

# my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



I hope some of you have taken some time to watch or listen to news recaps of this past week's Congressional hearings in Washington DC. It seems to me, for the past six years anyway, most of what our elected officials we send to DC get done is hold hearings accusing one party or the other of participating in bad deeds of all sorts. The Democrats did it for the four years Trump was president and now for the past three years the republicans are doing the same in regard to everything Biden family. It's the business and duty of The House of Representatives to initiate oversight of elected officials suspected of wrongdoing and investigate those allegations via various committees. The catch is, only the party having a majority of members decides which investigations are passed on to the various committees selected to look into any allegations. So of course Democrat Speakers of The House only move on Republicans alleged of wrongdoing and Republican Speakers do the same when it's a Democrat being accused. For several years we've heard rumors and dark stories of alleged Hunter Biden crimes and let's say, extracurricular activities not expected to be done by the son of the Vice President of The United States and now the son of The President of The United States. Well, at least not for all the world to so easily be able to see for themselves.

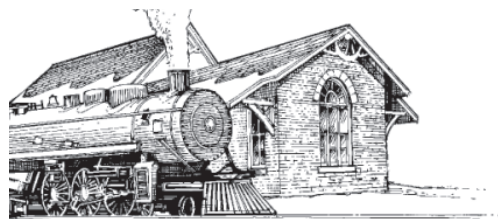
What started three years ago with only allegations of son Hunter traveling around the world behaving somewhat as an international playboy and being nothing more than an embarrassment for the Biden family, quickly escalated into alleged crimes that not only involved Hunter but now his dad, Joe Biden. What happened was one day, out of nowhere, news broke stating that sometime in 2018 or earlier Hunter had left a laptop he owned in a repair shop in New York and never returned to pick it up. I assume that after a given amount of time that unclaimed property became the property of the shop where the laptop was left for repair. Apparently the repair shop owner's curiosity got the best of him and he took a peek into what Mr. Hunter Biden had been up too. What the shop owner found would have caused any Republican President to have been impeached and removed from office by now. After the hearings this week and what Americans have learned; this very well could end the presidency of Joe Biden. It might be best right now for the Biden family and top Democrats in DC to come up with a health related exit strategy.

From what the American people have learned, from solid and credible evidence, is that several members of the Biden family have been involved in a pay for play scheme for years to the tune of nearly seventeen million dollars in cash excluding gifts and travel rewards. We've learned China, Russia, Ukraine, and at least two other countries have paid millions of dollars to several Biden family members. What's even more damning is the payments were divided into several smaller amounts filtered through shell corporations created by Hunter Biden. What has been discovered so far is that none of these many shell corporations were not doing business in any venture at all. The appearance and accusations are

that these corporations were used to do nothing more than launder and hide the paper trail of the money being paid to the Bidens by various countries. A very common practice in the world of business transactions when cash is being distributed between people in different countries. However, even as difficult as it might be to discover, The United States IRS agents are the best in the world and they stepped up and figured all of this out. So far, two IRS agents working on the Biden investigation and one FBI agent have testified as whistleblowers before Congress. They testified how they were told what they WOULD NOT do to further investigate and ultimately tie the Bidens to these high crimes and possibly treasonous activities. It was more than their consciences and integrity to their jobs could handle so they are speaking out.

There is so much undeniable proof on the Hunter Biden laptop that there is no escape for Joe, Hunter, and probably Jim Biden. And of course others tied into this scheme are fearful for their own well being so they too are stepping forward in order to maybe "cut a deal" of their own. Many Americans, including myself, feel that America has been compromised. It appears a few counties have the goods on Joe. This scandalous investigation is only going to get worse for the Bidens. I think Americans will learn of even more money from more countries that has been paid to the Bidens for unknown or questionable services from the Bidens. Let me make a couple of things clear tonight. One; all I've said tonight about the Bidens are just allegations to date. None of the Bidens have been charged with anything except Hunter Biden. Two; if all of these same allegations and evidence presented involved the Trump family I would feel the very same way I do about the Bidens. This is just plain and simple treason in my mind regardless of who has done it. In my mind there are no passes in something so serious that could compromise the safety of all American citizens. So what's next?

Joe, here's what you do. Being you have zero character for doing what's right, you care nothing about the American people, and you only look out for yourself and your family caring nothing how it might hurt others, get all of the allegations of criminal activity out there for all Americans to see. Get everything out on the table. Even those crimes and bad deeds we have yet to learn about. Have your less than credible Attorney General charge you and your entire family and friends with whatever crimes you all have committed. Get every single thing out there while you're still the president. What you do next is with a single signature for each of you; pardon everyone charged, step down from office with a medical excuse and enjoy the millions of dollars you've gained at the expense of America and her citizens. Simple enough it seems. Americans, where do we go from here? Can America recover from these past three years of government corruption? I wish I was someone that could help save this country and make a difference. I'd die trying if that's what I had to do. Pay attention to the news these next few weeks.



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### 10 years ago August 7, 2013

Online school registration was offered for the first time for the 2013-14 academic school year. 489 students registered online, approximately 49 percent of the school district's population.

The CSX Corporation announced last week that the Tuscola Industrial Rail Park in Tuscola has been designated a CSX Select Site. Select Sites are locations for manufacturing projects along the CSX network that can progress rapidly because standard land use issues have been addressed, and the site is ready for development following a comprehensive due diligence process.

"We weren't aware of any significant opposition to it." That was one of the factors given by Illinois Commerce Commission administrative law judges in a recent decision to give tentative approval to a hastily conceived route through Douglas and Piatt counties for a high-voltage power line, rather than the years-long, carefully studied and vetted route that Ameren had originally proposed, which would run through Moultrie County. That original route met with resistance from Moultrie County property owners when public meetings were first being held. They formed a coalition (MCPO) and quickly put together the aforementioned alternate route that Merene ultimately sanctioned.

### 20 years ago July 29, 2003

Democratic party faithful were out in force at the corner of Main and Sale streets, as were a number of media outlets, awaiting Gov. Rod Blagojevich's arrival into Tuscola by tour bus, part of a three-day junket of eastern Illinois. He was joined by his wife, Patti; and daughters Amy, age 7; and Annie, 3 months.

Tuscola city council members were not happy about a suddenly-assessed fee by the state for sewer permitting. The permits, normally issued free of charge, now had a price tag of \$15,000 in Tuscola's case.

Family members of Joe and Ruth Slaughter were inviting friends and family to attend a special celebration in honor of the Tuscola couple's 50th wedding anniversary. Joe and the former Ruth Schroeder were married Aug. 1, 1953 in Poca-hontos, Ark.

Gemini Pettry of Tuscola garnered first place in the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair beautiful baby contest in the 3-year-old age division.

Cast members in ARTCo's production of "Anything Goes" gave a command performance last week at the Tuscola home of Marilyn Hancock. The group re-enacted several numbers from the musical as entertainment for a women's group to

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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 Bill Englehardt who identified Jim Royal, Jack Pimmons and Bob Hood in last week's Back in the Day photo. Englehardt said they three most likely posed for a photo for an event at Kaskaskia Country Club. All three were longtime members.

which Hancock belonged.

### 30 years ago July 27, 1993

Trisha Truitt represented Tuscola well in the 1998 Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair pageant, winning the title of Miss Mo-Do. Fellow Tuscolian Erica Holmes was named first runner-up. Breanna Gabbard of Tuscola was crowned Little Miss Mo-Do.

Tuscola council members vote 5-2 to reject Carle Clinic's application for \$30,000 in TIF grants for its proposed \$500,000 clinic facility.

John Rothgeb became the third Tuscola Lions Club member to receive a Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

The TCHS Warrior cheerleading team was being congratulated for its top performance at the UCA summer camp held recently on the University of Illinois campus. Cheerleaders Kim Harris, April Mason, Holly Henderson, Stephanie Hall, Amber Wilkinson, Tara Holmes, Allison Branca, Amber Bossle, and Missy Lehmann brought home a Superior trophy, and captain Kim Harris was named a UCA All-Star.

### 40 years ago August 2, 1983

Near record demands for

electricity occurred on the Central Illinois Public Service Company's system during last week's heat wave. The hot spell led to three of the four highest peak demands for electricity in CIPS history.

John M. Hauck of Tuscola was selected for inclusion in the 1983 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of St. Joseph announced the engagement of their daughter, Janis Lorenda, to Kevin Lee Wigall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wigall of Tuscola. The couple was planning an August 27, 1983 wedding at First Christian Church of Tuscola.

The Tuscola Junior Girls travel team took third place in the Okaw Tournament held July 16-24 at Homer. Tammy Patterson was high scorer for Tuscola during the tournament with 11 runs, followed by Sandy Kohlbecker with eight, and Michelle Pierce with seven.

### 50 years ago July 26, 1973

TCHS varsity cheerleaders Sylvia Welborn, Marci Hausmann, Susie Byers, Barb Sargent, Brenda Rogers, and Gail Seaney attended the US Cheerleading Association camp in Lake Geneva, Wis., where they earned a third-place ribbon

for their efforts. Captain Sylvia Welborn placed fifth individually, allowing her to compete in the upcoming grand national championships in Lansing, Mich.

Acting police Chief Butch Wirick was appointed permanent chief of police for the remainder of Mayor Garland Strohl's term, at a salary of \$182 per week.

Seven members of the Tuscola Business and Professional Women (BPW) club attended the national convention in Miami, Florida, where club member Jean McCarrey was installed as national BPW president. They included Jean McCarrey, Rose Ruth Clay, Clara Jackson, Helen Jones Antoinette Norht, Leone ERwing, and Frances Tullis.

If you were going to the Tuscola Drive-In Theatre this week, you would be enjoying "Walking Tall" with Joe Don Baker and Elizabeth Hartman, and "Junior Bonner" featuring Steve McQueen.

Tuscola was only one hit away from a Senior Division state tournament appearance at LaSalle-Peru Tuesday, but errors and pressure took their toll and the local diamondmen had to settle for a 7-3 runner-up finish.

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