

New Tech Center Dedicated with Cornerstone Laying Ceremony

It was a cloudy and overcast day on Sunday, March 14, 2021 as many gathered at the Estill County Area Technology Center off Winchester Road in Irvine, to continue a long-standing tradition.

The Cornerstone laying ceremony has been a tradition among Freemasons since Brother Benjamin Franklin set the cornerstone on the Philadelphia State house in 1732, later to be known as Independence Hall. Brother George Washington, set the cornerstone on our great Nation's Capital building in 1793, while serving as the first President of the United States. Though we do things slightly different today than our founding fathers, we still carry on this timeless tradition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ernest C. Jackson, of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A. M. presided over the ceremony and carried out the Masonic ritual, Right Reverend Grand Chaplain, Mark Upchurch, led the group in prayer with Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, James Gibson, checking the stone to be square, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Darren Wilson, checking the stone to be level, and Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Richard

Ferrell Dick Short, who checked the stone to be plumb.

The craftsmen had performed their jobs and done them well. Worshipful Grand Marshall, Mitchell May, introduced Superintendent of Estill County Schools, Jeff Saylor, and made the proclamations.

The stone, working tools and a certificate were presented to Superintendent Saylor. Senator Brandon J. Storm was also in attendance representing the twenty-first district of Estill, Bath, Jackson, Laurel, Menifee and Powell counties.

All in all the rain held off and we had a wonderful turn out for this event.

Special thanks Brother Greg Horn for laying the groundwork over the last year to make this possible, and to everyone else who was involved in the process that I have not mentioned.

Thank you to all that came out in support for the new technology center. The Center will surely be a light in so many people's lives for generations to come.

Narration by Brother Travis Short, Madison Lodge No. 183.

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Estill County Schools superintendent Jeff Saylor, left, accepts the certificate for the cornerstone of the new Estill County Area Technology Center from Most Worshipful Grand Master Ernest C. Jackson of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&A.M.



Left to right, 21st Kentucky District Senator Brandon J. Storm, Estill County Schools superintendent Jeff Saylor, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Ernest C. Jackson of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&A.M, following the Cornerstone Dedication at the Estill Technology Center.



The Estill Technology Center Cornerstone

Estill Rising Flood Benefit Show to help victims of recent flooding

Dr. John Allen are others are excited to announce the Estill Rising Flood Benefit Show which will be held this coming Saturday, March 20th, 2021, as a free outdoor, socially-distance concert at Ravenna Veterans Memorial (choo choo) park.

Donations of money and material supplies will be gladly accepted on behalf of flood victims.

There will be a short prayer service presented by our state representative Pastor Bill Wesley at 10:30 a.m., followed by five live gospel acts, then followed by five of the best local musical acts our community has to offer.

There will be great food for sale as well as great music, and all money raised will be going to flood victims locally. This is a great

opportunity to safely have fun and raise money for our fellow Estill Countians who need our help right now!

If you are unable to attend, don't worry, we're planning to broadcast on Facebook live with a donate button so that you can still be supportive.

Let's not forget our neighbors in this time of need, come out and join your friends in a little hometown

fun! Please share this news so that we can have the greatest impact and help the most people.

A schedule of musical events is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m.** Furnace Mountain Gospel Singers
- 12:00 Noon** The Watson Family
- 1:00 p.m.** Old Time Baptist Singers
- 2:00 p.m.**

- 3:00 p.m.** Mountain Gospel Singers
- 4:00 p.m.** The Blackburns
- 5:00 p.m.** Clay Case
- 6:00 p.m.** Ethan Hunt
- 7:00 p.m.** Brett Noland
- 8:00 p.m.** Aaron Boyd & Jen Richardson
- Robert Overbee

ESTILL RISING FLOOD BENEFIT SHOW

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