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Tygart Celebrates Grafton's 150 Years

TYGART LAKE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joins the City of Grafton, West Virginia, in celebrating its 150th birthday this Memorial Day weekend by hosting tours of the Tygart Dam on Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration for the free tours is encouraged but not required. Valid government issued photo identification is required for all dam tour participants 16 years of age and older. Tygart Dam, located just 2¼ miles above Grafton, was the first of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District and has prevented nearly \$1.2 billion in flood damages since its completion in 1938.

Not only does 2006 mark the sesquicentennial of Grafton, it also marks the third and final year of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery bicentennial. While in Grafton for the holiday weekend festivities, be sure to take advantage of a special screening of “*Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage*” at noon on Saturday, May 27. This 33-minute presentation allows you to journey back 200 years and follow in the footsteps of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as they explore the unknown reaches of the western part of America. The movie, presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be shown at the recently refurbished historic Manos Theater, across from the International Mother's Day Shrine, in downtown Grafton.

To pre-register for a dam tour or for information about Tygart Dam and the scheduled Memorial Day weekend activities, call the Tygart Dam Office at 304-265-1760 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily or leave a message after business hours.

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For more information on the Grafton 150th Anniversary Celebration, including a complete schedule of events, visit their website at www.graftons150thcelebration.com.