

TVARA NEWS

The TVA Retirees Association

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TVARS investments reported at \$8.4B

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As of June 2023, the TVA Retirement System reports an asset estimate of \$8.4 billion.

The TVARS Board and designated staff members traveled to Boston recently to meet with several investment managers, who provided updates on TVARS investments and provided assessments of current and future economic conditions.

The TVARS Board held its June meeting in Chattanooga and the system's external auditor, Crowe, presented the results of the fiscal-year 2022 audits of the defined-benefit and defined-contribution plans. Both audits resulted in clean, unqualified opinions.

The next TVARS Board meeting is scheduled Sept. 29.

Bank of New York Mellon

To access your monthly direct-deposit statements or annual tax forms online, visit tvars.com/retirees, click on the BNY Mellon link, and log in or create your account.

On the BNY Mellon website, you can also update your address, as well as tax-withholding and direct-deposit information. For assistance, call BNY Mellon toll-free at 844-545-1256.

TVA Retirement System

If you have any other retirement-related questions, email tvars@tva.gov or call 800-824-3870 toll-free.

TVA's 90th Anniversary Celebrations Continue

By JO ANNE LAVENDER, TVARA Valleywide President



JO ANNE LAVENDER

TVA and TVARA are continuing to celebrate TVA's 90th Anniversary this year.

In this edition of TVARA News are photos of some of the many service

projects TVARA chapters did in May to celebrate the May 18 TVA birthday. Thanks to all who participated!

Since May, many additional service projects have been initiated by our chapters and generously funded by Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. We are very proud of the contributions of our chapters to their communities.

You will also see an article in this edition about TVA's Pat Ezzell and Ashley Walker, who are making a major road trip throughout the Tennessee Valley to highlight TVA facilities, activities, and employees. You can follow these adventures on [TVA.com](https://www.tva.com) and TVA's social media.

To acknowledge the contributions of retirees in the long-term success of TVA,

TVA's President/Chief Executive Officer, Jeff

Lyash, is having a TVA 90th Anniversary Medallion sent to each TVARA member. These medallions are beautiful and are shown here. They have been in the process of being sent out. Most TVARA members should already have received their medallion.*

There are so many informative and interesting articles in this edition of TVARA News, from information about TVA projects to retiree medical information, the status of the Retirement System, another fun-and-fact-filled travel article, autumn events to attend in the Valley, chapter meetings, BVI's new website, changes in TVARA staff, and CEO Lyash's speaking to Congress about advanced nuclear power and how TVA is promoting economic growth in the Valley.

I encourage you to get involved with your chapter — visit with your fellow retirees, attend meetings, participate in service projects. Attend the TVA Retiree Appreciation Luncheon on Sept. 13 at the Chattanooga Convention Center if you



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Online: nb.fidelity.com/public/nb/tva/home

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Online: tvars.com/retirees, click on BNY Mellon link.

Change of Address

Notify BNY Mellon by using the back of any BNY Mellon statement. The address change form also can be found online at tvars.com/retirees.

Medical and Drug Coverage

Call Blue Cross Blue Shield (medical)

toll-free at 800-245-7942

Call Express Scripts (drug)

toll-free at 800-935-6203

Or call People First Solution Center

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Over 65? Call Via Benefits

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The TVA Retirees Association is the official organization of all TVA retirees. It was organized to serve the varied interests of TVA and its retirees and their beneficiaries, and to help keep them informed of TVA developments affecting their interests. It has been recognized by TVA as the responsible representative of retirees in conveying retiree views.

TVARA NEWS & NOTES

The following news item was submitted to TVARA News by TVA's Internal Communications department:

Spam calls are targeting TVA employees, retirees

TVA's People First Solution Center was notified by a retiree earlier this summer that spam callers are targeting TVA retirees to gain personal information.

These calls are spoofed numbers that normally look suspicious in the caller-identification banner with a five-digit number, but also display the "TVA" name in the ID to try to convince the targeted user to answer.

This type of attack is called "vishing," which is a social-engineering approach that leverages voice communication. This technique can be combined with other forms of social engineering that entice a victim to call a certain number and divulge sensitive information. In a social-engineering attack, attackers use human interaction, or social skills, to obtain or to compromise information about an organization or its computer systems or an individual.

A vishing phone call can be from an automated machine or a live person. The scammers will try to manipulate an individual into divulging data such as passwords, account details, or personal information. The attackers are normally persistent. When unable to gather enough information from one source, they may call or contact another source within the same organization or household and rely on the information from the first source to add to their credibility.

One of the first lines of defense against vishing attacks is human awareness.

Social-engineering and vishing attacks can be extremely predictable, and identifying the common signs associated with these attacks can protect your personal information or the integrity of an organization.

How To Detect Vishing

Demanding Tone — Recognize if there's a sense of frantic urgency in the tone of the

callers. Scammers try to capitalize on fear and panic to push victims to comply.

Request for Confidential or Personal Information — Callers ask you to supply information such as your name, date of birth, address, credit-card numbers, or Social Security Number.

Unexpected Government Agency — Callers claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Medicare, or the Social Security Administration, but you haven't requested that any of these agencies contact you.

Deflecting — You're asking questions of the callers to verify their credentials, but the callers deflect or do not comply with your questions.

Strategies To Prevent Vishing

If you do not recognize the number, do not answer the call. Instead, let the call go to voicemail and listen to the message later to decide whether to call back.

If you suspect that the call is a vishing scam at any point, hang up and block the number. Do not try to carry on a conversation to be polite.

Do not press any buttons or say any responses to any prompts from an automated message. Scammers could potentially record your voice to navigate voice-automated phone menus tied to any of your accounts.

Verify the caller's identity before returning a call to an unidentified number. If the scammers claim to be from a certain company, search for the company's public phone number and call that instead.

Carefully listen to the callers and mentally flag whether they are using social-engineering language that leverages fear or urgency, or any "once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity" language.

What To Do If You Think You're a Victim?

If you believe you may have divulged sensitive information about TVA that you have retained



from your days as an employee, report it to the appropriate people at TVA Cybersecurity, at cybersecurity@tva.gov. They can then be on alert for any suspicious or unusual activity.

If you believe your personal financial accounts may be compromised, contact

your financial institution immediately and close any accounts that may have been compromised. Monitor for any unexplainable charges to your account.

Immediately change any passwords you may have revealed. If you used the same

password for multiple resources, make sure to change it for each account, and do not use that password in the future.

(This article was adapted from a report that appeared in the electronic newsletter TVA TODAY.)

What's New? BVI's Website!

Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. has announced that its website has been updated and has a new look!

The new website can be found by going to the same URL used in the past — mybvi.org. Since it is using the same URL, you may

need to hit the refresh button (the circle with an arrow) in the upper-left-hand or upper-right-hand side of the URL tab, to see the new design.

BVI hopes you will take a minute to register on the new site by clicking on any "Get Involved"

button. Registering will sign you up to receive BVI's email twice a month to keep you informed of volunteer opportunities (through BVI), FEMA work (through National Emergency Assistance), and staff-augmentation positions (through Retiree Resources Corp.) for TVA retirees. NEA and RRC are operated by BVI.

Mummert Honored for Oral History Project

The TVARA Oral History Project was recognized June 6 at the Annual Awards of Excellence event sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville.

Philip Mummert, a TVA retiree and volunteer who conceived, planned, and directed the project, was recipient of the EHS Project Excellence Award. Mummert, who retired from TVA in 2006 as a Senior Regional Planner, has a Ph.D. in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His work as project director included arranging and conducting all interviews, overseeing transcription, evaluating potential repositories, and coordinating all arrangements with the three primary project partners — TVARA, Bicentennial Volunteers Inc., and the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky.

TVARA sponsored the project, helped with the initial contact of selected interviewees, and formally gifted the collection to the repository. BVI provided funding support for interview-transcribing and incidental expenses. The Nunn Center serves as the repository for the collection and provided technical assistance, while cataloging, indexing, and preparing the collection for placement online.

Project partners were represented at the ceremony by DeWitt Burluson, BVI Board member and past TVARA Valleywide President;



From left, TVARA's DeWitt Burluson, Suzan Bowman, and Philip Mummert, with University of Kentucky Nunn Center Director Doug Boyd and East Tennessee Historical Society President/CEO Warren Dockter

Suzan Bowman, past TVARA Valleywide President; and Doug Boyd, Director of the Nunn Center at the University of Kentucky.

Audio and transcripts of 39 interviews are now preserved and easily accessible to the public online at no cost and without restriction. Researchers benefit from the Nunn Center's innovative technology with user-friendly search/navigation features. The collection can be accessed by searching online for "TVARA Oral History" or at kentuckyorallhistory.org.

The award nomination narrative says, "The collection captures a rich diversity of behind-the-scenes stories and experiences of TVA retirees whose work impacted and/or continues to impact East Tennessee lives and communities in many different ways. The collection of audio files and transcripts provides a fascinating chronicle of TVA's broad array of resource-development and protection activities during the 1970s, '80s, and early '90s."

Retiree Appreciation Luncheon Sept. 13

Retirees from throughout TVA are invited to the annual TVA Retiree Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Time at the Chattanooga Convention Center, 1 Carter St., Chattanooga, TN 37202.

TVA Senior Vice President of Regional Relations Dan Pratt will be guest speaker. TVA Vice President of Communications Buddy Eller will welcome those attending.

Representatives from the areas of healthcare and dental benefits, Fidelity, and TVA Retirement Services will be on hand to answer questions, and several other TVA exhibitors will provide useful information for retirees. Also, students from local TVA-partner schools will display their robotic achievements and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) projects.

Turkey and dressing and ham will be served, along with mashed potatoes and green beans, plus banana pudding for dessert.

Register online no later than Sept. 5 at forms.office.com/g/DQukQT1sGP or by calling 865-632-8542. The lunch is free to retirees and one guest each. Extra meals are \$38.

TVA hopes to see you there.

TVARS Supplement vs. Healthcare Credit vs. HRA: *What exactly is difference?*

By NIKOLAUS JORDAN, Benefit Consultant, Benefits & Wellbeing

As I've talked with employees preparing for retirement and a great number of individuals already in retirement, confusion often exists around what exact benefits retirees are receiving from TVA.

While the TVA Retirement System and the People First Solution Center (PFSC) work hard to help educate new and potential retirees, the different terms used during the discussions can seem overwhelming.

Pension and 401(k) issues are challenging enough, but throwing in several more terms and benefits can add to the complexity of moving into retirement. Oftentimes, and rightly so, people concentrate on the bottom line — how much will health insurance cost and how much will their pension check be for the month?

Given the number of questions that pop up relating to the TVARS Supplement, the Healthcare Credit, and the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), the following is an overview of the terms and what they mean to your retirement, if applicable. Of course, the best way to get detailed information is to either talk with TVARS or the PFSC, as their specialists can pull up your information and see exactly what you're currently getting. But I hope this information is useful.

Supplemental Benefit

The supplemental benefit is provided by TVARS to eligible retirees and eligible surviving spouses receiving a monthly pension payment either from the Original Benefit Structure or the cash-balance account. The intent of this retirement benefit is to help with the cost of medical insurance, although it is not required to be used to pay for medical insurance. The amount of this benefit is considered a taxable portion of your monthly retirement income and is based on your years of service as a TVA employee.

Who is eligible to receive the supplemental benefit?

Terminating employees of the Original Benefit Structure or those who have a cash-balance account must be in one of these categories:

- Actual-age 55 at termination with 10 years of actual TVARS service (benefit begins upon retirement), or
- Actual-age 50 at termination with 10 years of actual TVARS service if terminated due to an involuntary reduction in force (benefit begins at actual-age 55).

For those eligible, the amount of the supplemental benefit varies depending on whole years of service and an additional monthly amount. On your pension check, the "SPB" pay source shows the supplemental benefit amount and "ADD SPB" shows the additional supplemental benefit amount. These amounts are vested benefits and, as it is added to

your pension check, you can use it however you like.

Healthcare Credit

The TVA Healthcare Credit provides a credit to those eligible based on years of TVA service and monthly base pension amount. Retirees who meet the eligibility criteria in the following information will receive a credit toward the cost of retiree medical coverage directly from TVA as long as they remain eligible for and continue to be enrolled in a TVA-sponsored medical plan (that is, 80% PPO or Consumer-Directed Health Plan) or a supplemental Medicare plan through Via Benefits. If eligible, this amount will be provided as a credit against the retiree's TVA-sponsored medical plan, if applicable; otherwise, it will go to an HRA administered by Via Benefits.

The Healthcare Credit is in addition to any supplemental benefit provided by TVARS or contributions from TVA for Civil Service Retirement System/Federal Employee Retirement System retirees. However, the credit will be reduced by the amount of the TVARS supplemental benefit or contributions. The TVA credit under this plan will not exceed \$450 per month.

Who is eligible to receive the Healthcare Credit?

- A retiree must be *at least* actual-age 55, must have at least 20 years' actual TVA service, and must be receiving the original supplemental benefit from TVARS, not just the additional benefit (or a comparable credit from TVA for retirees who are not eligible for the TVARS supplemental benefit). Disabled retirees are exempt from the 20-year-service requirement.
- Eligible retirees who *are under* age 55 but meet the other criteria will receive this credit when they reach age 55. Qualifying survivors of deceased retirees and employees will receive the credit when the retiree or employee would have reached age 55. Upon reaching age 55, disabled retirees will receive the minimum Healthcare Credit, based on 20 years of TVA service, or the contribution based on their years of TVA service, whichever is greater.

The amount of credit is further adjusted by the length of employment with three categories: 20 to 24.99 years, 25 to 29.99 years, and 30-plus years of service

The idea of the Healthcare Credit is to help limit the out-of-pocket premium costs for retirees paying for medical coverage. As the cost of the plan plays a factor, eligible retirees may naturally see more Healthcare Credit if they are on the family plan instead of the individual plan, further increased if they have longer service with TVA. Not everyone gets the Healthcare Credit, though, as the calculated amount would also be reduced by the TVARS Supplement or other retirement contribution.

The amount of the credit is less obvious than the TVARS Supplement because the credit reduces the amount of the TVA Retiree Medical cost if any of your family members are still on TVA coverage (that is, not already in Medicare). Retirees can see a lower health-care premium cost as part of their pension paychecks, which would indicate the Healthcare Credit is active in reducing the premium costs. One way to check is to see the premiums listed in the annual benefits guide for retirees versus what the healthcare cost is being charged in your pension check. Another easy way is to call the PFSC toll-free at 888-275-8094 and simply ask for your Healthcare Credit amount.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement

The Health Reimbursement Arrangement is a continuation of the Healthcare Credit, once you and your family have moved into Medicare. With no TVA Retiree Medical costs, any excess funds that would still remain would be available for retirees enrolled through Via Benefits, the recommended Medicare exchange. Retirees who have a Healthcare Credit do not necessarily have an HRA and, if they do, they often have a smaller HRA amount than they received as a Healthcare Credit. This is due to the cost of a Medicare supplement being estimated at \$290 per person per month. This amount will be less than the cost of TVA Retiree Medical's 80% premiums, which is the basis of the Healthcare Credit calculation. Taking into account that the credit is reduced by the TVARS Supplement amount, the

HRA may reduce to zero; however, some retirees will still get an HRA when moving from the TVA Retiree Medical to a Medicare supplement, typically occurring at age 65.

With the HRA, remember you'd only have an amount available if none of your family is on the TVA Retiree Medical plan. Also, you would need to be enrolled through Via Benefits to use the benefit. If you decided to go with a different Medicare exchange or directly with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, for instance, that's fine. But you'd want to make sure you knew if you'd be giving up any benefit like the HRA before switching over.

In conclusion . . .

A new retiree may be eligible for both the TVARS Supplement and the Healthcare Credit. The TVARS Supplement is a vested benefit that will appear directly on your pension check, if applicable. The Healthcare Credit will act as a credit that reduces your cost of TVA Retiree Medical. Once the family members are out of the TVA Retiree Medical and into Medicare, the HRA, for those eligible, will act as an extra amount to help pay for reimbursable costs in Via Benefits.

These topics are certainly a bit advanced and the calculations themselves add another layer of complexity. So, if you need additional help, the benefit specialists of the People First Solution Center (toll-free 888-275-8094) and retirement specialists of TVARS (toll-free 800-824-3870) are available to help.

Open Enrollment Coming Soon for Medicare Retirees

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Open Enrollment for Medicare plans will be held Oct. 15-Dec. 7. During this time, you can change your Medicare health-plan and prescription-drug coverage for 2024.

If you purchased an insurance plan through Via Benefits, you will be receiving more information from that group this fall. All Medicare-eligible retirees are encouraged to call Via Benefits every year to discuss health-insurance options.

Be sure to review all materials your current insurer may send, such as

the Evidence of Coverage and Annual Notice of Change, to ensure they still meet your needs for 2024. You do not have to do anything if no changes are needed. In that case, you will remain in the plan in which you currently are enrolled.

If you do want to make a change or are interested in learning about the options available to you, call Via Benefits toll-free at 844-620-5725 or your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (toll-free at 877-801-0044 for Tennessee) during the Open Enrollment period beginning Oct. 15.

— NIKOLAUS JORDAN

Annual Election Period for Non-Medicare Retirees

The annual election period for non-Medicare retirees to change their TVA medical-plan option for 2024 is Oct. 18 to Nov. 15. The same two plans will be available: the 80% PPO and the Consumer-Directed Health Plan (CDHP).

Election materials will be mailed to each enrolled retiree's home in early October. The materials will include information on 2024 plan changes and premiums. Retirees should start planning now. Remember, if you want to change your election, be sure to do so by Nov. 15.

This is an opportunity for those who are already enrolled in one of the plans to switch plans. If you do not want to change plans, no action is needed.

Watch your HSA balance

Eligible participants in the CDHP can take advantage of a Health Savings Account. Note that accounts with a zero balance and no activity for six months or more are closed by HSA Bank. In order to be eligible for the 2024 TVA contribution to your HSA, you must have an active account on Jan. 1, 2024. Call HSA Bank toll-free at 844-650-8934 if you are concerned that your account may have been closed.

If your account has been closed due to inactivity, call the People First Solution Center toll-free at 888-275-8094 to have it reopened. Accounts closed for other reasons will need to be reopened by HSA Bank.

— NIKOLAUS JORDAN

3 Cheers for Our Volunteers!

By PENNY WALKER, TVARA Valleywide Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteering To Celebrate TVA's 90th Anniversary

TVARA chapters celebrated TVA's 90th Anniversary in a big way on May 18, 2023, by participating in volunteer activities throughout the Tennessee Valley.

More than 100 retirees from 11 TVARA chapters provided assistance to 39 different nonprofits in recognition of the 90th anniversary and were able directly and/or indirectly to reach all 201 counties served by TVA.

The Chattanooga Chapter was, by far, the busiest, with more than 50 members serving 23 different agencies. What an accomplishment!

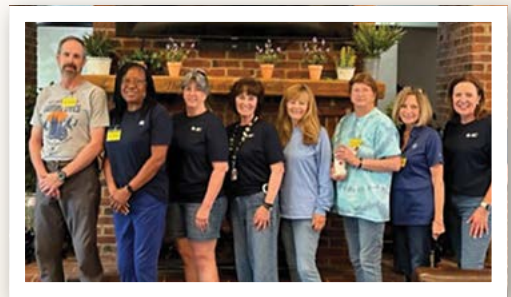
Here are photos of some of those who were involved in saluting TVA's big day:



Chapter members, from left, Dan Fisher, Nancy Fisher, Leonard Muzyn, and Margaret Muzyn volunteered at the Ladies of Charity Thrift Store in Chattanooga.



This group of chapter members worked at the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House, preparing casseroles and deep-cleaning the facility. Members shown here are, from left, Jerry McClanahan, Mae Eggleston, Carolyn Marvil, Myra Fuller, Sandy Koss, Carolyn Perry, Jeanine May, and Sarah DeLay. Not pictured is Martha Woolman.



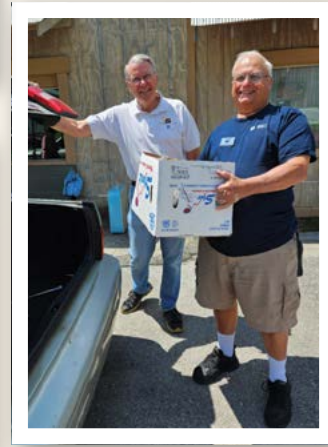
Neighborhood Helpers, made up of TVA retirees, built a ramp for a resident of Hamilton County, Tenn. Volunteers pictured are, from left, Steve West, David Womack, Curtis Jones, Stanley Coffman, Richard Smith, Al Mansfield, and Andy Polahar.



Muscle Shoals Chapter members built beds for underprivileged children in the Florence area. Volunteers included, from left, Tim Cornelius, Greg Vandiver, Anita Vandiver, Vice President of Power Service Shops & Regional Management Doug Keeling, John Blackwell, Joan Marsh, John Ingerswen, and Henry Long.



Johnsonville/Cumberland Chapter members participating in check presentation to Benton County Veterans Memorial included, from left, Christy Hodge (representing her mother, Jan Belyew), Art Butterbaugh, Ray Wilson, Mickey Blackburn, and Christina Blackburn



Chattanooga TVARA Chapter members Ron Rogers (left) and Ken Green loaded food at the Apison Food Pantry.



Paradise Chapter members are shown presenting a check to Muhlenberg County executives for tables, benches, and garbage cans for Prine Park near the Paradise Combined Cycle Plant. Pictured, from left, front row, are Martha Hargrove, Jerry Hargrove, Charles Perry, Muhlenberg County Judge Mack McGehee, Vernon Perry, and Patricia Cobb; back row, County Magistrates Malcom West, Jeff Vincent, Darren Benton, Andrew Bullock, and Keith Phillips.



WASHINGTON UPDATE

Busy Days Keep TVA Team Members Working in Washington, on Road, as Well

By **JESSICA HOGLE**,
TVA Vice President, Federal Affairs



JESSICA HOGLE

It's been a busy few months in the nation's capital and across the region for TVA Federal Affairs. Here is what we have been up to:

Nuclear Update

In May, in his role as Chair of the Nuclear Energy Institute, TVA President/Chief Executive Officer Jeff Lyash spoke to the Nuclear Energy Assembly. He discussed

the critical role of advanced nuclear technology in ensuring our nation's long-term energy independence, energy security, and sustainability. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee also spoke at the conference, highlighting Tennessee's \$50-million investment to create a nuclear-development and manufacturing ecosystem in the state.

During Lyash's visit, the Senate Intelligence Committee also invited him to participate in a roundtable on the topic of "Advanced Civil Nuclear Security and Competition with China and Russia." Relevant senators, federal officials, and industry CEOs participated in the session. This discussion highlighted the growing recognition of the role nuclear can and does play in national security and energy security for our nation.

Sweet Home North Alabama

In early May, the Federal Affairs team traveled to TVA's service area in North Alabama. We met with TVA executives and employees working in the region, to help us better understand local issues of importance and discuss how we can best represent their work to stakeholders in Washington. We learned about TVA's role in commercial traffic and navigation



The Federal Affairs team at TVA's Colbert Plant

on the river at Wilson Lock, toured Guntersville Dam, learned from a TVA Natural Resources team about the aquatic habitat at Lake Guntersville, and visited the new natural-gas units at Colbert. We also explored the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville and saw its new Space Camp Operations Center. TVA and Huntsville Utilities have partnered to support the center's Cyber Command, which is devoted to STEM education and will feature state-of-the-art technology to help students learn the fundamentals of protecting critical data and infrastructure. We are proud to help sponsor a center that will be involved in preparing our future workforce!

Federal Official Visits

Later in May, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Dr. Kathryn Huff visited TVA's Clinch River site, which has the country's first and only early-site permit for future construction of small modular nuclear reactors. The Federal Affairs team works with the Department of Energy and with Assistant Secretary Huff and her team frequently, to identify ways we can work together to deploy the next generation of new nuclear for our nation.

In June, Rep. Tim Burchett visited Norris Dam in his home district (TN-02). He talked with plant employees and learned about the history and role of this asset in our diverse generation portfolio.

Updating Congress

CEO Lyash was back in Washington in June to testify at the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. He shared how TVA is helping tackle energy challenges and is creating and sharing innovation for the region's expanding economic growth. In the past five years, TVA helped the Tennessee Valley create or retain nearly 350,000 jobs and attract almost \$48 billion in capital investment.

Valley Rally

In July, leaders from local power companies and from the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association came to D.C. to meet with members of the TVA Congressional Delegation and provide updates on issues of importance to public power in the region and updates on their own operations and communities. TVPPA hosted an annual reception on Capitol Hill that was well attended by congressional staffers from member offices and committees of jurisdiction over TVA. It's always great to see our partners in Washington, to provide a local perspective and reinforce public-power partnerships.

'FINGER' TIPS FROM FUN TRIPS

Upstate New York's Finger Lakes Region Offers Wine, Water, Wilderness — and More

By LYNN MOREHOUS



Each summer through my fifth-grade year, my parents drove east through Buffalo, N.Y., to visit my grandparents in Lysander, a tiny crossroad village near Syracuse where my dad grew up.

We usually stayed a week or two, then returned along the same route. We never considered the countryside north or south of that route, and thereby entirely missed the Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York.

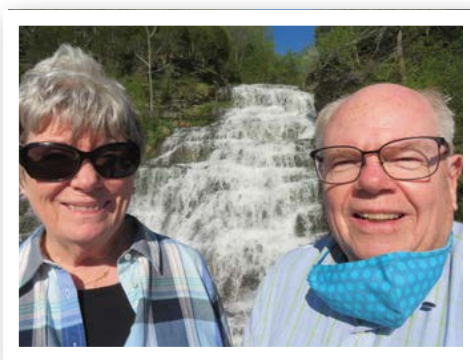
Only as an adult did I learn what this fascinating area offered.

The Finger Lakes are 11 deep and narrow lakes running north-south between Rochester and Syracuse. They were created by glaciers gouging deep groves from just south of Lake Ontario, pushing all that rock into a line of low mountains at their southern end.

The many state parks that dot the area provide endless opportunities for hiking, camping, and viewing Smokies-level waterfalls.

Although my wife, Fran, and I hiked to a few falls near Watkins Glen, many are just along the highway. The Shequaga Falls, sketched in 1820 by Louis Phillippe, a future king of France, empties into the backyard of a house in the town of Montour.

In many ways the Finger Lakes



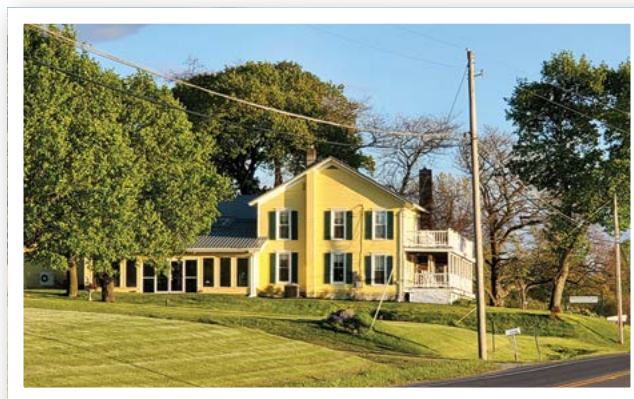
Fran and Lynn Morehaus

area is much like Tennessee. It is full of lively small towns, such as Watkins Glen, Ithaca, Geneva, Canandaigua, and Penn Yan. In between are scores of even smaller towns, each still viable with local shops and restaurants, along with a mill or some other small-town industry. The area's many farms are large and prosperous.

TVA'ers take note: the Finger Lakes is also the location of the country's very first government-funded navigation/economic-development project — the Erie Canal.

By 1820, nearly 1 million people from the East Coast had passed this way, some settling, others moving farther westward.

Gov. DeWitt Clinton figured he could make New York City the greatest city in the nation by creating a navigable waterway linking it to the undeveloped West. His plan — sometimes called "Clinton's Ditch" — was to tie the already partly navigable Mohawk River into Lake Erie with a 363-mile canal.



Magnolia Place B&B in Hector, N.Y., overlooks beautiful Seneca Lake.

This massive public-works project began in 1817, and the Erie Canal opened for business in 1825. Eight years later it had collected enough toll revenue to pay for its entire construction. New York City became the international port for everything

grown or manufactured around the Upper Midwest, including Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago.

The canal itself — including portions of the original narrow canal and locks — can be viewed along New York Highway 31 between Rochester and Syracuse. An Erie Canal Museum is in downtown Syracuse.

Our first trip to this region was in 2021. We stayed at a lovely BNB overlooking Seneca Lake just north of Watkins Glen. That is the home of the Watkins Glen International, a 50-year-old racing venue for Formula One, Indy, NASCAR, and other racing events.

Much of the area around Seneca Lake is devoted to vineyards of the large and growing Finger Lakes wine region. We tasted Riesling wines at five or six wineries around Seneca Lake and Keuka Lake, to the west, and drove home with three cases. There are more than 130 wineries in the region, so we followed the advice of our BNB host: Decide what wines most interest you, research which wineries make the best of that variety, and then visit those.

Keuka Lake is an interesting area in its own right. Not only does it host many wineries, it is a major area for Amish farms and roadside shops. Drivers must be constantly alert for Amish horse-drawn wagons and the many Amish women pedaling bicycles along the highways.

Although most of the larger towns in the Finger Lakes region host Saturday farmers markets, the granddaddy of all is the 175-dealer, all-day Windmill Farm & Craft Market, a few miles south of Penn Yan. Don't miss it!

In Hammondsport, at the south end of Keuka, Glenn Curtiss, an early aviation pioneer, began his airplane and motorcycle factories, which later merged with the Wright Brothers to create Curtiss-Wright, a major supplier of military aircraft during World War II.



The Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York

A little farther south is the town of Corning, home of the Corning Glass Co. and its manufacturing and research arms for the past 170 years. (Who doesn't remember Corning Ware!)

The highlight today, however, is the Corning Museum of Glass, which traces the development of glass and glassmaking processes from their beginning in the Middle East to modern-day applications in science and medicine. It also has a fine collection of modern studio glass from outstanding artists, which is a favorite of ours.

Even farther to the west, Canandaigua Lake is the center of more traditional lake recreation, lake homes, cruisers, runabouts, group camps, and swimming.

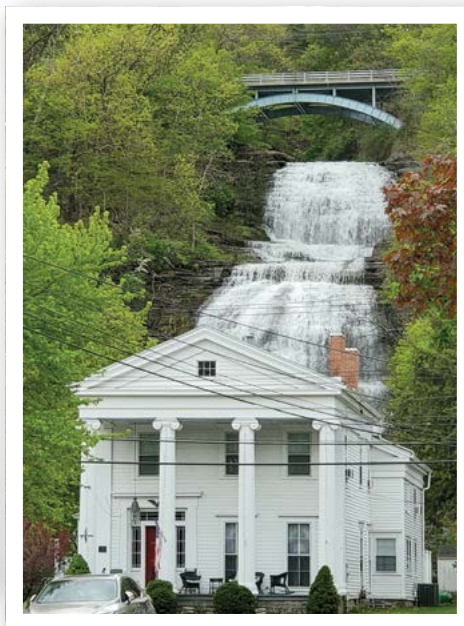
To close out our first trip, we drove around Ithaca and the Cornell University campus and on to Cortland, where my grandparents are buried.

We then headed north to Lysander, the tiny village where my dad, aunts, uncle, and three cousins grew up. It was the first time I had been there in 61 years, and I confidently drove into town — and right through it! But I finally recognized my uncle's fields and turned around.

We passed where my dad had grown up (outhouse, water pump in kitchen, and hot water from coal stove) and then my grandparents' "new" house



A recreational barge traverses one of the Erie Canal's many locks.



Chequaga Falls in Montour, N.Y.

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Nobby Island Entertainment Pavilion in Alexandria Bay, was once a private home in the Millionaire's Row area of Thousand Islands, N.Y.

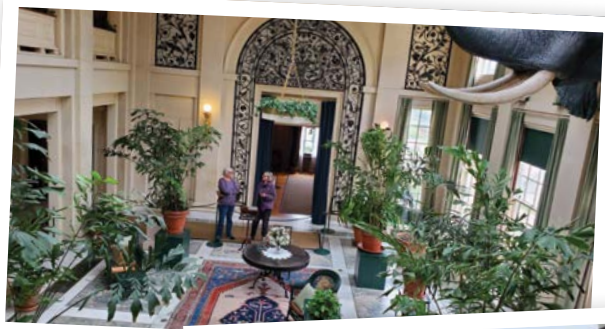
(built circa 1840s, but having indoor plumbing by the 1950s). The current owner, who was proud of all his restorations, took us on a tour.

We enjoyed the Finger Lakes so much, we returned in June 2023 to see things we had missed two years earlier.

This time we flew to Syracuse and concentrated along the north ends of the lakes. We chose to stay in a central location, south of Rochester and close to the New York State Thruway. The wealth the Erie Canal brought to the area in the early 1800s is evident from the beautiful Greek Revival homes found in many small towns just south of the thruway. Some towns are almost architectural showcases of the 1820-1850 period.

Just outside of Mumfords, southwest of Rochester, is one of the largest living-history museums in the country. The Genesee Country Village & Museum, staffed by costumed guides and craftworkers, has original houses, barns, churches, and commercial buildings from the local area, moved there and arranged in three sections: the 1790-1820 period, the 1830-1860 period featuring the area's Greek Revival buildings, and an 1870-1920 post-Civil War period.

By chance, we visited on Celtic Weekend and got the extra



The former home of George Eastman (Eastman Kodak) in Rochester, N.Y. is a Colonial Revival mansion that now serves as a museum for photography and film collections.



benefit of Scottish- and Irish-costumed bands, Celtic sports, craftsmen, and foods.

Just south of Palmyra is Joseph Smith's farm, where in 1830 he founded of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A Mormon Temple and a huge church are nearby. Check when the church might be open to the public.

The area also witnessed the beginning of the women's-rights movement and the abolitionist movement to free slaves. The large home (circa 1850) of William Henry Seward in Auburn is open to the public.



Statue of Sojourner Truth at the Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Seward was President Lincoln's Secretary of State and is best known for buying Alaska from Russia, a transaction sometimes ridiculed in the press as "Seward's Icebox" or "Seward's Folly."

Seward, however, also was one of the most prominent abolitionists of his day. He gave the young Underground Railroad "conductor," escaped slave Harriet Tubman, six acres of his farm. She made it the headquarters for abolitionist activities and lived there 50 years, becoming a successful business owner after the Civil War.



Greek Revival architecture can be found throughout many of New York's historic towns.

Nearby is Seneca Falls and its Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, site of the first Women's Rights Convention, held there in 1848. The Women's Rights National Historic Park and museum tells the story of this early crusade for equal women's rights

and of the principal women and men involved.

A near rival to North Carolina's Biltmore House is the George Eastman Mansion in Rochester. Its most prominent visible features are its huge bedrooms and a grand, two-story "family room" and adjacent staircase, sun-lit by an all-window wall.

However, hidden behind the walls is a 6,000-pipe, four-keyboard organ said to be the largest residential organ in the world. Because it could be operated by an automatic-player mechanism, Eastman enjoyed "live" surround-sound concerts simply by inserting a player roll from his library of concert music.

The Eastman Museum is attached to the house and, among other things, describes how Eastman, who left school at 14, invented film photography as we knew it for most of the 20th century. We also learned that the



One of the many cargo freighters that move up and down the St. Lawrence River

word "Kodak" was invented by Eastman "out of thin air" in an effort to avoid problems with British patent officials.

To end our second New York stay, we moved north of Syracuse to the tiny town of Clayton and stayed in the large 1,000 Islands Harbor Hotel. The hotel overlooks the main channel of the St. Lawrence River, so from our window we could watch large freighters go by to pick up

cargo somewhere in the Great Lakes.

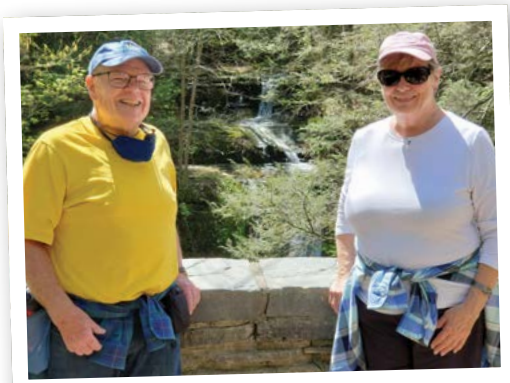
Clayton also has a large and interesting Antique Boat Museum.

We drove the last stretch of I-81 across the international bridge for a day in Kingston, Ontario. That day included

a costumed tour of a large fort built in 1837 to stop armed raids on the city by "irregular" American soldiers who supported a Canadian rebellion against Great Britain.

On the last day of our trip, we took a half-day boat tour through the Thousand Islands area to view the hundreds of large vacation houses on the many small islands in the river. And we visited Boldt Castle, a large mansion built in the early 1900s by a New York City hotel magnate.

(Lynn Morehous retired from TVA in 1999 as Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Budget & Congressional Relations in the Office of the General Counsel in Knoxville.)



Hiking in Watkins Glen, N.Y.



Fran's new broom from The Windmill Farm & Craft Market in Penn Yan, N.Y.

Pat & Ashley on the road to salute TVA's 90th Anniversary

As a retiree, you are probably aware of many areas and facilities that are part of the TVA region, but have you explored them all? If you'd like to see more, you're in luck, because TVA Historian Pat Ezzell and Social Media Specialist Ashley Walker are in the process of showing you.

Beginning earlier this summer and continuing this fall, the traveling twosome are taking an epic road trip, going to cities and towns across seven states to highlight TVA's 90th anniversary.

Pat & Ashley's Excellent Adventure is visiting TVA generation facilities, TVA employees, and local landmarks and attractions that make where we live and work a great place to be.



TVA Social Media Manager Travis Brickey says this trip had been a dream for his team for years, but doing it this year made sense.

"The 90th anniversary is the perfect occasion to highlight TVA and our communities in a fun and informative way on our social-media channels and website," Brickey says. "We've grown a large audience on social media, but this campaign will help us reach a younger audience, as well as those who have moved into the Tennessee Valley region who may want to learn more about TVA."

Pat & Ashley's Excellent Adventure can be found online at tva.com/about-tva/our-history/pat-ashley%27s-excellent-adventure or on TVA's Facebook and Instagram sites.

Don't let shorter days hold you back!

As Summer Falls Away, Autumn Activities Awaken

By **MARK ENGLER & JULIE GRAHAM**
Explore Tennessee River Valley

Scenic railroads, scenic automobile routes, historic small-town-community festival scenes — now's a great time to get out and enjoy what makes the Tennessee River Valley one of America's a most lovable and livable regions.

From eye-pleasing drives and fun-filled harvest festivals to craft-beverage establishments and unlimited pleasant-weather outdoor recreation, the time is upon us that many convincingly proclaim is the best stretch of year.

Whether you are an avid hiker, a passionate photographer, or simply a seeker of private tranquility in the great outdoors, the impossibly grand countryside of this region has something for everyone.

Here is a partial list of friendly Tennessee River Valley events guaranteed to please all who are partial to fun- and food-focused festivals that celebrate getting out and finding good times during what many folks in these parts say is their favorite part of the year — fall! (Weather and circumstances can change in a hurry sometimes, so don't forget to always check event websites or social media before finalizing your plans!)

September

9/8-9/10: **Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion** — Bristol, Tenn.: One of the South's most celebrated music festivals, in the Birthplace of Country Music, featuring a variety of genres and a general atmosphere of Americana at its most mellifluous.

9/8-9/10: **Mountaineer Folk Fest** — Pikeville, Tenn.: Annual event at Great Falls State Park. Come enjoy bluegrass, old-time string, and folk music.

9/16: **Blue Ridge Blues & BBQ Festival** — Blue Ridge, Ga.: Savor quintessential Southern sounds and flavors at this festival celebrating great American music and sumptuous platters of sauce-slathered smoked meats.

9/16-9/17: **Trade Mill & Native Heritage Days** — Trade, Tenn.: Held annually on the grounds of the Trade Center Community Center, the original location of the mountain gap where Native Americans came together with frontier families to trade furs and goods at a trading post established by Daniel Boone. This free event honors the rich history of trading.

9/22-23: **Mule Days** — Winfield, Ala.: Agricultural communities across the South relied on the strength of mules to plow their fields. This free event honors the traditions of farming communities.



9/23-24: **Burnsville Waterway Festival** — Burnsville, Miss.: Celebrating the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway with live music, a 5K run, bingo with great prizes from local businesses, craft vendors, and local food vendors. The entertainment consists of gospel music, country music, and country line dancers. Buckin' on The Bigbee Rodeo at night on the 22nd and 23rd.

9/30: **Louie-Bluie Festival** — Caryville, Tenn.: Celebrate the art and music of Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong at this annual festival on the grounds of Cove Lake State Park.

October

10/4-10/7: **Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention** — Athens, Ala.: This is where the Alabama State Fiddle Champion is crowned (along with the top winner in more than a dozen other categories featuring old-time fiddlers and banjo-pickers on the grounds of historic Athens State University.

10/6-10/7: **Clinch River Fall Antique Festival** — Clinton, Tenn.: Antique dealers line the streets of historic downtown Clinton, a top location for finding treasures.

10/6-10/14: **Georgia Mountain Fall Festival** — Hiwassee, Ga.: Eight nights of great music, midway, crafts, food, demonstrations, and pioneer village. Onsite camping is available.

10/6-10/7: **Unicoi Apple Fest** — Erwin, Tenn.: A two-day festival that has spanned more than four decades. With an annual attendance of more than 110,000 attendees, the festival includes more than 350 food and craft vendors, two entertainment stages, contests, activities, and much more.

10/7: **Wine Over Water Festival** — Chattanooga: Wonderfully flavored wines and food from local restaurants, held on a pedestrian bridge over the Tennessee River. Sip the sweet fruit of the vines and soak up stunning Scenic City views. This event is the primary fundraising activity for members of Preserve Chattanooga, whose mission is to protect local architectural heritage.

10/7-10/8: **John C. Campbell Folk School Art Festival** — Brasstown, N.C.: In its 47th year, this festival set high in this mountain town features local artists. Learn traditional dance, stroll the booths, admire the views.

10/13-10/15: **Trigg County Country Ham Festival** — Cadiz, Ky.: For 47 years running, this festival has celebrated the venerated country

traditions and methods of curing hog parts. There's live music, a parade, and plenty of pig to eat. Taste the local Land Between The Lakes tradition, then take off on a ride down Woodland Trace Scenic Byway.

10/14-10/15: **Wise Fall Fling** — Wise, Va.: Experience the vibrant colors and lively atmosphere at this Southwestern Virginia festival featuring live music, arts & crafts vendors, and seasonal flavors. Wise travelers to Wise know this is where to be on the second weekend of October. This year's theme: "An Appalachian Adventure."

10/14-10/15: **Chattanooga Oktoberfest**: A weekend set aside for focusing on Germanophile fun and entertainment, such as live oompah music, Bavarian cuisine, and an expanded selection of beer, beer, and more beer. Zum Wohl!

10/14-10/15: **Prater's Mill Country Fair** — Dalton, Ga.: Celebrating Peach State Appalachian culture with live music, arts & crafts vendors, and food. Since its beginnings around 1855, Prater's Mill has been a gathering place for local farmers and their families.

10/20-10/21: **Alabama Gourd Festival** — Hartselle, Tenn.: This is where to go to get giddy about gourd art. There are crafting workshops and demonstrations, plus vendors selling their wares. Take home a new appreciation for all things gourd-related. Kids can decorate their own gourd to take home as a souvenir for free.

10/21-10/22: **Mountain Makins Festival** — Morristown, Tenn.: Appalachian folklife gathering to celebrate regional culture on history-rich East Tennessee Crossing Byway. Juried arts & crafts fair and kid stuff. Musical talent, storytellers and writers streaming in from the hills. Plenty of authentic Appalachian culture with live music, arts & crafts vendors, and tasty victuals.

10/28: **Cherohala Skyway Festival** — Tellico Plains, Tenn: Come cherish the colors of fall at this historic downtown festival celebrating the one-of-a-kind Cherohala Skyway Scenic Byway. Live music, food, and arts & crafts vendors. No wrong turns on this heavenly right-of-way, heading into mile-high Unicoi Mountain bliss.

10/28: **Lee County Tobacco Festival** — Pennington Gap, Va.: Celebrating its 74th year, this is the longest-running tobacco festival in Virginia.

November

11/3-11/5: **Muscle Shoals Songwriters Festival** — Florence, Ala.: A weekend of sweet sounds to honor the history of Muscle Shoals and facilitate the continuance of the Alabama city's magical, musical synergy.

11/4: **Townsend Grains & Grits Festival** — Townsend, Tenn.: Raise a glass, grab a spoon, and get in on a premier celebration of Tennessee's backwoods culture of corn-mash cooking and moonshine-making. Stop in and enjoy spirits-tasting, food-devouring, string-picking, song-singing and buck dancing, plus a bumper crop of hillbilly hospitality.

11/4-11/5: **Appalachian Renaissance Faire** — Greeneville, Tenn.: Appalachian and Old World cultures are woven together, showcasing history, literature, and music of the legacy of this region's Celtic Appalachian Mountains ancestry.

Learn more about the Tennessee River Valley and events happening throughout the year. Explore more about this great region at tennesseerivervalleygeotourism.org.

All Aboard! Scenic Train Rides — Your Ticket to Autumn Ambiance

Here are four popular train excursions in East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and North Georgia:

Nantahala Gorge Excursion

The Great Smoky Mountain Railroad's Nantahala Gorge Excursion takes passengers on a 4.5-hour journey covering 44 miles from Bryson City, N.C., to Nantahala Gorge. This diesel-powered train offers stunning views of Fontana Lake, the historic Fontana Trestle, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Nantahala National Forest. With a one-hour layover at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, passengers can explore the area before returning to Bryson City.

Blue Ridge Scenic Railway

The Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, a heritage railroad in northern Georgia, offers a four-hour, 26-mile round-trip journey along the

Toccoa River. Starting at the historic depot in downtown Blue Ridge, the train takes passengers to the quaint sister towns of McCaysville, Ga., and Copperhill, Tenn. During the two-hour layover, passengers can explore the towns' shops, eateries, breweries, and historical landmarks. The train runs from March through December, with special fall-foliage rides in October and November.

Hiwassee Loop Train Ride

The Hiwassee Loop Train Ride, operated by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, takes passengers on a 50-mile round trip through the picturesque lower Hiwassee River Gorge. This five-hour trip features the iconic Hiwassee Loop, a dizzying rail-construction design found only in Farner, Tenn., and six other locations across North America. The rail route passes also within a few feet of Apalachia Powerhouse, TVA's underground

dual-tube-fed hydro-engineering marvel built during World War II. The Copperhill Special train ride offers an extended journey through Turtletown, Ducktown, and the former mining town of Copperhill.

Big South Fork Scenic Railway

The Big South Fork Scenic Railway, a heritage railroad in Stearns, Ky., operates on seven miles of historic track once owned by the Kentucky & Tennessee Railway. The 16-mile route passes a serene array of craggy places and pastoral scenes. It enters the altogether awe-inspiring Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, with a stop in the thoroughly fascinating historic coal-mining town of Blue Heron, Ky. The round-trip adventure includes a 30-minute ride to Barthell Coal Camp, a two-hour layover, and a 30-minute return trip to the depot.

In Memoriam

May 1, 2023 - July 30, 2023

TVA Retirement Management received notifications of the deaths of the following retirees for the period May 1, 2023, through July 30, 2023, as well as other previously unreported deaths. They are listed with the date of death (and date of retirement). To report the death of a retiree, call the TVA Retirement System toll-free at 800-824-3870.

Adams, Nina S.,
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Alas, Marco A.,
6/12/2023(11/10/1990)

Allen, George B., Jr.,
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Arendall, Joyce F.,
5/10/2023(9/18/1982)

Atchley, Joyce F.,
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Bacon, Clyde M.,
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Bailey, Desmond T.,
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Baine, Billy N.,
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Baker, Donald E., Jr.,
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Barnes, Conard G.,
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Barrett, Jerry D.,
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Beachler, Marjorie F.,
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Bilstein, Lawrence H.,
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Blackburn, L. Fern,
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Blanton, Daisy C.,
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Bowman, James D.,
6/13/2023(8/25/2012)

Brackett, Robert H.,
7/7/2023(1/2/2014)

Brockman, John James,
5/14/2023(2/10/2004)

Bruner, Dennis W.,
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Burleson, Marcus D.,
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Burns, Lora Jane,
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Butler, Jackie C.,
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Campbell, Marshall E.,
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Carr, Barbara J.,
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Carter, Gail,
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Chappell, Robert H.,
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Cheatwood, James R.,
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Childers, Bobby Joe,
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Coker, Columbus A.,
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Cole, Leonard A.,
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Collins, Sherril J.,
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Cooper, Kevin M.,
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Cooper, Michael J.,
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Corder, Arnette S.,
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Creamer, Kathy L.,
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DeHaven, Helen,
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Devine, Ira M.,
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Dunlap, David E.,
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Evers, Mary S.,
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Ozbirn, Rhonda E.,
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Parton, Kenneth D.,
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Payne, Charles D.,
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Petree, David H., Jr.,
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Rice, William H.,
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Sheridan, Richard C.,
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Smith, Gary W.,
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Smith, M. Marie,
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Smith-Sanclare, Shelby J.,
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Spears, Charles A., Jr.,
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Sprague, Jane A.,
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Springer, Reeder R.,
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Starck, Philip T.,
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Stooksberry, James R.,
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Stutz, Carl R.,
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Sutter, Paul G., Jr.,
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Tarrance, Stephen B.,
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Tenpenny, J. Wayne,
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Vanderslice, Joe O.,
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Vincent, Sheree Ruth,
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Walls, Billy R.,
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Weeks, Freddy G.,
6/12/2023(7/19/2003)

Westbrook, Stephen T.,
5/28/2023(10/8/2016)

Wiggins, John J.,
5/15/2023(1/1/1993)

Wilbanks, Gary R.,
6/3/2023(10/1/1988)

Wilson, Lola D.,
6/7/2023(8/20/1988)

Yardley, John S.,
4/13/2023(6/8/1991)

Young, Harry F., Jr.,
6/6/2023(2/14/1998)

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Did you recently change your email address or phone number? If so, go to mytvara.org/your-current-membership-information/ and correct the appropriate data. If you have changed your home address recently, notify the TVA Retirement System in writing. Also, you can change your home address through the Bank of New York Mellon website: bnym.accessmyretirement.com.



Upcoming September 2023 Chapter Meetings

BROWNS FERRY

October 3, 2023, Noon

*Cattfish Cabin, Athens, Ala.,
906 U.S. Highway 72E*

- Program: TBD

David Matherly, President

256-777-2175/dcmatherly@gmail.com

CHATTANOOGA

**October 17, 2023, 10 a.m., Meet 'n' Greet,
10:30 a.m., program**

*Brainerd United Methodist Church,
Fellowship Hall, 4315 Brainerd Road*

- Program: Medicare Health Insurance Presentation

Tom Swanson, President

423-902-6892/twswanson@comcast.net

CLEVELAND

September 8, 2023, 10 a.m.

*Hopewell Church of God, Fellowship Hall,
5765 Eureka Road NW*

- Program: TBD

John Austin, President

423-400-6098/austintnuffan@charter.net

GALLATIN

September 13, 2023, 11 a.m.

Gallatin Public Library

- Guest Speaker: Marilyn Brown, TVARS Board 7th Director

Ronnie "Blue" Monday, President

615-481-8469/oemorgan@comcast.net

HUNTSVILLE

October 12, 2023, 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive SW

- Guest Speaker: Penny Walker, TVARA Valleywide Volunteer Coordinator

Daniel A. Simmons, President

256-509-9781/dasimmon@bellsouth.net

JACKSON

September 13, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

*Southwest Electric Membership Corp.,
1590 Highway 70E*

- Program: TBD

Alan Campbell, President

731-988-8814/abcjax@eplus.net

JOHNSONVILLE/CUMBERLAND

September 21, 2023, 10 a.m.

*Johnsonville State Park,
90 Neil Beard Road,
New Johnsonville, Tenn. 37134*

- Annual Picnic, food catered by Papa's Old Fashioned BBQ from Erin, Tenn.; RSVP requested by Sept. 13 to Mickey Blackburn (note new email address below)

Mickey Blackburn, President

931-209-1352/mickeyblackb36@gmail.com

KNOXVILLE

September 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike

- Program: "Health, Wellness & Community" Sammy Sweetland, President

256-366-0952/sdsweet62@hotmail.com

MEMPHIS

September 19, 2023, 11 a.m.

*Allen Fossil Plant, 2574 Plant Road,
Civil Construction Trailers*

- Guest Speaker: Mark Meigs, Executive Secretary, TVA Retirement System
- Program: Cover minutes of Aug. 31 TVARA Board Meeting

David L. Teuton, President

901-212-3822/davidteuton@yahoo.com

MISSISSIPPI

September 12, 2023, 10 a.m.

*Tupelo TVA Customer Service Center,
3197 Brooks Road, Belden, Miss.*

- Guest Speaker: Jack Curtis, Owner & Broker, Jack Curtis Insurance Agency, discussing Medicare, Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, and the Tupelo Elvis Presley Fan Club charity donations

Judy J. Bright, President

662-791-9779/bright.judy@gmail.com

MUSCLE SHOALS

September 19, 2023, 10 a.m.

*TVA Community Credit Union,
1405 S. Wilson Dam Road, Muscle Shoals*

- Guest Speaker: Chapter member Steve Cox, discussing "The History of TVA with the Department of Defense"

Timothy "Tim" Cornelius, President

256-757-5220/timwcornelius1@gmail.com

NASHVILLE

September 14, 2023, 10 a.m.

*Victory Baptist Church,
1777 Tate Lane, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.*

- Guest Speaker: Chris Smith, Community Relations Manager, TVA North Region

Kevin Whitehead, President

931-215-1794/klwhite220@att.net

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

September 12, 2023, 11 a.m.

Western Sizzlin, Jasper, Tenn.

- Guest Speaker: Marilyn Brown, TVARS Board 7th Director

Larry A. Hancock, President

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PADUCAH

September 19, 2023, 11 a.m.

Noble Park

- Annual Picnic: Everything supplied, everyone welcome

Ken Dickerson, President

270-442-9539/kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

PARADISE

September 12, 2023, 11 a.m.

*IDK Restaurant, 137 Copper Creek Drive,
Powderly, Ky.*

- Guest Speaker: Ryan Clark, Combined Cycle Operations Technician, Paradise Combined Cycle Plant

Betty Woodlee, President

270-847-6449/mammytwo3@yahoo.com

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

October 10, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

*Golden Corral, 3104 Brown's Mill Road,
Johnson City, Tenn.*

- Program: TVA Retirement System update; Medicare presentation from Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Programs

Let the restaurant cashier know you are with the TVA retirees group, and you should get \$1 off; please bring small bills for tips

Les Bays, President,

423-782-8458/lpbays1@yahoo.com

WESTERN AREA

September 20, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

*Lake Barkley State Resort Park,
3500 State Park Road, Cadiz, Ky.*

- Program: Shawnee Fossil Plant's Phoenix Project, the new solar farm on top of a coal-ash landfill

K. Renee Turnbow, President

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Getting in touch with TVARA

Here is contact information for the TVA Retirees Association and its officers:

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Lisa Overly, TVARA Treasurer
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Penny Walker, TVARA Volunteer Coordinator
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can. It is a wonderful time of visiting with other retirees, seeing exhibits, and hearing from TVA's executives.

Have a great autumn!

**Unfortunately, some post offices have added additional postage to the medallion. If that happened or happens to you, please Return to Sender, and TVA will return it to you with the additional postage. If you have already paid the extra postage and want to be reimbursed, send an email to Terri Welty at tkwelty0@tva.gov.*

Reba Whitson, TVARA Executive Assistant, Retires, Thanks 'Everyone'

Reba Whitson, the TVA Retirees Association's longtime Executive Assistant, retired at the end of July. She previously retired from TVA in 2007 with 28 years of service.

Reba has served TVARA since that time with enthusiasm and dedication. We want to thank her for her 16 years of service to TVARA, to TVA retirees, to TVARA chapters, and to TVARA officers.

"After I retired from TVA, my desire was to



REBA WHITSON

work with retirees," Reba says. "A few months from my being retired, (then-TVARA Valleywide President) Ron Loving posted a vacant position for someone to take calls and provide information to retirees.

"I was interviewed and offered the job, and this has been the best job I have ever had! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working as the Executive Assistant to TVARA, TVA retirees, TVARA chapters, and TVARA officers. I want to thank everyone for their service and for the support

they gave me during the past 16 years.

"I also especially want to thank Richard Wilson and Jean Bryson for their support, as we served together as a great team. And I welcome Terri Welty, who is now joining the TVARA team."

You can reach Reba at whitsonrj@tds.net.

We wish, and pray, for the best for her in retirement. We'll still see her at TVARA functions, as she's still one of us — a TVA retiree.

— JO ANNE LAVENDER, TVARA Valleywide President

Terri Welty Joins TVARA Staff as Program Administrator



TERRI WELTY

With the retirement of Reba Whitson, TVARA has hired Terri Welty to serve as the TVARA Program Administrator.

Terri retired from TVA in 1997 after 20 years of service, based in Knoxville.

At TVA, she served as an Information Systems Specialist, a Communications Specialist-Graphics, an IT Customer Support Specialist, and as a Secretary.

"I am so excited to be joining the TVARA team and supporting the TVARA organization," Terri says. "I look forward to renewing old relationships and to helping retirees and their spouses get current

information that affects them."

Terri will be responding to your requests and supporting the TVARA Office and chapters.

Please join me in welcoming Terri to TVARA. You can reach her at 865-632-3318 or tkwelty0@tva.gov.

— JO ANNE LAVENDER, TVARA Valleywide President