

**Search**

Sheriff's Deputy. Jamie Strong of Jackson County Emergency Management was also involved in the search along with approximately 25 other citizens of Jackson County.

Our local heroes joined in the search alongside Chief Wayne Adams and the Red Lick Volunteer Fire Department, Madison County Sheriff's Deputies Roy Johnson & Jennifer Kermeen, and Kentucky Emergency Management.

The search that began early on Sunday carried late into Monday morning. Refusing to postpone their search until the next morning; Madden, Bryant, V. Johnson, Strong, R. Johnson, Kermeen, Adams - and three others by the name of Darius Kellogg, Michael Cockrell, and Zack Burford - continued their search efforts. Madden said that he had the Kentucky Fire Commission on call and that they were prepared to send in a mobile command pod to assist. However, prior to sunrise, Benny Alexander - a resident of the area - reported the finding of footprints and a boot in soil around his property.

The crew consisting of many of Jackson County's own were still on scene and began at targeted search of the area where the prints were found. Zachary Bryant, Little Eden was eventually found by Zachary Bryant. He describes the moment he found the baby girl as surreal. "When I realized that I had found her, it felt like time froze," he described. "It was almost like I was looking at her for 10 minutes, but it wasn't but 2 seconds probably. I started screaming for the others."

Many of the people across the state who heard reports and went to bed on Sunday nights with a dreadful feeling for little Eden and her family, woke up to the good news that she had been found safe and transported to the hospital to be observed. Family of those involved shared photos of their loved ones returning home as the sun rose, tired and covered in dirt from their night of searching.

"You couldn't ask for a better bunch of people than this" Madden says of his crew. "There is no quit in them. The only acceptable outcome was finding that little girl." He said they refused to postpone their search due to the rain and cold on Sunday night and Monday morning. All involved encouraged everyone to We are all grateful for answered prayers and that the Hines family now have their baby

back safely in their arms. Her finding and the involvement of our neighbor's efforts in it, is yet another example of the strong spirit within the hearts of the people of Jackson County. We are honored to have these heroes among us who stand as an example of who we should all strive to be. All involved are certainly deserving of recognition for these incredible efforts. We are proud of all our brave and dedicated citizens that call Jackson County home. We thank each of you involved for your efforts.

**Rally**

two and half years on issues such as tax reform, the elimination of burdensome regulations, job creation, successful court nominations, efforts to defeat ISIS, and much more. In his speech - broadcasted live by Cable news stations across the bluegrass and even nationally - President Trump praised Kentucky elected officials such as Governor Matt Bevin, Senator Rand Paul, and Congressman Andy Barr.

Of Governor Bevin, the President said that like him, "He was a really successful business person who saw problem" he wanted to solve. He commended the Governor for his willingness to do the right things even if they were not politically popular. He said, "He doesn't want to be political, he just wants to get the job done; and he is doing a phenomenal job". The President continued to point out that Kentucky has its lowest unemployment in decades and touched upon the 16 billion in economic investment made in the state.

Calling Senator Paul on stage with him, the President credited Senator Paul for his healthcare executive order signed in October of 2017 that promoted competition and choice in health insurance. "He is a man of great common sense... his concept was so far advanced, even the experts didn't know; but they realized, 'you know he's right'" Trump said. The President also praised the efforts of Senator Mitch McConnell, calling him "Kentucky Tough" in his work to nominate over 84 federal judges including Justice Neil Gorsuch and most

recently Brett Kavanaugh.

The man of the hour was Congressman Andy Barr. President Trumps rally was primarily for Congressman Barr, who faces tough opposition from Democratic nominee, and Marine veteran Amy McGrath. McGrath - one day prior to President Trumps rally - joined former Vice President Joe Biden in Bath County.

The Presidents welcome to Richmond marks the first time a sitting U.S. President has visited Madison County. According to the ECU press release, the campus's history includes a visit in 1961 from then Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, and recently former First Lady Michelle Obama was a guest for ECU's 2013 spring commencement. Neither of these visits were met with the controversy surrounding the President's.

120 ECU professors and staff members presented University President Michael T. Benson with a letter of opposition to the President's visit. In the letter, professors and staff wrote: "we must object to this campaign which has consistently, openly, and unambiguously attacked the values of inquiry, learning, and free speech which lie at the heart of higher education and form the core mission of this University". The letter continues, "The assault on those values by the Donald J. Trump for President Campaign is not a matter for debate: it is a fact attested to by the actions and words of its representatives and especially those of its leader." Approximately 300 protestors stood alongside the bypass expressing their disapproval of the President's visit.

We asked Dustin Isaacs - 2010 graduate of Jackson County High School and recent ECU graduate - to share his experience and thoughts for our story. We first asked him for his thoughts on the controversy surrounding the President's visit and the letter that was presented to Benson. "I've sat in the classrooms of many of the professors that signed the letter to President Benson," He said. "I'm not at all surprised by their opposition because they wear their political opinions on their sleeves. Most of those I know are wonderful professors. I do however find it hard to understand why there would be such opposition to the President of the United States visiting your campus. Even if you do not agree with everything the President says or does, it is impor-

tant to appreciate the magnitude of this moment for not only ECU, Richmond and Madison County; but all of Kentucky", he continued. "I am grateful that the President of the United States chose to be within 30 minutes of Jackson County. That's amazing no matter what side of the isle you stand on!"

We were happy to see that there were many Jackson County faces amongst the thousands in attendance that day. Isaacs was excited to catch up with familiar faces from his graduating class and others who - like him - call Jackson County home. "I had people from back home messaging me all day asking if I thought they could get in" he described. "I honestly couldn't really give them a good answer. I was happy to see so many people though."

Hundreds also traveled from out of state for the President's speech on Saturday. According to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce; on Friday night there were not hotel rooms available in Richmond or Berea. Isaacs had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Diane Zongori who traveled all the way from Illinois to see the President. She said that this is likely the closest the President would be to her for the foreseeable future, given the nature of politics in her state. "There are really no close races in my state", she said. "I couldn't miss an opportunity like this to see my President." She spoke highly of Kentucky and the strides the state has recently made. "I may have to move to Kentucky," she said laughing; "you have some great leaders here who are courageous enough to get the state's financial house in order", she added. "Illinois pension system and budget faces similar challenges like Kentucky's. Unfortunately, my states only answer to the problem is to keep raising my taxes. I now pay more in taxes than I paid for the mortgage on my house."

The Presidents arrival and departure received both cheers and jeers. The buzz surrounding the visit was reminiscent of President Clintons visit to Annville in the late 1990's. Despite your feelings regarding the President, we all experienced an historical moment this past weekend. We are happy to see Kentucky being put on the map like never before.

**Clinic**

create connections and expand cancer care.

The new clinic, located at 515 Memorial Drive, Suite 2, Manchester, will be opening its doors to patients on October 16 and will offer

a multi-disciplinary approach to cancer care that puts the patients at the center. The opening of an oncology clinic in clay county will also reduce the amount of travel and scheduling required for the residents. "Being diagnosed with cancer is stressful enough," said Chris Self, President/CEO of MMH. "The treatment should not add to that stress. With our new on-campus clinic, we are bringing the best oncology care closer to home."

Heading the new clinic would be Utpal K. Bhanja, MD. Dr. Bhanja is an Internist, Medical Oncologist and Hematologist, who has been in practice for more than three decades. He is dual board certified in Hematology and Medical Oncology and provides diagnosis and treatment for a wide range of cancer related conditions and blood disorders.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Bhanja expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude at being in clay county to provide this much needed service and reiterated his personal mission of contributing continuously towards the noble cause of healing the human sufferings.

Dedicated to providing high-level cancer care close to home, this new clinic is part of Manchester Memorial Hospital's physician enterprise, which also includes physician clinics in Manchester, Oneida, Red Bird and London.

To learn more about Manchester Oncology Clinic, visit [www.manchestermemorial.org](http://www.manchestermemorial.org)

**Judge**

Tom Wilson, owner of PPI, last week and he informed me that not only were they going to keep working but they had some exciting news to be released at the end of this week. We at the Fiscal Court support PPI and all of our employers in Jackson County and only want them to thrive. Local businesses play a huge part in the driving of local economics. If Jackson County is to grow it has to start within. I encourage everyone to buy and trade local as much as they can. Our local businesses depend on inside and outside patronage to remain open. Our economy needs them as much as they need us.

In the next couple of weeks we anticipate our Contractors to begin resurfacing some of our roads. I have had several calls lately concerning potholes and patching that needs to be done so we are going to try and address that when the plant opens up. Many of our roads need a complete resurfacing but sadly we do not have enough funds

to do so. We will address the worst of the needs and try to smooth as many of them up as we can. We are working on trying to get some better equipment for the road crews and are keeping our fingers crossed that the winter won't be too bad.

In a special called meeting of the Fiscal Court last week we voted to approve a loan from KACO to pay the bill owed to KY Retirement left by the former Treasurer. This will be the last of the bills left for us to pay from the mess we had in 2016. This Fiscal Court has successfully paid over \$500,000 worth of Tax and CSEPP Bills with only borrowing \$65,000 to do so. That loan has since been paid off. We also just paid off a Lease from 2011 that was taken out around the time the County got in some financial trouble.

This will be the last of the money owed from the Fiscal Court to the State and will have us in good standing. I am very pleased with how quickly we have been able to address and fix the problems stated within the 2015-2016 Audits. When the 2017 Audit is released it will show just how far we have come in the last 3 years. We will continue to look for ways to save money from within and move forward with projects and goals we hope to reach within the next few years. Jackson County is definitely on the way forward. God Bless

**PRTC**

be paid to settle estates this year. This adds up to an incredible \$12.5 million in total refunds since 1995

Members should have started receiving their capital credit checks on or after October 12th. Your capital credit check is one of the added benefits of doing business with a cooperative PRTC appreciates your business. Keep investing in your network and you'll keep reaping the benefits.

PRTC invites you to its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Jackson County Community Theater in McKee. There will be cash prizes given away, as well as free gifts and technology demonstrations for those attending. Registration begins at Noon with special music from Wes Smith, lead singer of the band "Brother Smith," starting at 12:15 PM. It is also a great opportunity to mingle with PRTC management, employees, and other members. This is a real opportunity to learn about what PRTC has accomplished during the past year and what is planned for the near future. Everyone at PRTC looks forward to seeing you there.

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