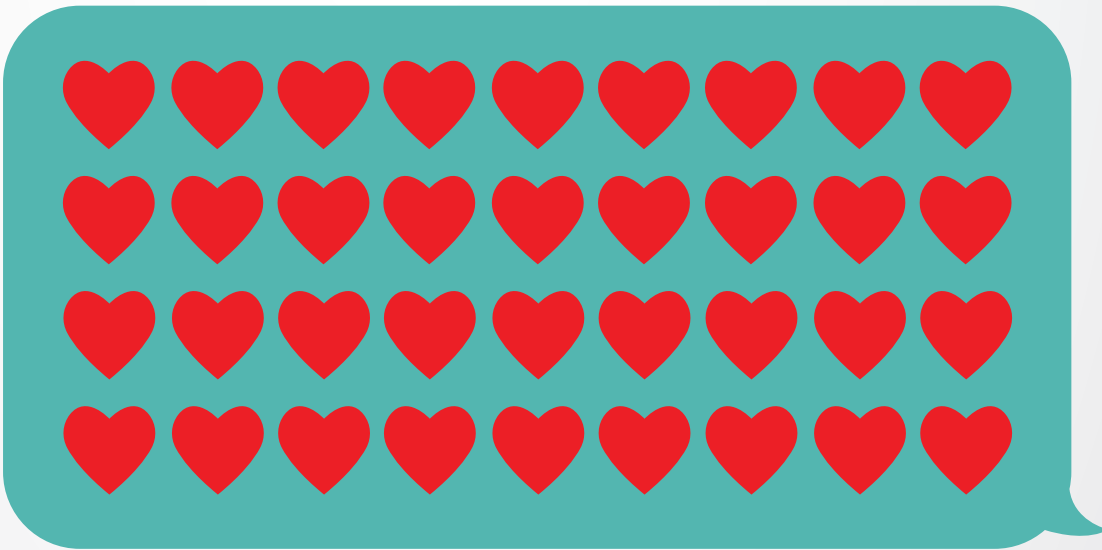
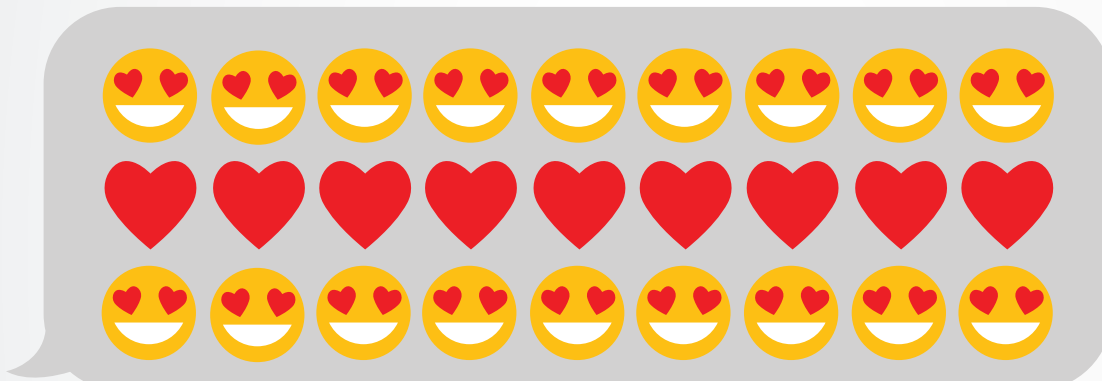
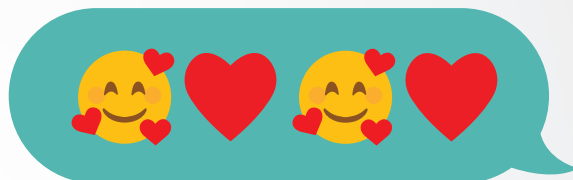


THE CVT CONNECTION

CONNECTIONS MATTER



→ Happy Valentines Day!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WITH COPPER VALLEY TELECOM

Copper Valley Telecom (CVT) is committed to empowering the next generation through education. To support students in our community, we are pleased to offer and endorse several scholarship opportunities for the 2025 academic year.

CVT Scholarships

CVT is proud to provide \$23,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors residing in our service area. To qualify, applicants must have parents or guardians who are current members of CVT and reside within our service area or are wireless customers in Cordova or other areas without landline service. The deadline to apply is **March 7, 2025**, by close of business.

ATA Scholarships

CVT also endorses scholarships from the Alaska Telecom Association (ATA), open to students who are members of CVT or ATA, or whose parents or guardians are. Applications will be accepted beginning **February 2025**.

FRS Scholarships

Additionally, CVT promotes scholarships through The Foundation for Rural Services (FRS). Applications are due by **February 14, 2025**.

To learn more about these opportunities and apply, visit www.cvtc.org/scholarships. We encourage all eligible students to explore these scholarships and invest in their futures.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING CREDENTIALS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Per CVT bylaws, "The Committee shall consist of an uneven number of Cooperative members not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, Directors or known candidates for Director, and who are not close relatives as defined in Section 4.3[a] of the bylaws."

The Credentials and Election Committee is responsible for validating signatures on returned ballots and for tallying ballots received for Annual Meeting

purposes (Director election and, if applicable, bylaw amendments). Ballots will be received at the Cooperative headquarters in Valdez, Alaska. Volunteers who travel outside of their district will be reimbursed for eligible mileage expenses.

Additionally, a token of appreciation will be given to each committee member who takes an active role in this important process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit cvtc.org/volunteer to sign up today!

Copper Valley Telecom is also looking for volunteers for the 2025 Scholarship Committee to assess scholarship applications. Scholarship Committee volunteers must be CVT members in good standing without conflicts of interest. Please apply today by visiting cvtc.org/volunteer



THE FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE YOUTH TOUR

Last year, Kelsey Prax and Paige Pedersen from Valdez High School had the opportunity of a lifetime, thanks to Copper Valley Telecom's sponsorship. The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour brought together students from rural communities nationwide to explore Washington, D.C., and gain invaluable experiences.

During this transformative trip, participants honed their leadership skills, deepened their understanding of broadband challenges in rural areas, visited historic landmarks, built lifelong friendships, and engaged with the Federal Communications Commission and congressional staff.

Reflecting on her experience, Kelsey shared: *"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."*

Paige also expressed her gratitude, saying: *"Thank you, CVT, for giving me such a wonderful experience to visit Washington, D.C. 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 accessible 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."*

Now, Copper Valley Telecom is thrilled to invite applications for the 2025 Youth Tour! This incredible opportunity is open to students aged 15-17 whose parents or guardians are CVT members. Applicants must complete an application and submit a 2-5 minute video introducing themselves and showcasing their unique qualities.

Applications and videos must be submitted online at cvtc.org/scholarships by **March 7th, 2025**. Don't miss your chance to embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure!

FIBER: GROUNDED RELIABILITY

You already know the benefits of Copper Valley Telecom's fiber internet—fast speeds, reliability, and the ability to handle all your online needs. But with the growing buzz around alternative technologies like Starlink satellite internet, it's worth exploring how they stack up. Here's a breakdown of the key differences to show why fiber remains the clear winner.

Fiber Internet: Grounded Reliability

Fiber-optic internet transmits data via light signals through ultra-thin glass fibers, delivering blazing-fast speeds—up to 10 Gbps or more. Its underground cables are built to withstand weather and interference, ensuring a reliable connection year-round.

Fiber's symmetrical speeds (equal download and upload rates) make it perfect for streaming, gaming, video conferencing, and managing multiple devices simultaneously. With virtually unlimited bandwidth and ultra-low latency (1-2 milliseconds), fiber offers a smooth, frustration-free online experience for households and businesses alike.

Starlink Satellite Internet: Innovative but Limited

Starlink, operated by SpaceX, uses low Earth orbit satellites to beam internet signals to users via a satellite dish. While it provides connectivity to remote areas, its performance lags behind fiber. Download speeds range from 50 to 300 Mbps, with slower upload speeds and higher latency (20-40 milliseconds).

Weather and atmospheric disturbances can disrupt Starlink's service, as well as capacity issues, causing slower speeds or outages. While it's a valuable option for areas where fiber isn't yet available, Starlink struggles to handle multiple devices or high-bandwidth activities effectively.

Why Fiber Wins

- **Faster Speeds:** Fiber delivers the fastest and most consistent speeds, essential for activities like video conferencing, online gaming, and content creation.
- **Unmatched Reliability:** Underground fiber cables resist interference and remain unaffected by weather conditions, unlike satellite-based services.
- **Unlimited Bandwidth:** Fiber supports more users and devices without slowdowns, making it ideal for busy households or offices.
- **Lower Latency:** Fiber's ultra-low latency ensures seamless real-time experiences for gaming, video calls, and streaming.
- **Greater Capacity:** Fiber internet offers consistent speeds and reliability, even as more people connect, ensuring a seamless experience for everyone.

Fiber internet continues to set the standard for speed, reliability, and performance, making it the ideal choice for households and businesses alike. With Copper Valley Telecom's fiber network, you're equipped with the best internet solution available.

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ADD A NEW LINE OF SERVICE
AND GET A FLIP PHONE ON US!*

*SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SEE STORE FOR DETAILS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY: Stop by Copper Valley Telecom to make the perfect connection!
PRESIDENT'S DAY: Our offices will be closed on Monday February 17th.

Visit www.cvtc.org for more information.

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Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

February 2025

WORDSEARCH

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

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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, **JASON SEVERS** (Glennallen), **WILLIAM SMITH** (Valdez), and **ALMA GAPPE** (Cordova). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

