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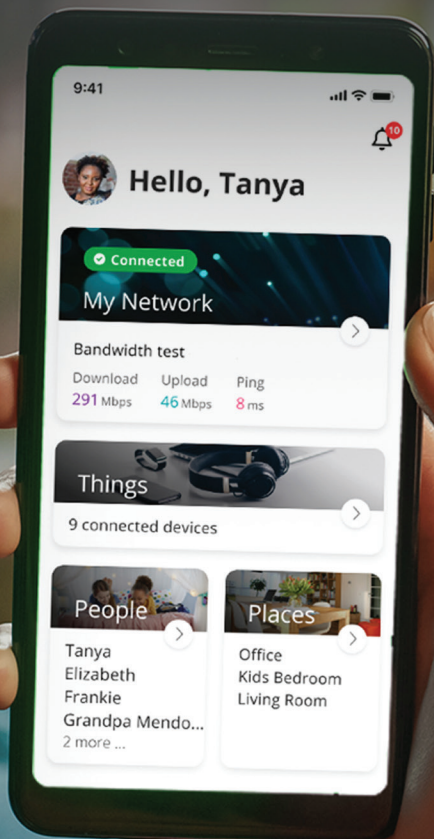
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# TIPS AND TECH FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

As summer winds down, families prepare for the back-to-school season. The busy schedule can be overwhelming, so we've compiled essential tips and tech recommendations to ensure a smooth transition, supported by Copper Valley Telecom's advanced fiber network.

## Recommended Back-to-School Devices and Tech

### Tablets:

Tablets are indispensable for students, and offer a portable, powerful tool for learning and communication. Check out CVT's selection of iPads with WiFi+Cellular for on-the-go learning.

### Smart Planners:

While paper planners are great, smart planners like the Rocketbook Fusion Notebook + Planner combine traditional note-taking with digital convenience. Integrated with Android and iOS apps, it simplifies organization with detailed templates for calendars and to-do lists.

### Noise-Canceling Headphones:

Essential for focused work, the JBL JR460NC headphones are affordable, durable, wireless, and available at your local CVT office. They provide quality sound and effective noise cancellation.

While these back-to-school inspired tools enhance learning, maintaining

a healthy balance of screen time is crucial. Here are some tips to help parents ensure their children make the most of their tech tools without overdoing screen time.

### Tip 1: Schedule Homework and Study Times

Set consistent homework and study hours at the start of the semester. This routine helps balance academics with extracurricular activities and social time. The recommended smart planner can help get started!

### Tip 2: Limit Screen Time on Non-School Devices

Too much screen time isn't good for anyone. Many devices offer screen time limits to keep usage in check. ExperienceIQ, available as an add-on to AURORA WIFI, lets you manage screen time, content, and access. Monitor network traffic, prioritize device usage, and set parental controls easily through the CVT Connect App.

### Tip 3: Enforce Bedtimes

Mandate a bedtime, even for older kids, to instill structure and allow necessary rest. Consider confiscating devices at night, and model healthy habits by stashing your own devices too.

Using these tips and tech recommendations will help your children start the school year on the right foot.



# WE APPRECIATE YOU!

This August Copper Valley Telecom will host the Annual Customer Appreciation Family Fun Picnics! On August 7th, customers in Glennallen and the surrounding area will come together for this special event, and on August 8th, Valdez will follow suit. Later in the month, on August 27th, we'll be making our way to Cordova for a fun-filled day of hamburgers, hotdogs, and other tasty treats.

The Valdez and Glennallen picnics will once again feature Alaska Jump'n Play's bounce houses, bringing boundless joy and laughter to attendees of all ages. The heart of these picnics is our appreciation and gratitude for the communities we serve and the customers who contribute to Copper Valley Telecom's success. It's our way of saying "thank you" for your continuous support, with evenings filled with fun activities and delicious treats. The bounce houses will add an extra dose of excitement for the kids, while parents have a chance to connect and enjoy the day together.

We will be grilling mouthwatering burgers and hotdogs to satisfy everyone's taste buds. Rain or shine, the picnics will go ahead as planned, with arrangements in place to provide shelter and comfort in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

These picnics are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the tight-knit communities in our service area, as friends and neighbors come together. It's a chance to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and foster the strong sense of camaraderie that makes our communities great.

So, mark your calendars for August 7th, 8th, and 27th, and don't forget to bring your family and friends along as we celebrate you with an evening of laughter, fun, and community bonding at the Customer Appreciation Family Fun Picnics!

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY



Summer is here, and with it comes the perfect opportunity to tackle those outdoor projects you've been planning. Whether you're installing a fence, putting up a deck, or more there's one crucial step you must take before you start digging: Call 811.

When you dial 811, you're connected to a service that will send a professional to your property to mark any underground utilities. These include gas lines, water pipes, electrical cables, and telecommunications wires. Knowing where these utilities are buried is essential to avoid accidentally hitting them while digging.

## How Does It Work?

**Call Before You Dig:** Simply dial 811 prior to start your project.

**Wait for the Markings:** A professional locator will come to your property to mark the location of underground utilities with flags or paint.

**Dig Safely:** Once the utilities are marked, you can dig with confidence, knowing you are avoiding potential hazards.  
The Importance of Calling 811

Calling 811 before you dig isn't just a good practice; *it's the law*. More importantly, it helps prevent:

**Service Interruptions:** Damaging a utility line can cause outages, leaving you and your neighbors without essential services.

**Costly Repairs:** Hitting a utility line can lead to expensive repairs and potential fines.

**Safety Hazards:** Striking a gas line or electrical cable can result in serious injury or even fatalities.

At Copper Valley Telecom, we are committed to ensuring the safety and reliability of our services. By calling 811 before you dig, you help us maintain uninterrupted service for our entire community. It's a simple step that can make a big difference.

Remember, whether your project is big or small, it's important to call 811 well in advance. Waiting a few days for a professional to mark your yard is worth the peace of mind and the safety it brings.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our community safe and connected.

Happy digging, and remember: Call 811 before you dig!





# CVT IS PROUD TO BE A SMART RURAL COMMUNITY

Copper Valley Telecom is proud to be a member of NTCA's Smart Communities, which is a group of fiber-based internet providers throughout the country who are dedicated to fostering growth and creating opportunities to help our communities thrive. Being a Smart Rural Community is about connection — neighbors to friends, teachers to students, doctors to patients, new businesses to customers, and a community to the world. Connected by fiber internet we can achieve more, together.

Scan the QR code to learn more about some of the amazing things Smart Rural Communities are doing across the nation!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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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| 2. Rural | 4. Credit  | 6. Hamburger    | 8. School |

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, **CAROL CATLEDGE** (Glennallen), **HOPE VAN DER MEULEN** (Valdez), and **CHRIS FARISS** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

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