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# THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER





## Peace of Mind at Your Fingertips

With the CVT Connect app you can have peace of mind with total visibility of your entire network. See who and what is connected, set up guest networks so you don't have to share your primary password, and ensure healthy screen time by monitoring usage and creating offline schedules for the kids.

### With the CVT Connect App, control is in the palm of your hand!

Account Setup is as Easy as 1-2-3

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#### Download CVT Connect

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#### Create Account

Once the app is downloaded, create an account with your name, email, and password.

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#### Connect Your Home

Click on "Issues Scanning?" to manually copy/paste your unique MAC address and Serial Number into the app.  
*(These can be found on the bottom of your gateway.)*

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# BUILDING A SMART BACKYARD:

## CREATE YOUR IDEAL ENTERTAINING SPACE

As Alaskans, we treasure our short but magnificent summers, seizing every opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. With smart home technology, we can maximize these precious months, transforming our backyards into high-tech havens of relaxation and entertainment.

From innovative security solutions to entertainment systems that rival your indoor setup, these smart enhancements can transform your backyard into a haven of convenience, comfort, and enjoyment, allowing you to savor every precious moment of our beautiful summers.

### Smart Security for Your Backyard

While smart doorbells and cameras are great for the front door and driveway, you can also enhance backyard security. Outdoor wireless cameras let you monitor your backyard, ideal for when kids are playing outside. Motion sensors can detect unwanted visitors, including wildlife, making smart outdoor security cameras a wise choice.

### Outdoor Smart Speakers

Music is a must for entertaining, whether it's a pool party or a barbecue. Dust-tight, waterproof outdoor smart speakers can create a sound system for your backyard or patio that rivals your indoor setup. These speakers connect to your devices and music apps like Apple Music or Spotify, letting you showcase your playlists outdoors. For richer sound, consider pairing multiple smart speakers.

### Smart Outdoor Lighting

Smart outdoor lighting can enhance your backyard's ambiance. Use it to spotlight shrubbery and trees or string lights along pathways. Modern smart lighting allows you to control power and dimming with your voice, and some bulbs can adjust colors and hues, perfect for holidays! Adding motion sensors can enhance security by turning on lights when movement is detected.

### Smart Fire Pits

Enjoy the coziness of a smart fire pit when the weather cools. Some models offer smokeless fires with adjustable flames, making it easy to start and maintain a fire. Traditional models that burn wood can be used for cooking or roasting marshmallows, with smart technology allowing you to control flames for added safety and convenience.

### Smart Barbecue Grills

Finally, we would be remiss if we didn't include recent technological advances to outdoor barbecue grills. Smart grills include many features designed to reduce the stress—and, let's face it, disappointments—that frequently accompany so many backyard barbecues. Today's smart technology is built into your smart grill, keeping you informed on timing and temperature, so you don't undercook your guests' hamburgers or burn your shish kabobs to crisps. A smart grill can genuinely help make your next backyard barbecue a success!

By setting up a smart backyard, you can enjoy more of your property than ever before. With Copper Valley Telecom's fiber network, these smart devices can seamlessly integrate new technology across your backyard, making the most of your summer outdoor space.





# 2024 FRS YOUTH TOUR

Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) serves rural communities by creating opportunities through scholarships, grants, and innovative programs. The FRS Youth Tour is partnered with NTCA and brings students and chaperones from rural communities all over the country to Washington D.C. Copper Valley Telecom is a proud supporter of the FRS Youth Tour because it is today's students who rely on NTCA- The Rural Broadband Associations members to further their education by making online classes possible and staying connected to the rest of the world for social, medical, and business needs. The youth tour offers them an opportunity to better understand how public policy can affect their everyday lives, culture exposure, and lifelong friendships. This annual trip is offered to Valdez and Glennallen students thru an application process.

The recipients of our 2024 Youth Tour Scholarship were Kelsey Prax and Paige Pedersen from Valdez High School. Kelsey and Paige had the opportunity to join 96 other outstanding students on an exciting journey to explore the nation's capital. During their tour, they visited the House of Representatives, took an enlightening Capitol Tour, and enjoyed a wonderful dinner and show at the Kennedy Center. They also had the chance to engage in meaningful conversations with

commissioners at the FCC, explore the Smithsonian, and pay their respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here's what Kelsey and Paige had to say about their experience:

"FRS Youth Tour was such an amazing experience! We got to see all the monuments and explore the city. The people you meet are so diverse and I made lifelong friends. I got to learn about the importance of connecting the world and how it works internally."

- Kelsey Prax

"Thank you CVT for giving me such a wonderful experience to visit Washington, DC. This trip was an eye opener to truly see what rural communities are, and to see how hard companies like Copper Valley Telecom work to make internet accessibly for everyone. This trip also provided me with an invaluable opportunity to explore the rich history, culture, and political significance of our nation's capital. Your investment in my education and growth is truly appreciated, and I am inspired by your commitment to empowering students like myself. This experience will undoubtedly broaden my horizons and enhance my academic journey, Thank you so much!"

- Paige Pedersen



# WE'RE HIRING

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Our stores are closed on July 4th in observance of independence day.  
**HI-FIVE 5K FUN RUN:** August 3rd is the Valdez Gold Rush Days 5K Fun Run. Pre-register at [www.cvtc.org/hi-five](http://www.cvtc.org/hi-five)  
**CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PICNICS:** Join us as we celebrate you! August 7th in Glennallen, August 8th in Valdez, and August 27th in Cordova!  
 Visit [www.cvtc.org](http://www.cvtc.org) for more information.

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### WORDSEARCH

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

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| 1. Independence | 3. Summer  | 5. Youth    | 7. Outdoors |
| 2. Picnic       | 4. Connect | 6. Backyard | 8. Fun      |

Solve the crossword, 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, **HEATHER HAMMONS** (Glennallen), **ALAN SORUM** (Valdez), and **SIMONE NOLAN** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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

