

The Copper Wire

A member/owner newsletter brought to you by Copper Valley Telecom

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Copper Valley Telecom is holding its annual photo contest in order to select a cover photo for our 2018 phone book.

Entering is easy! Simply email your high quality, digital photos to rsmith@cvtc.org.

Entries may also be dropped off to one of our local offices or sent by mail: CVTC, PO Box 337, Valdez, AK 99686

A few rules apply:

- Photos must be taken in one of CVTC's service areas
- Photos must be submitted by Nov 27th at 5pm
- Each photographer may only enter three photos

Not only will the winning photo be featured on our phone book and annual meeting booklets, but you will also win **\$200 CASH** and your photo will be displayed in our Valdez and Glennallen offices.

Cyber Security Awareness Month

CVT announced in October that it had become a Champion of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). In part, this means that CVT has committed to promote online safety awareness. Throughout the month of October, CVT posted tips and information regarding online safety as well as hosting quizzes that made participants eligible to win \$50.00 local merchant certificates.

Some of the tips that were suggested throughout this campaign were:

- Make sure to delete apps that are no longer useful or interesting
- Secure your home's wireless router with a strong password
- Educate employees about their security role in protecting the information of colleagues and coworkers
- Keep your security software current in order to minimize risk

Please visit our Facebook page and check out all of the tips and suggestions that were shared!



STOP. CHECK SECURITY MEASURES.
THINK. ABOUT ONLINE ACTIONS' CONSEQUENCES.
CONNECT. AND ENJOY THE INTERNET.
STAYSAFEONLINE.ORG/NCSAM



Cooperative Month Food Drive

In celebration of October Cooperative Month, CVT collaborated with CVEA to sponsor a food drive to benefit both our cooperative members and our communities. During the month of October, each non-perishable food item that was dropped off at a CVT or CVEA business office earned an entry into a drawing for a \$100.00 service credit.

CVT also added a "Cooperative Facts" event to our Facebook page. Throughout the month, we posted nine cooperative facts and asked Facebook viewers to "like" and/or "share" each post. Those who did were also entered into a drawing to win one of 10 prizes. Stay tuned for the list of these winners listed in the December issue!



iPhone 8

Experience iPhone 8 on the fastest network. Come and get it.

iPhone 8 deserves Copper Valley Telecom's 4G LTE.
Come in today and treat yourself to Apple's amazing new phone.



LOCAL

LONG DISTANCE

WIRELESS

INTERNET

iPhone 8

In 2007, the original iPhone was released and it changed the landscape of wireless handsets. With the invention of the iPhone you no longer needed to carry a calculator, notepad, music player, or a GPS. All of this came in one device.

The iPhone 8 is a refinement of that original concept. Apple has created a world where we can shop, navigate, socialize, and even work all from a device that you can hold in your hand. They have continued to replace gadgets and gizmos with apps and programs. This phone is only a few steps away from replacing your desktop PC and Digital SLR camera!

Apple has always focused on software and hardware working together. This phone is proof of that concept. If you are looking for a new smartphone, the iPhone 8 may be the choice for you. Stop by one of our local offices to check it out and see what kind of great deals we are offering!



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Upcoming Cooperative Events and Information

Capital Credits: Another great benefit to being a member of Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative is that you are eligible to receive capital credits. A detailed announcement will be released soon regarding this year's disbursement!

2017 Phone Book Updates: Please review your current listing(s) and call our customer service department with any changes you may have. To ensure that your changes meet our deadline, please contact us with your updates by Friday, December 29th!

IN HOME WIFI NETWORK FACT #5

A wired connection to your modem is always stronger than the modem's WiFi signal. If you need maximum speed to a particular device (especially common for gaming units, smart televisions, or other video streaming devices), you may wish to connect directly to the modem instead of relying upon the modem's WiFi signal.

IN HOME WIFI NETWORK FACT #6

Modem location matters! Many times, walls, glass, or microwave ovens interfere, and thus weaken, the WiFi signal from the modem. Often, simply relocating the modem to a more optimal location in your home can make a difference in your online experience. Copper Valley Telecom technicians can generate a signal map (also called a "heat map") that shows each customer where their signal is strong or weak and where the best location is for the modem.

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The Copper Wire Quiz

Enter to Win a \$50 Gift Certificate

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Answer these three questions correctly, tear off, and mail or drop off at the Glennallen or Valdez business office. Return by the 15th of the month to ensure your entry is included in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to last issue's winners Ernie Charley (Gakona) and Jennie Needles (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

- 1) What year was the original iPhone released? _____.
- 2) Name one thing that could weaken a WiFi signal coming from the modem? _____.
- 3) What is the due date for photo submissions for the directory cover? _____.

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____