

my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



"Everyone is innocent until proven guilty." (Unless your last name is Trump anyway) I believe the alleged criminal evidence piling up on the Biden family has become insurmountable. Before I say anything else, under these same circumstances I wouldn't try to defend Donald Trump or Ronald Regan. No, this has gone beyond Republican and Democrat. I believe from what we've learned through many media outlets, not just FOX NEWS, what has taken place within the Biden family is indeed a matter of national security. Not only is there incriminating evidence coming out implicating President Biden and some of his family members breaking the law, over many years, but I think we will learn much more about the role our own FBI, CIA, and NSA, among other federal agencies, interfering directly in the 2020 presidential election. I don't intend to implicate every employee of these federal agencies. My own opinion is that we will learn that only a handful of employees at each agency had a hand in the false influential interference in the 2020 election. The majority of these people I believe are American patriots just trying to do the job they enjoy.

In the last two weeks we've learned from one of those "50 ex top intelligence agency heads" that the letter they endorsed protecting Joe Biden from scandal surrounding his son Hunter before the 2020 election was a lie. A lie to shield Joe Biden from attacks from Donald Trump during the few debates in which they engaged before the election. And it worked! It's disgusting for sure but it worked. Any poll you wish to study has concluded that as many as 14% or more of voters that cast their vote for Joe Biden in 2020 would not have done so if they had known the truth about the contents on son Hunter's "laptop from hell". In all fairness, that certainly doesn't mean they would have voted for Donald Trump either. With little doubt it probably turned the tide in the 2020 election. We've also learned, without question, our own FBI had the computer and was well aware of the incriminating evidence implicating members of the Biden family of alleged crimes having to do with accepting millions of dollars from foreign countries. The allegations are that Joe Biden used his political influence both as Vice President under Barack Obama and now as President of the United States to gain millions of dollars in profits for himself and his family. His son Hunter allegedly was put in a position to have been used as a major conduit to filter any alleged monies back to several members of the Joe Biden family. All alleged allegations.

I believe it won't be too long before the National Democratic Party will be trying to find a way to dump Joe before this gets any worse. House Republicans are steaming a train down the track that doesn't appear can be stopped with all that has come to light recently. And there appears to be much more on the way. We've also been made aware of more of Hunter's domestic civil problems this week. It seems Hunter doesn't believe he should be paying \$20,000 a month in child support to his little girl he's allegedly never met. So after hiring some of the most expensive civil lawyers in the country, he has taken the mother of this child to court in Arkansas to argue before a judge that he doesn't make enough money anymore to pay \$20,000 a month in support. So not only have we learned that Hunter hasn't spent any time with his four year old daughter but, we've seen many news reports, without Biden family denial, that good ol' grandpa Joe and grandma doctor Jill haven't spent any time with their granddaughter either. Joe has seven, not six grandchildren as he proclaimed recently live on the news. There have been pictures taken in the White House at Christmas time released recent-

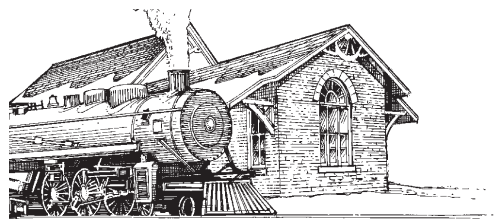
ly that clearly show six, not seven Christmas stockings hanging over a mantle. All six have each of their grandchildren's names on them but guess what, nope, not one for Hunter's biological four year old daughter. I won't apologize to anyone that this infuriates me!

Being the father of two children of my own I can't even imagine what goes through a parent or grandparent's mind that they would think this is okay. I don't care if the child does appear to have been an "accident" (if that's even a thing grown adults can use as an excuse) how could any parent just ignore the fact they have a child and are ignoring that the child even exists? Think about this please. This four year old girl in Arkansas has a grandfather that is President of The United States and may not even realize it. I hope she doesn't know because how could she ever understand why she hasn't been recognized as a human being by her own family?! Especially so when her grandparents are the President and First Lady!!! There are some ugly expletives I'd really like to use to describe these people but I won't. This has nothing to do with the politics of these people either. It has everything to do with how disgusting their character is. This family is worth tens of millions of dollars and no one in the family wants to step up and support this child like she's entitled to by the law?

Enough of that rant. Now I'm angry. I'm going to give Joe some advice he surely doesn't need from me but, here goes. It's time to cut some deals. Not with foreign countries this time either. The leaders in the Democratic Party that are really calling the shots need to be involved and I think they will. Here's how I'd try to save my own azz and stay out of jail and/or lose my fortune I may have accumulated illegally. Vice President Kamala Harris will need to be involved also, and of course she will because she will get something out of the plan. Joe needs to ask the Democratic leaders to allow him to enjoy another three or four months of pretending to be President. When it's time, run with being too ill to continue to be the president. Of course don't tell the truth and admit you've lost your mental capacity to do the job. Maybe a bad heart stressed too much from being president or something similar. That will automatically trigger Kamala into the presidency. In the short time she will be president, she needs to agree to pardon the entire group of the implicated Biden family members from any alleged high crimes and misdemeanors. And she will do it because the Democratic leaders will promise to support her own bid for the democratic nomination for president. Of course they won't! She won't know it but, as soon as Joe and family are in the clear, they will have already been secretly supporting candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and he will win the democratic nomination with Joe out of the way. Find a way out Joe. This is going to get worse.

Here's how I believe this 2024 election will probably shake out. With as much trouble Donald Trump is having in the legal system with more indictments to come, it just could be Ron Desantis will be the Republican nominee for president. Whether it's Desantis or Trump may not matter. I'm not so sure that J.F.K. Jr. can be beaten by republicans. Democratic voters love the name history candidate and certainly the Kennedys have that. If I was one of the Democratic leaders calling the shots in the party, I'd dump Joe and Kamala regardless of any legal problems and back Kennedy. I think he's the only chance they have to win in 2024. Grab a front row seat. It's going to be a great show!

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DO YOU RECOGNIZE this week's Back in the Day photo? If so, drop us a note at The Journal. Your efforts will be rewarded. Thank you to Suzanne Henderson for identifying the "Back in the Day" photo from the May 3. Edition. The photo depicts Henderson's 5th-grade class holding a bake sale for Jody Hauser. Greg Porter and Fran Heinz and Todd Kerns are on the left side of the photo. David Porter is on the right side. Suzanne Henderson is seen as the tallest in the back of the photo.

10 years ago
May 15, 2013

The Hayes Branch improvements to the flooding district are well underway with storm sewer installation all but completed and the detention basin finished in the area where Owen Tucker is building a housing subdivision. The final piece of the puzzle will be drainage district officials signing off on the projects and both City Administrator Drew Hoel and City Attorney Andrew Bequette characterized discussions with the district as positive and moving forward.

Over \$38,000 in local scholarship money and other honors were distributed among the 60 members of the TCHS Class of 2013.

Tuscola High School's softball team ended the regular season with style, sweeping the Danville Schlarman Round Robin, upending a pesky Rantoul squad 4-3 before dropping Schlarman 5-2 in the nightcap.

20 years ago
May 13, 2003

Straight-line winds that swept through the area Friday night took a toll on tree limbs, as well as on old crib located along Route 36 west of Tuscola on land farmed by Henry Rahn. Sections of the shed and its roof were scattered along the ground and the highway.

TCHS senior Monica Woodworth was named the Tuscola Rotary Club May Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Chris and Penny Woodworth.

TCHS senior honor students

were special guests at the May 6 Tuscola Rotary Club meeting. They included Bonnie Obrecht, Erica Wakefield, Monica Woodworth, Melissa Kappes, Marissa McCumber, Megan Spencer, Jordan Bozarth, Ryan Bonner, Amy Warters, and Jamie Patton.

Freshman shot and discus competitor Johanna Wienke and Lady Warrior relay teams continued to shine this spring, and they recorded a number of first-place finishes at the prestigious St. Joe Classic.

The Tuscola Warriors posted an 11-1 victory over Shiloh in the top half of a doubleheader that clinched at least a tie of the LOVC crown. And in another game—one of the most exciting of the year—the Warriors rallied in the bottom of the seventh to secure a win against one of the best pitchers in the area by downing Windsor and Mitch Hilligoss in a 2-1 thriller.

30 years ago
May 11, 1993

Tom Chamberlain was appointed vice president in charge of agricultural lending and farm management services at First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust of Tuscola.

Seven salaried jobs at Cabot Corp.'s Cab-O-Sil Tuscola division were eliminated Tuesday in cost-cutting measures the Boston-based corporate office said were made to increase Cabot's competitiveness.

Jaki Ottolini was chosen to serve as president of the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce in 1993. Sara Holmes would be

vice president and Tim Mooney would continue as treasurer.

Warrior senior shortstop Toby Ring was near the top of many offensive categories, with a .366 batting average, six stolen bases, five doubles, two triples, and seven RBI. Ring has been a starter at shortstop for the Warriors since his first game as a freshman three seasons ago.

40 years ago
May 17, 1983

Work began Wednesday on laying sewer pipe throughout the recently annexed Southland Acres subdivision. Mayor Clarence Snyder and members of Tuscola City Council were on hand for groundbreaking ceremonies.

Ziegler Coal Company announced a major expansion of its Murdock Mine preparation plant, said expansion expected to increase the plant's processing capacity by nearly 50 percent.

Airman Stephen Riley of Tuscola was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas after completing Air Force basic training. He would be receiving specialized instruction in the medical services field.

For the second year in a row, the TCHS girls 1600-meter relay team would be making the trip to Charleston for the state track meet. The foursome was April Hanner, Mindy Mulligan, Kris Baird, and Marti Crist. Mulligan would also be competing in the 800-meter run, and Kim Waugh in the discus and shot put.

50 years ago
May 10, 1973

Tuscola native Jean Ann Waters, a sophomore at Northeast Missouri State University, was named to the 12-member Pepsi-Cola All American Cheerleading Squad. The dozen girls would be traveling from all over the country to Cypress Gardens, Fla. for the Miss Cheerleader USA finals this month.

A series of vandalism and theft investigations dominated police activities the past week. Damage estimated at several hundred dollars was discovered at the restrooms located at Ervin Park April 30. That same evening an attempt was made to shoot the lock at the south sewer plant, and there was considerable damage done to the lawn and trees. Almost \$300 was stolen from a desk at Tuscola Tastee Freeze, and a motorcycle and an automobile were also stolen over a several-day period.

Baron, an entry shown by Cathy Morris, won the annual Douglas County 4-H Dog Show held May 1 at the Tuscola Community Building. Baron was judged Best of Show.

Tuscola's fourth-place finish in the Charleston Invitational may have been the most expensive of the season. Rob Meyer, second-place finisher in the high hurdles, struck the last hurdle and literally rolled across the finish line. Also injured was Rick Izquierdo, who pulled a thigh muscle while anchoring the 440 relay team.

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