



Picture shows rock excavation in the center of the new lock chamber. The two parallel trenches will be lined with concrete to form the culverts which fill and empty the new lock chamber. Photo by Marks Photo

Community Relations

Community Relations Liaison Maj. Matthew Orenstein, whom you met at last month's meeting, has been deployed to Iraq and will be unable to serve as community relations liaison. The Corps is actively recruiting a replacement to fill this important position. In the meantime, you may refer any comments or concerns to either Resident Engineer Dennis Hughes or Project Manager Mike Keathley.

Following the next workshop, the Corps will use this newsletter to provide a listing of concerns and issues raised at information meetings and the status of what is happening with these concerns.

Information Meeting

The Corps of Engineers and Marmet lock replacement contractor Kokosing Fru-Con will conduct an information workshop/open house regarding the Marmet Lock replacement project **Thursday, December 2, 2004**, at the offices of Kokosing Fru-Con located at 1901 West Dupont Avenue. The public is invited to stop by anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide information about the ongoing construction activities and seek input on how the Corps and contractor can reduce impacts to the surrounding communities. Representatives from the Corps and Kokosing Fru-Con will be available to answer questions. Tours of the construction site will be offered.

For more information, contact Mike Keathley at 304-399-5864 or email Michael.Keathley@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

Marmet Archeological Excavations Topic for Discussion

The award winning documentary "**Red Salt and Reynolds**" will air on local PBS stations in Huntington, Charleston, Morgantown and Beckley on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 8:30 pm. The film is narrated by David Selby and interprets the historic archeology at the Marmet Lock Replacement Project. The excavations uncovered four salt furnaces, John Reynold's mansion, the cabin occupied by slaves, and the family cemetery. The film details the rise and fall of the Reynolds family and local salt industry, once the largest salt producer in America.

Also, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History will open its monthly lecture series with Michael Anslinger of Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. (CRAI) on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., in the West Virginia State Theater at the Cultural Center, State Capitol Complex, Charleston. The talk, "**Ten Millennia of Human Occupation in the Kanawha Valley: Archaeological Investigations at the Marmet Lock Replacement Project, Kanawha County, West Virginia,**" is free and open to the public.

Anslinger supervised the excavations at six sites in an 18-acre tract at the mouth of Burning Spring Branch for the Marmet project.

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