

# Pokemon Go: Are you playing?

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As many have heard Pokemon is back and has a stronger following than ever before. This has come thanks to the mobile game Pokemon Go created by Niantic Inc. The popularity of this game has been seen globally making it to the top of the Apple and Android charts. It has also been able to stay at least in the top 10 ever since.

My personal experience with the game has made me love Pokemon all over again. I am cur-

rently at level 24, and a part of Team Valor. In my Pokedex, I have caught 110 Pokemon, and seen 112. This game has helped me get to meet people, and learn about my new home here in Tennessee.

Normally, I will go out Pokemon hunting with my fiancée, and we meet people every time. Everyone who normally plays also seems very friendly, no matter what team you are on. I have seen people young and old play this game, and while it is just a game, it

has really made everyone happy.

If I had any complaints about the game, I would say it had to do with the glitches that come with it. However, this is common with many games, so it doesn't bother me enough to stop playing. If you are playing, I hope you are having as much fun as I am. I have listed a few local Pokestops, and gyms for you. I know I will be visiting them. Hopefully you will too.

Local Pokestops:  
Jasper:

Jasper Public Library  
Kimball:  
- Chiaha historical marker  
- Church of Christ Kimball  
Powells Crossroads  
- Sulfur Springs United Methodist  
- Kelly's Chapel  
Local Gyms:  
Kimball:  
- Kimball Town Hall

\*All stops and gyms were found courtesy of <http://www.pokemon-gomap.info>. If there are any more we'd love to hear from you!\*



## TVFCU presents ChattState with \$10K scholarship

Over the next five years, students at Chattanooga State Community College will have the opportunity to apply for a newly created \$10,000 scholarship, thanks to Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union (TVFCU). "The Chattanooga State Foundation will present a \$2,000 scholarship to an eligible student, each year for five years, on behalf of TVFCU," stated Director of College Advancement Tammy Sawyers.

Chattanooga State maintains strong ties to

schools within the TVFCU service area to ensure that all students have an opportunity to apply for the TVFCU scholarship.

"Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union is a community credit union committed to enhancing the lives of those we serve. Chattanooga State is a community college striving to empower and enrich lives through lifelong learning. We both desire to see this community grow and thrive and by working together. We

can help make this happen. TVFCU recognizes the importance of a good education and desires to do our part to ensure that young people have the opportunity to pursue their dreams," shared Todd Fortner, President and CEO, TVFCU.

For more information about establishing a scholarship, please contact Tammy Sawyers, Director, College Advancement, at (423) 697-3359 or email [tammy.sawyers@chattanoogastate.edu](mailto:tammy.sawyers@chattanoogastate.edu).



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## Relay

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passed away. It has been a very rocky road ever since, so we are trying to step up as a family and as a community for all of the people that we have lost along the way, those who are currently battling, and those who have survived up to this point."

The goal of this event was to raise \$45,000. Proceeds of the event go to benefit: research, transportation to/from treatment centers, Hope Lodge housing, the information hotline, wigs, and more.

Kyle Evans is the Event Lead for this event. Kyle explained how and why he chose to be involved in the relay. "This is my second consecutive year being the event lead of this great event. I have been a part of it for about 12 years. I started first as a participant on a team, and progressed to team captain, committee volunteer, and now as the event lead. I started to participate in this event because my grandfather lost his battle with lymphoma. Since becoming involved,

my aunt has battled and won her fight with breast cancer and my mother has won her fight with esophageal cancer."

Chrissy Seals is the American Cancer Society Community Manager for Marion County. Seals added, "Today's event has over 15 teams registered. All of the money that we raise comes from our teams and sponsors. It is completely volunteer based. The society is working really hard to do so much for the community,

not only for the patients themselves, but for the families who are affected by it as well."

Cancer is a diagnosis that affects patients, their families, and their communities. The community here shows how people can come together for the cause.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to sign up for next year's relay, please contact Chrissy Seals by email at [Chrissy.seals@cancer.org](mailto:Chrissy.seals@cancer.org), or call at (423) 499-2606.



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## Gas

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the east coast, all the way to New Jersey. Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia are the first states to take the hit on gas shortages.

Tennessee Governor Bill Hallam issued a state of emergency and waived the regulations on hourly limitations to fuel truck drivers in order to help get gas into Tennessee as quickly and regularly as possible.

Marion County suffers along with the rest of the counties. Many pumps were closed off this weekend at local convenient stores, or some were shut off at bigger stores with a few remaining open. Gas prices had gone up moderately, but no huge price increase.

When asked if they were worried about running out of gas, workers at Rudders Market in South Pittsburg said they were not worried, because they had an extra tank.

Update received from Colonial Pipeline just before press time: "In an effort to minimize supply disruptions, last week Colonial Pipeline gathered gasoline from Gulf Coast refiners in order to ship supplies on its distillate line to markets throughout the affected region. As a result, following around-the-clock operations to effect this contingency plan, supplies of gasoline have been delivered and/or are in route to terminal locations in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Delivery times to mainline and stubline terminals in these markets vary."

## Trail

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lunch at the Harley-Davidson store in Huntsville. Moore said a smaller group formed and headed on over to Wewoka, Oklahoma, on Sunday with a lunchtime stop in Helena, Arkansas. The weather was nice on Friday, hot but dry. Saturday started out dry for the bikers, but they ran into rain by the time they arrived to their destination in Waterloo.

## The Future of Energy: How diversity is shaping the future of the industry

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On September 14, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) held a round table discussion with executives from across the nation.

In this round table, TVA discussed the constant change and progression of the industry. This was also a time used to acknowledge Hispanic Heritage Month. Marion County Newspapers had a chance to speak with Ric Pérez, TVA Senior Vice President of Shared Services; Geisha Williams, Pacific Gas & Electric President; Kevin Marsh, CEO and Chairman of SCANA; and John Thomas, Executive Vice President and TVA Chief Financial Officer. The executives discussed with us what

they are doing in order to increase diversity within the organization, discuss programs used in these efforts, and express their opinions on the future generation.

This is an event that is really important to the executives, and is also something they want to use to bring attention to the community. "We're doing this as a cornerstone event for the TVA Hispanic Heritage Month. We wanted to have an event that leveraged two things: one that was topical to the community, and topical to our employees; which is what the future challenges of energy. At the same time, really build on this concept of power by the people, and strengthen diversity. The whole concept of diversity of our region, diversity of en-

ergy, and diversity of our workforce. Geisha, and I are both Hispanic leaders in energy, talking about counterparts and diversity in general; the symbol and the framework. I know it is a challenge for us," stated Pérez.

According to Geisha Williams, "Most utilities would tell you that they want their workforce to be reflective of their community. We constantly have that pool of employees coming in to the organization again that are very represented by the community. Sometimes it's easier than others. For example, in our case, we have really had great success at tapping into diversity when looking for utility workers, engineers, etc. At other times we gotta go the extra mile."

There really is a lot of progress being done with bringing diversity in the workplace. However, this is not always the case. There have been some factors where bringing diversity has become a challenge.

"For example, finding women who are interested in the engineering field. You've got to do a lot extra in the national level, regional level, state level, and promoting the programs. Getting women to be interested in science, technology, and math skills is where we face challenges. It has to be on purpose. It is very important to put programs in place, and put forth the time and effort. The W-Stem program is being implanted to get more women excited about these fields. We are making

a lot of progress, but you never are where you want to be."

With the constant growth, these utilities are pushing the extra mile to reach out to the younger generations. Williams stated, "We've had some great success with the upcoming generations with this organization, called First Robotics, which actually taps into kids at the middle school, and high school level, to get them excited about fields in electronics; math; and engineering; and what they do is a competition building robots, so very early on in their ages their applying, not just theorizing about math and science, but actually find that what they learn in the classroom to a project that is fun. So it's about making it fun, making it real, and

it's been very successful nationally," declared Williams.

Kevin Marsh added, "We are fortunate in the region because we still have customer growth. It is definitely being impacted by the future generations. It has become more, and more a part of our plan. We have to have people understand what we do as an industry. It is all about educating potential workers of the organization. It's not about just race and gender, it is also about diversity with experience, and college as well."

The executives are really looking to make the younger generations the future of energy. The progress of energy in any way, shape, or form can really excel if there is more diversity in the organization.