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Argentine Federal Savings celebrated the days leading up to July 4th, Independence Day, with many flags decorating the front of their building and sidewalk at their location at 125th and Antioch.

AG Derek Schmidt provides updated guidance to law enforcement and prosecutors on enforcement of emergency orders

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today provided updated guidance to law enforcement agencies and county prosecutors statewide on the enforcement of emergency orders, following the passage of House Bill 2016 last month and the issuance of Executive Order 20-52 earlier today.

The guidance, in the form of a memorandum, updates previous guidance provided by the attorney general on

March 24, April 8 and May 28. The memo reflects changes to the Kansas Emergency Management Act adopted by the Kansas Legislature on June 4, and signed into law by the governor on June 8. Those amendments included changing the violation of an emergency order issued by the governor from a Class A misdemeanor to a civil violation, which may be enforced by a lawsuit filed by the county

or district attorney. As such, law enforcement officers may no longer arrest or detain individuals for violations of an emergency order.

Additionally, Schmidt noted in the memo that under House Bill 2016, individual counties may elect to adopt provisions that are "less stringent" than a governor's order. If an individual county has done so, then

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Governor Kelly Announces Federal Approval of Crisis Counseling Funding under Kansas's Major Disaster Declaration

Funding for Mental Health Program Benefiting Individuals Impacted by COVID-19

TOPEKA — Governor Laura Kelly has announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a Kansas plan for crisis counseling under the individual assistance category of the Stafford Act.

Funding is provided by FEMA's Crisis Counseling Program Immediate Services Program (ISP). ISP is a program supported by a grant that provides disaster relief assistance offered through specially trained providers and other supports for up to 60 days after a major disaster declaration. Funding was secured through partnership with Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services and Kansas Department of Agriculture.

"Kansans have faced challenges and uncertainty since the beginning of this unprecedented health crisis," Kelly said. "We are developing a program with both virtual and person-to-person support offered with social distancing and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in mind. It is imperative to provide options for support during this time to let people know they are not alone, and help is available for those who need it."

The first round of training was held on June 19 and 22 for providers to help support mental health initiatives designed to benefit Kansans affected by the pandemic. The initial Core Content Training is a two-day training developed by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that covers basic crisis counseling skills and services, data collection and stress management techniques. Over 40 individuals were trained during this session. This opportunity positions Kansas to address the complexities of COVID-19. Collaborating agencies are establishing an approach to provide outreach and services by telephone, virtually and through social media. The program will focus on providing crisis counseling and disaster recovery options, promoting the use or development of healthy coping strategies, connecting survivors with appropriate people and agencies that can assist them, and completing referrals to other disaster recovery programs or mental health providers.

Hotlines through this program with trained crisis counseling staff and online support and resources are available now.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), provides free 24/7, confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. A chat option is also available online at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>.

Additional support is available for citizens through the following resources:

The Kansas Ag Stress Resources website offers a variety of resources geared toward those involved in agriculture including a 24/7 hotline at 1-800-447-1985. This is a service through the Kansas Department of Agriculture found at www.KansasAgStress.org.

SAMHSA offers the Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990. The Helpline is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week and free resource that responds to people who need crisis counseling and support in dealing with the traumatic effects of a natural or human-caused disaster.

With Kansas: Stronger Together as a program motto and brand, this program will also provide toolkits with educational materials and general outreach information for citizens, businesses and providers. Materials are available for the public and encouraged to be used as needed and shared in locations such as grocery stores, churches, businesses, funeral homes, social media, medical clinics or other places where individuals may gather. Some topics addressed include grief and loss, financial stress, coping mechanisms, children and coping, anxiety related to COVID-19, possible suicidal ideation,

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



What a day this has been, going through a lot of stuff, throwing out junk, shredding old papers, bills, just stuff we have been "hoarding" the last umpteen years. Did we realize people have a hard time getting rid of stuff? My whole house isn't that way, it is just stuff like holidays decorations, seasonal stuff that really isn't used anymore. Sentimental value? For whom? Most of my family has passed and I don't have any gatherings anymore. The kids are all grown up with some of their own. So, I may as well discard the things that are just "hanging around". My sister Carolyn and I used to love to make miniature furniture, tables, chairs, lamps, all sorts of things and when she passed, I just lost interest in that stuff. I made a miniature bakery in the 70's that I still have. Bill Crum wanted to buy it one time for his bakery, but I didn't want to let go of it. Now he is out of the bakery business. So here I am with my miniature bakery still in the china cabinet. I also have an old-fashioned house full of our handmade trinkets. Each room has furniture in it. I even made a general store with all kinds of wares in it. Think I will eventually wrap each piece up and box it and send it to my niece in Oregon. She has daughters and granddaughters. Or, I can just sell it and get it out of my way, memories and all.

Really enjoyed myself at the market in Turner the other day. Jim and I had a nice long talk about everything. We had our ups and downs, but now that we are older, we are more settled down and understanding. We all used to have a domino group, but some of them started passing away or moving so we ended up at Turner's First Baptist

church. I still see them on occasion and even though we are wearing our protective masks, we can still talk and reminisce about the good old days when we first started the community garden. Mayor Reardon was there for the ribbon cutting.

Mary Gensler and I worked our heinies off spreading mulch and getting it prettied up for the Grand Opening. I had a sun stroke working in it and even had aftereffects from it later. When we were in a clown meeting, it was my turn to do my skit and I was sitting there "out cold". David Young ended up taking me to Providence Hospital and we were partially made up in our clown garb. We sure got some funny looks. We had a lot of fun during those times. Now we are older, crankier, creaky, and at least we have our stories about those days.

Remember, Butch? He was the clown who rode the unicycle. He passed away from throat cancer, but he was one heckofa guy. He moved to Oklahoma to be nearer his kids. I talked to him on the phone two weeks before he died, then he went on Christmas Day. Met him through Bond's RX. I went in and talked to Tom Finnell, the owner and was talking about our clown group. He told me about Butch and I went right to his house on Gibbs Rd. and he jumped on the old proverbial bandwagon. We hit it off immediately. Sure miss that group too. We used to entertain at Crown Center in August. That was National Clown month. Then managers changed and they just said, "no more". It supposedly messed up the business of the Lego business there. One day a month is all we had. Now all there is are a couple of parades. Clowns eventually got a bad rap from all those weird movies and all. I was even on the front page of the Turner Rec. magazine in my clown garb that has all their events listed. Still have it too.

Well my dear friends and readers, glad I am still around to shoot off some steam to you. It sure gets lonesome too. With my sisters in heaven and Butch, and Janet, and Georgia, all up there looking down at this mess, they are probably shaking their heads. I still stay in touch with a couple

of ladies I worked at Harmon, with and David Young a fellow gardener, clown and domino player. So, you all take care, mind your p's and q's. Wash your hands, use your sanitizer, wear your masks, fog up your glasses, don't sneeze or slobber on anyone. Be kind. K? Love all of you in Argentine, Turner, Rosedale and Armourdale. Really, I do. Your little ol' gal from Argentine. Sue.

I like poetry. I like to write it, like to read it and even copy them if I think they are worth sharing. I used to write a lot when I was younger and have gotten away from it some. But here is a poem I would like to share with you. This poem was written by Mychal Wynn. He is an inspirational writer. He has written a book of poetry that contains 26 poems of inspirations and affirmation. This one is very inspirational.

Don't Quit

By: Mychal Wynn

When people pull you down,
as they often will,

When the battle you're
fighting is all uphill,

When the funds are low and
the debts are high,

When you're laughing, al-
tho' you'd rather cry,

When you discover yourself
slowing down a bit,

Stop and take a deep
breath, but "Don't quit".

Altho' you've worked so
hard just to get this far,

You must steady your pace,
just to stay where you are

You'll need twice the effort
to make your way

Tomorrow won't come until
you've conquered today

And if you discover yourself
slowing down a bit

Stop and rest if you must
but, "Don't you quit"

Always do the best that you
can possibly do

Treasure true friends who
are far and few

Never give up, whatever the
burden you bear

Just one more step might
get you there.

Often the battle that is
proceeding slow,

Will conclude abruptly,
when dealt another blow.

Succeed in believing that
you will not fail

With diligence and deter-
mination your ship will sail

When the weather is stormy,
and the waters are rough

In the moment of peril, the
strong "get tough".

Whenever life presses you
down a bit,

Stand up and shout, "I Will
Not Quit"

This poem hit home with me, and I am sure with a lot of people who are going through tough times during this pandemic. Seems like we are in a Twilight Zone or something and when things start to happen out of the ordinary, we need an inspirational poem like this to help us through. Keep it, read it. Hope it will get you back in balance and you will sail through the negatives of life.



An outdoor market was held in the parking lot next to the community garden.



Calvin Hoover is setting up kale for the outdoor market. Calvin and Jim are two of the originals who started the garden when Reardon was mayor.

Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I have been doing quite a bit of traveling this past month – from the comfort of my armchair. I was inundated with books that had been reserved this spring from the best sellers list at the library.

James Patterson's NYPD Detective Michael Bennett led me from New York to Estonia in search of a young woman in "Blindside". I followed disgraced Australian cop Harriet Blue through the Australian penal system to solve a murder in "Hush". Patterson's "Summer House" took me from the backwoods of Georgia to

Afghanistan with an Army CID squad.

Stuart Woods had ex-Cia Teddy Faye disguise himself as several characters in Hollywood filmdom and at the Oscars while trying to discover who was chasing him in "Bombshell". Woods' Stone Barrington flew from New York to Paris and then spent time on his yacht in New England while trying to protect a damsel in distress in "Treason".

J.A. Jance's high-tech security sleuth Ali Reynolds traveled the highways and byways of Arizona looking for who was threatening the archbishop and subsequent murder of a priest in "Credible Threat".

Harlan Coben is my favorite author and I have read his stand-alone novels again and again. His latest is "The Boy from the Woods" and takes place in the wilds of New Jersey and New York. The boy and now the man is called Wilde. After being found at the age of six, he was adopted, educated, served in the military but has created a life in his

woods. A rich teenage boy disappears near the forest and Wilde is asked to help find him. A ransom is demanded. A few twists and turns and secrets are revealed.

Celeste Ng has woven many secrets about past lives in "Little Fires Everywhere" in Shaker's Village, Pennsylvania and how they can haunt you. Take one extraordinarily rich dysfunctional family and one poor artist and her daughter, pry into their lives and the result is disaster. Last fall, Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington starred in a mini-series on Hulu based on the novel. I really enjoyed the book.

I just started reading John Grisham's "Camino Winds" about the aftermath of hurricane Leo. Of course, a murder is involved. This is the second of a series taking place on Camino Island in northeast Florida, south of Georgia. So, this is where I will dwell for a while.

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general resource information, agriculture hardship and other topics. Information can be found online via Facebook at Kansas: Stronger Together.

"As we continue to find ways to proactively battle the ongoing mental health and social effects of this pandemic, I think it's important we recognize the impact puts us in uncharted territory in that it reaches every corner of our state," KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. "This funding allows us to implement a program that can also reach every corner of our state and is designed to link those in need to crisis counseling and community supports as well as other resources, strategies and comforts as we face this together."

Kansas will be requesting ongoing crisis counseling assistance from FEMA with a request to extend crisis counseling services to Kansans through the Crisis Counseling Program Regular Services Program. The Regular Services Program (RSP) is a CCP grant program that provides disaster relief assistance for ongoing counseling services and support for up to nine months after a major disaster declaration. A website is currently being developed.

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the governor's emergency order may not be enforced in that county, even by a civil lawsuit.

The new law also authorizes the attorney general to bring enforcement actions.

"The attorney general's office will defer to the decisions of local county and district attorneys and has no plans to bring our own enforcement actions simply for not wearing a mask," Schmidt said. "I think the better approach is to leave any enforcement to local authorities who know their communities best and to give Kansans information and encouragement and trust them to make wise decisions. So here's what I encourage: Be safe on this Independence Day weekend, use common sense and caution to keep yourself and others healthy, heed the advice of the CDC and other public health experts, and wear a mask for now whenever you're in a public setting and cannot maintain a safe distance from other people."

Restrictions to Continue Because of Coronavirus Pandemic

By Murrel Bland

Wyandotte County will continue indefinitely under the restrictions of Phase Three of the Ad Astra plan to reopen Kansas.

That was the message that Mayor David Alvey conveyed to members of the Congressional Forum Friday, June 18 during a special teleconference via Zoom.

The Forum usually meets the third Friday of each month. However, Mayor Alvey, along with several other Unified Government employees, have been furloughed because of budget restraints.

Mayor Alvey will not work Mondays and Fridays for the

next five weeks. Lack of sales tax revenue, particularly from the Village West areas, has caused the Unified Government to be about \$23 million short for its 2020 budget. Estimates are it will mean an \$18 million shortage for 2021.

Gov. Laura Kelly submitted the Ad Astra Plan May 26 to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. Under Phase three of the plan, Mayor Alvey urged residents to wear masks, maintain a six-foot distance during indoor and outdoor activities, avoid socializing with groups of more than 45 persons and to wash their hands regularly.

Mayor Alvey said the Unified Government will be guided by medical personnel whose actions are data-driven. He said there has been a recent increase in the number of COVID patients in Wyandotte County.

Mayor Alvey said a class of 24 police cadets will not be hired as officers because of the

Budget shortfall. He said that is unfortunate as the Police Department conducted an extensive recruit effort to attract these police recruits who live here.

Mayor Alvey praised the many groups that he met

with, via teleconference, including area clergy, business leaders and public officials.

Mayor Alvey said despite the pandemic, various economic development projects are moving ahead including the Turner Logistics and the American Royal developments.

The Congressional Forum is a committee of the Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce. About 50 persons were registered for the teleconference.

Murrel Bland is the former editor of The Wyandotte West and The Piper Press. He is executive director of Business West.

Business West to hold virtual membership meeting July 15, Focus to deal with adapting to 'New Normal'

By Murrel Bland

Business West will hold its Summer Membership Meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 via ZOOM. All members and prospective members of Business West are invited to participate. Instructions about how to join the meeting will be emailed during the next few days.

Business West President Donna Tilden, Benefit Design Group, will host the meeting and serve as panel moderator. The panelists will include Jon Males, Recordnews; Tami Bartunek, Kansas City, Kansas, Community College; Nathan Reasons, RHC Contracting; Loraine Waldeck, MeMa's Old Fashioned Bakery; and Jim Echols, Renaissance Management.

The Community College will help originate the ZOOM meeting. The plan will be to place the hour-long program on the Business West website on Facebook and business-west.org.

The purpose of the meeting will be to offer first-hand advice that will help businesses deal with challenges brought on by the coronavirus. Each panelist will give brief remarks, followed by questions and comments from the participating members.

For more information, telephone Donna Tilden, 913-522-4859 or Murrel Bland at 406-6266.

Unified Government orders wearing masks in public

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County has ordered the wearing of masks

in public, starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. Wyandotte County is in Phase 3 of the statewide Ad Astra reopening plan until Monday, July 6. However, the Unified Government has not said when it will lift the mask-wearing order. Dr. Allen Greiner, the chief medical officer for the Unified Government, said the seven-day rolling average of positive cases continues to be on the upswing. As of Saturday, June 27 Wyandotte County had 2,093 confirmed cases and 80 deaths attributed to the coronavirus. For more information, see the website wycokc.org/COVID-19.

Unified Government proposes no increase in property tax rate

Doug Bach, the County Administrator, has recommended no increase in either the city or county mill rates for 2021. Property valuations are up nearly 6 percent. Sales tax revenue, particularly from the Village West Area, has taken a very serious hit because of the coronavirus. The budget is \$11 million less than the original 2020 budget. The total 2021 budget is slightly more than \$380 million. A public hearing on the 2021 budget will be at 5 p.m. Monday, July 13 at City Hall. The budget must be approved by the Unified Commission.

Woodlands property for sale

The Woodlands horse and dog track, owned by Las Vegas casino owner Phil Ruffin, is for sale. Ruffin bought the

property about five years ago with plans to restore the horse track. Now, Scannell Properties, based in Indianapolis, Ind., has announced interest in purchasing the property and developing five warehouses and retail spaces at the corner of 99th Street and Leavenworth Road. Scannell has more than 300 properties in 44 states and Canada.

Water quality report released

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities recently released its annual water quality report. The report was generated from results based on the utility's certified laboratory. The laboratory ran 41,800 tests on 8,700 water samples that assured the water met quality standards. The BPU water system pumps 30 million gallons a day. For more information, see the website www.bpu.com/Portals/0/BPU_Reports/2020-BPU-Water-Quality-Report.pdf.

Speedway announces race dates

The Kansas Speedway will hold races Thursday through Saturday, July 23 through July 25. Earlier races scheduled for last May were cancelled because of the coronavirus. The racing will kick off Thursday with the NASCAR 400 contest. An ARCA race will be Friday. The Xfinity Series will be Saturday; Truck races are planned for Friday and Saturday. Earlier this month, Speedway officials said the races will be held without fans; however, that could change.

I-70 marks 50 years of service to motorists

Gov. Laura Kelly recently marked the 50th anniversary of the completion of I-70. She said President Dwight Eisenhower's vision to improve travel throughout the United States was significant. She cited the importance of infrastructure to bring new business to Kansas. President Eisenhower learned first-hand in 1919 when a U.S. Army convoy took 62 days to cross the United States. When Gen. Eisenhower was in Europe during World War II; he marveled at the high-speed autobahn system in Germany. Today, I-70 carries an average of 85,000 vehicles in Kansas a day, including a substantial portion in Wyandotte County.

For questions or comments, telephone 913-766-4300 or 913-406-6266 or email murrel@mcbconsultinginc.com.



Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Charlie Badin, age 85, passed away June 29, 2020. 1952 graduate of Argentine High school.

Carl Reiner, age 98, passed away June 3, 2020. Comedian, actor on TV and movies. Director and producer.

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Guest Editorial

Dr. Anthony Fauci, On Preventing Coronavirus!!!

By: Tom Valverde

The following statement is from remarks at last Friday's Task Force press conference. Please read and inform others you know. It is available at www.recordnews.com. Thank you! "There is something very important about this pandemic that I would like to get a message out to everyone in the country. When you have an outbreak of an infectious disease, it is a dynamic process, that is global, so remember what happened in China affected us, what happened in Europe affected us, what's happening here, is affecting others. We can't get away from that---its interconnected. So, therefore, if we are, we are an interconnected society, we have to look at the fact of our role is, in trying to put an end to this outbreak." ... "In all of the decades of chasing infectious diseases, I've never seen anything so protean, or changeable in its ability to make people sick or not. There's no other infectious disease that goes from 40% of the people having no symptoms, to some with mild symptoms, some severe, some requiring staying at home for weeks, some going to the hospital, some getting intensive care, some getting intubated, some getting ventilated, and some dying! So, that depending on where you are in that spectrum, you have a different attitude to this Coronavirus." "But anyone who gets infected or is at risk of getting infected, to a greater or less degree, is part of the dynamic process of the outbreak"... "I think what we're missing, is that, this is not just an isolated risk to only you. Because if you get infected, you are part--- innocently or inadvertently of Propagating the Dynamic process of the pandemic." "Because, chances are that you are going to infect someone else." ... "The overwhelming number of people that are getting infected are young people that you've seen in news clips or in papers. These images show these young people out in crowds, at bars and restaurants---everyone enjoying themselves. But the thing that everyone needs to realize is that when you go out, not wearing a mask, you then become part of the transmission process. So, if you become infected, you will infect someone else!" "We know this happens because the reproduction element of the virus is not less than one." "So, ultimately, you may infect someone who is vulnerable. It may be someone's Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt or Uncle. It may be a person you know with asthma, heart disease, diabetes or it may be a person with cancer who is having chemotherapy or radiation. It may be a child with leukemia." "So, you have an individual responsibility to yourself, but in addition, you have a Societal responsibility. Because if we want to end this Coronavirus outbreak, everyone must realize that we All are part of the process. Remember all of the CDC Guidelines that were put out to safely reopen the country---we can either be part of the solution or part of the problem!" "I just wish to make a plea to everyone, if we don't extinguish this outbreak, sooner or later, even those areas of the country that are now doing well, will become vulnerable to the spread of the Coronavirus." "So, We All need to take that into account, because we are all in this together. And the only way we are going to end the Covid-19 Pandemic is by ending it Together!" "Thank you."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director National Institute of Health

When you go out to the grocery store or to the pharmacy, you will have a sense of confidence, by wearing a mask. It's a small effort to make, to ensure that neither you or one of your family becomes infected and is the only way this terrible Pandemic will end. Just do it, and you will be glad that you took the responsibility for stopping the further spread of the Coronavirus. And remember that the Wyandotte County Health Department is offering free tests in their parking lot, on weekdays from 1-5pm. For questions about Covid-19, call the Wyandotte County Health Department at (913) 573-8855. There have been triple digit jumps in the number of new covid-19 cases, over a period of 6 consecutive days, in the Kansas City metro area! On June 27, the Wyandotte County health department issued a mandate which requires the wearing of face masks by all people, whenever out in public---anywhere in Kansas City, KS or in Wyandotte County. Wearing a mask, is no longer optional, its mandatory whenever out in public. We all need to do our part to bring an end to this Covid-19 Pandemic.

Responses To The New York Times: "Russia Secretly Offered Afghan Militants Bounties To Kill Us Soldiers!"

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This are a few of the responses about this lack of moral courage from President Trump in not responding effectively to such a dire report, that first was reported in The Times, then later confirmed and reported by a variety of news outlets, such as The Washington Post, Associated Press, and both NBC and ABC News. "The president wants to ignore any allegation against Russia, as I said to him in that meeting, in a blue suit. "With you, Mr. President--all roads lead to Putin!" "You, Mr. President, are a gift to Russia!" "He wants to diminish our leadership in NATO, and to diminish our troops in Germany--All a gift to Putin "Something is very wrong here!" Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives "This is not hard! "This is the President's job, he is the Commander in Chief, and I do not know why, in this respect, he is shirking his duty, it's disgraceful!" Representative Max Rose, (D-NY) "Since This was publicly reported over 24 hours ago, what, if any steps has the President taken?"* "It does seem as though, if he didn't know about this before, he certainly knows about it now. And yet, there is no indication of Any steps to address this issue is coming from President Trump--No action on the horizon!" Statement issued from Jack Reed, Armed Services Committee "The White House knew this in January!" "The White House keeps saying that the President wasn't briefed on this, that the Vice-president wasn't briefed on this. It defies credibility! Johnathan Lemire White House Reporter for The Associated Press "This is outrageous!" Remember what it takes for someone from the intelligence community to leak this information. It is against the law to do this. The fact that these people have chosen to do it here, underscores that they thought that there was gravity here." John Bolton, former National Security Adviser "I can tell you that a report like this, would go up, "like a rocket," to the White House." "There's no doubt in my mind that the President would have been made aware of this. Whether it was in written form or briefed to him personally. There just can't be any question about it" "And what's really shocking here, is the Lack of a response." "It is unconscionable, that this would not be Front and Center for the President, that he would be talking to his team and looking at the Military, Economic, and Diplomatic; All the responses we would have to respond to the Russia Federation!" Admiral James Stavridis, Fmr. NATO Supreme Allied Commander "You can believe the President, you

can believe the White House press secretary, you can take the body of Evidence of what they have told us, over these 3 1/2 years.... Or, you can believe the Intelligence officials who are telling the Associated Press, The New York Times, NBC News, and The Washington Post about what Actually happened, and the President Was briefed!" John Heileman, National Affairs Analyst for MNBC, and NBC News.

There occurred an Inter-Agency meeting of the National Security Council, (NSC) at the White House in March 2020. At this meeting, the president along with the members of the NSC, were told of Putin's bounty on our Troops in Afghanistan. The White Hall in England was also informed, as the UK also has troops there. The New York Times report also said that President Trump had the bounty information "described in the Presidential daily brief, as well as his being provided "a written summary of this and other High-level Intelligence security matters." At the March, White House meeting, those present, worked on, and developed "action steps," a variety of which Trump could use to confront Russia with. That was 4 months ago, and the White House has yet to authorize the use of any of them!

Instead, there is a concocted story saying that President Trump had never been briefed. Were the lies emanating from the White House not bad enough, Trump went on Twitter casting aspersions, "On the quality of the intelligence," which his own intelligence agencies provided to him! He made reference to the "So-called Intelligence." President Trump then said, "The intelligence might be a Hoax, just like the Russia hoax!" The only hoax there, was Attorney General Barr clearing Trump of any wrongdoing--a big lie! Today is Wednesday, July 1 The New York Times broke this story, last Friday. And still, there has been no response, no Condemnation of Putin's plot to pay cash bounty to Afghan militants for killing US Service personnel. No words for the bereaved families, Nothing. And now come reports that President Trump knew of Putin's bounty, in 2019!

This Scandal has sent shock waves through Washington, DC, and has left the White House scrambling for answers as to why the President chose to do Nothing. There are persons in the Intelligence community that were so upset over Trump's inaction, that have all the background knowledge of what is going on, that finally leaked the story. They were so concerned about our Troops and realized that the President doesn't care enough

to even, put out a statement of Condemnation. Trump cares more about his Tweets to his base, than he cares about the lives of Americans, risking their lives for us in Afghanistan. The original story which appeared in The New York Times was Confirmed by 3 persons, who had been briefed about the reports. Then, late Tuesday night, just before midnight, there was yet another Confirmation of the story: "The existence of electronic transfers between a Bank account controlled by the Russian military intelligence agency and a Taliban linked account." "This is shocking to me!" Trump pushes back--Not on Putin, but on his own Intelligence agencies!" "Their Sole task is to root out Intelligence to protect the United States and all our Service members around the World!" David Ignatius, Journalist The Washington Post The bounty story is now accepted as fact, but what is especially interesting is this revelation: "The information was distributed in intelligence reports and even highlighted, in some of them. They were sent up the Chain of Command, and eventually landing at the highest level of the White House." Our US Military Forces, all branches deserve so much better from the Commander in Chief! As do the 17 Intelligence streams that work, 24/7, to provide the Best of any Intelligence, for the President. Trump seeks to defend himself by insisting that he was never briefed, and by saying, "I didn't know anything about the bounty." And still just silence from the White House, 6 days After this confirmed and corroborated story was printed by the New York Times. As remarked by John Bolton, "It's just another day at the office at the White House under Trump." President Trump acts tough here at home, he calls the National Guard and Militarized police to sweep away peaceful protesters, with tear gas, shock bombs and pepper spray. Lafayette Square was cleared for a Photo-op and to display toughness. But there is no such display of Presidential strength for Trump to confront Vladimir Putin. Trump is a serious danger to the health of the American people, with his taking, "no responsibility" for dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic. And now, Trump is proving to be a very serious danger to our Service men and women!

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