was built by and for the people who live in this region, and that local connection continues to guide the decisions we make today. Our employees live in the communities we serve, our board members are local, and we understand firsthand the unique challenges of providing communications services across large distances and rural areas. Whether we are expanding fiber, improving reliability, supporting a community event or helping a member get back online, our decisions are made with the people and places we serve in mind.

That commitment to serving rural Alaska is part of CVT's history. We were formed to bring reliable telephone service to communities that larger providers were not serving, and that mission continues today as we build and maintain a modern fiber network. We have never believed that where you live should determine whether you have access to reliable communications. Today, that means continuing to invest in the infrastructure our members need, even when serving remote and smaller communities requires more time and resources.

We are member-owned. When you receive service from CVT, you are more than a customer. You are a member of the cooperative. That ownership gives members a voice in how the cooperative is governed, including electing the board of directors and participating in our annual meetings. It also means our

accountability starts with the people who use our services every day.

Being member-owned also means the cooperative's success can directly benefit its members. Through capital credits, eligible members share in the cooperative's financial success. Rather than being distributed to outside shareholders, capital is retained and returned to members according to the cooperative's policies and financial position. At the same time, CVT continues to reinvest in our network, technology, employees and communities so we can provide the reliable service our members depend on for years to come.

We are also community-minded. As a cooperative, our connection to the communities we serve goes beyond providing internet, phone and wireless service. We support local schools, youth programs, community organizations, events and other efforts that help make our communities stronger. Our employees live here, raise their families here and participate in these communities alongside our members. Supporting the places we call home is simply part of being CVT.

Local. Trusted. Yours. These three words reflect what it means to be a member of Copper Valley Telecom. For 65 years, our cooperative has been built around a simple idea: communities are stronger when we work together. We are proud to continue that tradition by investing locally, listening to our members and building the connections our communities need today and into the future.





OCTOBER: A MONTH OF FUN, COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS

This year, Copper Valley Telecom is celebrating with activities throughout our service area that bring our members, local businesses, students and communities together. From shopping local and learning how the internet works to fall family fun and a little Halloween magic, there's something happening throughout the month.

We're kicking things off by putting the spotlight on the businesses that make our communities unique with Shop Local. Win Big. Throughout October, CVT customers can support a locally owned business, bring their receipt to their local CVT office and receive an entry into that week's prize drawing. There's no limit on entries, so every local shopping trip is another chance to win. Weekly winners at our Glennallen, Cordova and Valdez offices will receive gift cards from local businesses, giving us another opportunity to encourage shopping close to home while giving back to our members.

From supporting local businesses, we're turning our attention to the next generation of Copper Valley community members. We'll welcome elementary students from Glennallen Elementary, Kenny Lake School and Hermon Hutchens Elementary to CVT for educational field trips. Students will get a behind-the-scenes look at how the internet works, tour our facilities, meet members of our plant team and see a fiber splicing demonstration. It's a fun opportunity to connect what students learn in the classroom with the technology they use every day.

And because October is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy some fall fun, we'll be joining CVEA for its annual Pumpkin Patch events in Glennallen on October 10 and Valdez on October 17, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the CVT booth to play our ring toss game for a chance to win discounts from participating event vendors. We're excited to get out into the community, enjoy the festivities and see our members and their families.

As Halloween gets closer, we'll shift our focus to helping local kids enjoy the holiday safely. CVT will once again provide health and safety trick-or-treat bags to elementary students in the Valdez and Glennallen school districts. More than 400 students will receive bags filled with safety-focused goodies provided with help from local community partners. Each student will also receive a reusable water bottle and a special card featuring Copper's Tips and Tricks for a Healthy Halloween, with information about the items included in their bag.

And we're saving some of the biggest Halloween fun for last. On October 30th, CVT will take part in Business Trick-or-Treat, transforming our offices into a magical forest for an afternoon of treats, decorations and Halloween fun. Families can stop by as they make their way through town and see what kind of surprises are waiting at CVT.

There's a lot happening this October, and we're excited to celebrate with the communities we serve. From supporting local businesses and connecting with students to joining community events and making Halloween a little more fun, these activities are all about getting out into our communities and celebrating the people who make them special.



WIN BIG BY SUPPORTING LOCAL SHOP LOCAL... SUBMIT RECEIPTS... WIN BIG!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CVTA PUMPKIN PATCH: Come pick your perfect pumpkin on **October 10th** in Glennallen, and **17th** in Valdez, and enjoy activity booths supporting local nonprofits, and help us support our local food banks.

WEAR PINK DAY: October 13th is Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and we invite you to wear pink with us to support and bring awareness to Breast Cancer.

BUSINESS TRICK-OR-TREAT: Have a magical time with us during the Business trick-or-treat. From 3-5pm in all three locations!

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. Local | 3. Halloween | 5. Shop | 7. Cooperative |
| 2. History | 4. Magic | 6. Safety | 8. Treats |

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, **GLENN DUFRESNE** (Glennallen), **WILLIAM BRASIC** (Valdez), and **CHRISTOPHER FARISS** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____



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