

my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



It's been three years of time spent on yet another investigation, millions of dollars of your money and mine spent, resulting in the Durham report completed and submitted to The Department of Justice. In 2019 John Durham was designated federal prosecutor tasked with investigating how, when, and why the FBI started an investigation into Donald Trump and how he might be linked to any Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. But wait; didn't Nancy Pelosi, the majority Democratic House of Representatives, and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein lead that charge in 2016 and assign this investigation to Bob Mueller? Didn't Mueller assemble a team of sixteen or so Democrat attorneys to investigate Donald Trump colluding with Russians. nothing! So now what?

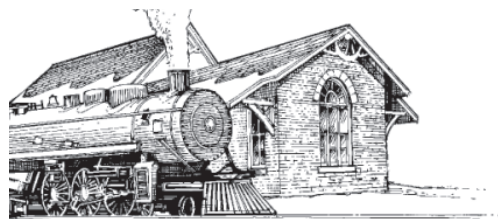
The American people wanted answers. How in the world was the FBI with the assistance of the DOJ able to obtain so many warrants to secretly monitor The Trump Campaign's communications during the 2016 presidential election? And because the FBI had access to listen and see everything the Trump team was doing all through the campaign, how was it that Bob Mueller and sixteen attorneys came up with nothing? After Trump won the 2016 election people started to ask questions. Investigative reporters lead the charge into the how, when, and why the FBI managed to do something that should have been nearly impossible without concrete evidence based proof that these warrants needed to happen. It didn't take long to discover through emails and FBI agents text messaging that the process had been violated by a select few from the DOJ and the FBI leading the Trump investigation. It has been determined outright lies were told to the federal FISA court in order to obtain the warrants the FBI sought in their attempts to "get Trump."

So fair is fair in love, war, and politics. Now the Republicans in control wanted to get to the bottom of the Trump/Russia/Mueller investigation. They wanted to find out exactly who was responsible for violating their duties as federal law enforcement employees. So John Durham was tasked with this new investigation into the Trump/Russia/Mueller four year debacle. The Durham report was scathing of the FBI agents involved and the role some DOJ employees played in the investigation into Trump and his supporters. It's online and you can read for yourself should you choose too. What Durham concluded was that there was no evidence for the FBI to open an investigation into a four year long Trump/Russia investigation. It should have been, and probably was, obvious that

the initial accusations made about Trump were false. In fact the FBI agents involved took the little of nothing they had and lied to the courts to obtain warrants to monitor the Trump campaign communications. What Durham did discover was that the Clinton campaign may very well have played a role in the Trump/Russia collusion lie. He criticized the FBI for not looking into Clinton's role in the lie and indicates that some FBI agents may have actually been covering for the Clinton campaign's role in the Trump/Russia hoax. I believe Durham has done a thorough and legitimate investigation. He has uncovered the corruption that occurred during the investigation of Trump. However, I'm not confident justice will be served. Not yet anyway.

So will anyone be held accountable for their actions? All the time wasted, money spent, and interference in the newly elected president's ability to govern and get things done for the American people? I think not. How President Trump survived this, and continues to survive the onslaught is beyond me. How are the people we've elected to keep us safe in our homes and daily business not demanding those guilty not be held accountable for their actions? And I'd be saying the very same words had this happened to Obama. I've lived in the era of time when the word of the FBI was solid gold and without question. This isn't the belief of the majority of the American people now. If we can't trust the FBI, who can we trust? How does the FBI ever heal this wound on their agency? The most respected law enforcement agency in the world has dropped to a level where corruption at the top is suspected by countries all over the world. You don't think so? Last week the new Chinese Defense Secretary refused to meet with our own Secretary of Defense. Foreign powers do not trust the people running America's government at any capacity. And why should they? Just look at all the in fighting between the parties in our government. Why would anyone trust us at this point in time?

I feel at this time in history America will be most famous for trying to destroy our own current, former, and future presidents. How in the world has this happened and who all is responsible. Neither party cares who their party elects as president as long as it's one of their own. Qualifications and abilities don't matter anymore. The goal is to get your guy or gal elected and let their power hungry people behind the scenes run the government. Sadly, there are two Americas now, the right and the left. Many of our values have vanished. Not because a majority want it so, no it's because the majority are allowing the very minority to do as they please for fear of ridicule and protest. I do think there is a movement to reverse some of this by those Americans that hold dearly the values this country was built on. I pray this trend continues to grow stronger. If it doesn't I fear for my children and yours.



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10 years ago June 19, 2013

John McDevitt knew as soon as he pulled up in front of the stately brick building at 100 North Main Street in Tuscola, that this could be the new home for his own Yellow Dog Studio as well as a collective of artists with whom he is associated. The Sullivan resident is in the process of moving and setting up shop literally and figuratively in what was just late last week dubbed the Vault Arts Collective. The name is a nod to the building's original purpose and former life as a financial institution, built in 1926 and moved into May 1927.

It's not too late to get in on the High Heel Dash action going on in downtown Tuscola Saturday morning. The second annual event with contestants "dashing approximately two blocks in fun footwear and/or costumes, undertaken in memory of former school board member Marilyn Davidson, will raise money to purchase computers for East Prairie Middle School.

Plans are in full swing for the 2013 SParks in the Park festival, being held Fri., July 5 and Sat., July 6 in Tuscola. One of the biggest coups for the weekend is the signing of the Henningsens for a free concert Saturday night, prior to the fireworks show.

20 years ago June 10, 2003

Douglas County Board members were grappling with the discovery of unforeseen improvements needed at the county jail while in the midst

of a renovation at the facility. Contractors discovered widespread leaks in the roofing system that had caused extensive damage.

There was an outpouring of community support following the death of 9-year-old Tayler Romine, who passed away in an automobile accident June 3.

Lifelong Douglas County resident Larry Skinner announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff in the 2006 election.

ARTCO's current theatrical offering, "Bathroom Humor," featured cast members Matt Fear, Stephanie Schneider, LaDonna Wilson, Linda Preston, Craig Krukewitt, Preston Tewell, and Kevin Wigall.

30 years ago June 8, 1993

A rare award was presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner held recently. Lynnita Sommer was presented the Tuscolian of the Year award by Dennis Dietrich, and was just the eighth person in Tuscola history to receive that designation since its conception in 1967. Sommer was being recognized for the work she had done in co-founding and building the Douglas County Museum.

Another honoree at the Chamber dinner was Dick Parker, who was given a special award for his four decades of faithful volunteerism within the Tuscola community.

Tuscola High School won first place in the 18th annual high school chemistry contest held at Eastern Illinois University for the third consecutive

year. Team members included Tony Stenger, Kim Harris, and Phil Michener. Chemistry teacher Kay Kleiss was the team sponsor.

Tuscola Mayor Dan Kleiss was recently named to the 21-member board of the Illinois Tax Increment Association.

40 years ago June 14, 1983

Captain C.A. Hawkins, a Tuscola native and 1947 TCHS graduate, would be retiring from active duty July 1 after a distinguished Naval career of 30 years.

An Oklahoma man was killed when his semi-truck overturned on the southbound exit ramp at I-57 at Tuscola on June 7.

Buck Hausmann, CPA, accepted a position of in-charge accountant with the Kemper CPA Group in Tuscola, providing accounting, audit, tax and business advisory services.

Terry Mulligan received his Juris Doctor degree cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center during graduation ceremonies held May 30 at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Mulligan is a 1976 TCHS graduate and 1980 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

A sudden death playoff developed for the championship of the second annual Tuscola Open played last week at Tri-Cities Country Club in Villa Grove. Mike Carroll and Ron Strange toured 18 holes with 77s, and Carroll defeated Strange on the first hole of the playoff.

50 years ago June 7, 1973

A coroner's jury ruled "instantaneous deaths by accident" Saturday morning, following a hearing at Joines Funeral Home in Newman regarding the deaths of two men from a 100-foot fall from a silo under construction at the new Zeigler Coal Mine near Murdock.

Among the 550 students receiving associate degrees from Parkland College on June 1 were Tuscola residents Gary Brinkley, Linda Conn, Tom Hawkins, Barry Henby, James Kennedy, Donna Lamb, David Mason, Wendy Mason, Diana Ochs, John Pendergrass, Bruce Romine, Ward Romine, Nancy Smith, Warren Thompson, Raymond Tingley, and Wendell Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams would be observing their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 10 with a family dinner at the Elks Club. The Williams were the parents of daughter Dorothy (Dwight) McCumber and grandparents to Jeanette, Jeanelle, and Darrell McCumber.

Local ladies participating in the Tuscola Woman's Club summer tennis lessons included Joan Cross, Marilyn Hancock, Nancy Korte, Carol McCarty, Mary Ann Morgan, Clarice Schweighart, Ruth Slaughter, Lee Ann Waugh, Sally Wright, Billie Norman, Verna Lindsay, Pansy Patton, Mae Norman, Sandy McCarty, Leona Butts, Bessie Benner, Carol Hausmann, and Sarah Picard.

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