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Construction Update: New Swim Beach at Boone

Even the snow flurries at Boone Dam last week couldn't stop us from thinking about the lazy days of summer as 1,800 tons of white sand arrived at the site for construction of a new swim beach. Work is also continuing on a new boat ramp that is scheduled to open around Memorial Day along with the swimming area. Both of the new facilities are located just north of Boone Dam along Minga Road.

Meet Your Neighbors: Jack Stanhope

Jack Stanhope makes things happen. He was one of the first people brought onsite to begin the remediation effort at Boone Dam and recalls seeing the dark brown seepage just below the dam in October 2014. He immediately went to work to stop the problem, bringing several men and heavy equipment to the dam. They carved out a road below the dam and "plugged" the leak as a stopgap measure to maintain safety of those downstream.

As project superintendent, Jack oversees all construction activities in the field and works with contractors to provide oversight of the project. He also serves as a liaison between construction and the plant operations group. "I'm a 'Jack' of all trades," he laughs.

Jack and his wife, have one son and one granddaughter. They celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary last weekend.



REMINDER: Sluicing Operations Could Resume This Week

As noted in a special edition of the newsletter issued last week, planned maintenance on Unit 3 at Boone may require us to again use the sluice gate to move water downstream. Though the "rooster tail" of water coming from the gate at the base of the dam looks very impressive, it is a normal operation and we didn't want anyone to be alarmed.

Community Update: Kevin Holbrook Speaks to Holston Ruritan Club

Boone Project Construction Manager Kevin Holbrook spoke to about 20 members of the Holston Ruritan Club last Thursday in Blountville. Kevin provided an update on progress on the Boone Dam project, which has completed Phase One activities and is currently in the Phase Two exploratory drilling and grouting process. Several participants asked some insightful questions about the project, which Kevin said remains on schedule to be completed within five to seven years.



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