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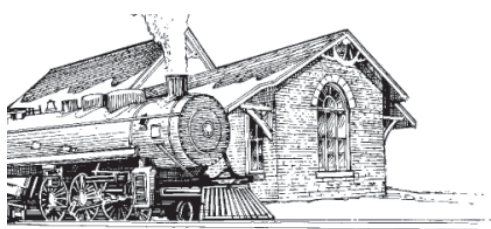


**I don't know if you heard but, of all news media outlets, CNN hosted a town hall meeting in St. Anselm College in New Hampshire last Wednesday night and invited Donald Trump as their guest.** Of the several experienced moderators available at CNN they tapped Kaitlan Collins to moderate this town hall. As hard as Collins tried to rattle the former president, she failed time and time again. To say Trump was prepared is an understatement. It seemed as though he was given a list of the probable topics that would be thrown at him. Some questions he answered with serious and well thought out responses. But other questions Collins pressed him with, he was able to turn them into a one liner comedy show. The live audience seemed to love the performance and broke out in laughter at some answers and cheered the former president with his answers to other questions. The fall-out was swift and heavy from Democrats of CNN. However I'm sure they were as giddy as ants in sugar when they first learned that Trump was indeed going to accept the invitation from CNN and actually show up in "enemy territory."

This went so bad for CNN that they shortened the originally scheduled 90 minute town hall to just 70 minutes. Trump ate Collins alive and the show's producers had to do something to stop the bleeding. The best they could do to save Collins was to cut 20 minutes of the broadcast. Trump scored mightily Wednesday night with 2024 independent voters. Even Washington Democrats had to angrily admit this was a disaster for the party. Some are allegedly calling for CNN chief executive, Chris Licht, to be fired. However, with 3.1 million viewers tuning in Wednesday night, it was the most viewed program on CNN for some time now. Maybe they should set up another one of these town hall get togethers say, in San Francisco or Chicago. Wouldn't that be something to see!? There are plenty of the old cast of characters at CNN throwing hate statements at the producers of the show but, why didn't one of these more experienced host moderators step up and volunteer to take Trump on? Because they all knew they would all have been beaten like a rag doll by Trump. Trump has been begging for a one on one with any of these people at CNN for years. Not a one of them has ever accepted Trump's invitation to appear on any of their shows for a head to head conversation on the issues. I think CNN should take this ratings hike as good news regardless of the outcome of this town hall with Trump. If I was running the show at CNN, I would immediately be working on another town hall with Trump in another part of the country. I absolutely

believe that because of the media frenzy surrounding this first town hall CNN might even double their audience for the next one. And in the media business it's all about the number of viewers that the advertising market executives are interested in. Getting their products in front of as many people as possible is the name of the game. If that means Trump has to be the guest on a program occasionally, so be it. It's business and that's what the former executives at CNN either didn't understand or didn't care too. This was not only a big score for Trump but also for CNN. CNN has put themselves in a position to regain some of the millions of viewers they've lost in the past six years. Licht, don't let the old, grumpy, and selfish Democrats in Washington deter you. Stand your ground and keep moving forward. By moving forward I mean start airing both sides of every story again and every person involved in those stories. I remember very well when CNN was the go to cable news network to get all of the latest and up to date world news events. I became a CNN faithful when the Gulf war started. When I was at home I was watching. When I was in the car I was listening. It was because of the success at CNN that so many other very successful cable news media outlets started up and thrived. CNN opened the door for many of us that never really knew there was more happening in the world than what our local television stations exposed us to for thirty minutes every night at 6:00 p.m. No longer did we have to wait until the next day to maybe find out what was happening around the world. For me it was exciting and interesting to catch up on world events and not just what was going on within the borders of WCIA's signal strength. Don't misunderstand, I very much enjoyed the cast and crew at WCIA and was a faithful 6:00 p.m. viewer. This was a time when the cast of characters hardly ever changed and my own family felt these people were a part of our lives. I think most of us would like to see our news sources get back to reporting the news, both sides of the news, without interjecting so many of the broadcaster's personal views about each story. Anyway, even if it was just a one time event, bravo CNN for being brave enough to sponsor the Trump town hall with Kaitlan Collins. She may have lost the battle this time but she certainly hasn't lost the war. She just may be an up and coming star in the news media world. If you get a chance to watch this town hall do so, it was entertainment at its best.

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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 Lana Hill for identifying the May 10 Back in the Day photo: Back row, left to right, Barb Cavenaile, DeDee Cothron, Mark Scott, Bruce Bird, Diane Kolhbecker. Front row, left to right, Mary Jane Meyer, Susan Boyce, Donna Boerngen, Jennie Quinn.**

**10 years ago**  
**May 22, 2013**  
Since October 1966, the "home" of local scouting youth has been the Nunn Scout Building, located at 200 South Ohio Street. Currently, as many as 50 Club Scouts, 25 boy scouts and 25 girl scouts at ages utilize the building. During the school year, most of those scouts meet there on a weekly basis. The building will now be overseen by the Scouting in Tuscola organization.  
Ameren is proposing the addition of a new high-voltage service line in Illinois, and Douglas County Board members concerned with the possibility of it running through its borders approved a resolution voicing their opposition at the May 15 county board meeting.  
Placing second in last season's Class 1A state baseball tournament guaranteed the Tuscola Warriors only one thing for this 2013 season: a giant target on their backs. Despite what some would call a rebuilding season, coach Duff Hoel prefers "reloading" - the Warriors managed to rebound from a somewhat disappointing conference to once again make a strong postseason push, this time in Class 2A. The Warriors upset second-seeded Paris 4-3 in the Tuscola Regional semifinal May 15 before succumbing to Okaw Valley Conference champion Shelbyville 7-1 in the championship game May 18.

**20 years ago**  
**May 20, 2003**  
Tuscola High School senior

Blair Wilson recently completed the Train-A-Pilot scholarship program, earning her pilot's license while still successfully juggling school and extracurricular activities.  
Tuscola Police Dept. secretary Joyce Ragle was recognized recently for her 20-year employment anniversary with the City of Tuscola.  
Seventh-grader John Wienke added his name to the list of track record holders at East Prairie after clearing the 5-5 mark during high jump competition. He broke the 5-4 record held by Brian Hatfield (1985) and Asif Azhar (1995).  
Tuscola Warriors slugged their way to an LOVC conference crown by thrashing Niantic-Harristown 19-0. Andy Pollock was one of the team's leading hitters, with a .411 batting average, 22 runs scored, and 28 RBIs.  
Five Lady Warriors would be representing TCHS in the 2003 IHSA track-and-field meet in Charleston. Johanna Wienke qualified in the shot and discus events; while the 4x400 relay team of Samantha Bean, Anne Mecum, Whitney McGillen, and Ashley Headrick also advanced.

**30 years ago**  
**May 18, 1993**  
Taking their first Holy Communion at Forty Martyrs Catholic Church on April 25 were Mike Hackett, Alyse Harshbarger, Jessie Williams, Danielle Ross, Nick Kidwell, Amy Wagner, Melinda Kappes, Andy McGillen, Sean Murphy, Tony Borries, and Danielle Fleniken.  
It was a banner week for

Lady Warrior track, culminating in several runners qualifying for state competition. The quartet of Tracy Baird, Patty McDaniel, Holly Sluder, and Kim VonLanken qualified in the 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, and 4x800 relays; Missy Lehmann in the 400; and Erin Henderson in the 800 and 1600.

**40 years ago**  
**May 24, 1983**  
Several weeks of negotiations between Tuscola school board and the Tuscola Education Association ended Monday night when a master contract was unanimously approved. A starting teacher with a bachelor's degree would earn an annual salary of \$14,225—after 18 years that would be increased to \$22,325.  
Tuscola track-and-field athletes won eight events and qualified six for the state track meet at the Mahomet Sectional meet. The mile relay team of Scott Day, Nate Izquierdo, Steve Bates, and Mark Smith set a meet record in winning the event, as did Smith in the 400. Day won the 800, and Dan Meyer took the 300 low hurdles, setting a meet record. The four-some of Tom Dilts, Izquierdo, Smith and Bates earned a state berth in both the 400 and 800 relays; as did Bob Davis in the 1600-meter run, Izquierdo in the 200, and Bates in the 100.  
Kim Waugh improved her shot put distance of the season by more than a foot to place fourth I the IHSA girls state track-and-field meet in Charleston over the weekend. The sophomore uncorked a

toss of 38-5 3/4 in Friday's prelims.

**50 years ago**  
**May 17, 1973**  
A \$1,000 scholarship, two trophies, and the Miss Cheerleader USA title were bestowed upon Jean Waters of Tuscola. Waters, a cheerleader at Northeast Missouri State, competed for the title against 11 other young ladies who formed the Pepsi-Cola All-American Cheerleading Squad.  
Construction of a 72-bed addition at Douglas Nightingale Manor began recently, following groundbreaking ceremonies held at the shelter care complex located south of Tuscola on the Egyptian Trail.  
Newly-elected Mayor Garland Strohl was promising a number of changes in city government, including making committee appointments based on geographical considerations, a more businesslike running of the city, and more attention paid to planning ahead in all aspects of operations.  
The absence of three sure pointmakers did not prevent Tuscola from claiming the third annual Unity Invitational meet Friday evening, sparked by Gary French's brilliant performances in the long jump and 440. French set two meet records, soaring 21-7 1/2 in the long jump and touring the 440 oval in 51.2. Phil Waters also established a new school record in the high jump by clearing 6-1/4.

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