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Abstract:

Jeremy Amble is a 51-year-old male living in Barneveld Wisconsin, a small rural town with a large farming influence. Jeremy intended to become a dairy farmer, however an accident at 21 left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. Jeremy discusses his experiences with Covid-19 as someone who has pre-existing conditions and is highly susceptible to the virus. Amble also is a small business owner and he shares his experience with owning and operating it during the pandemic. Jeremy states his options on the government's reaction to the virus and his hopes for the future.

Keely Berg 0:00

So if you're all set, I'm gonna, I'm gonna get going.

Jeremy Amble 0:03

Yeah, let's get on it.

KB 0:04

Awesome. Today is May 3 2021. The time is currently 2:03pm. I'm here with Jeremy Amble for an oral histories interview regarding COVID-19. Currently, there are three or 32.4 million cases of COVID in the US, [beep from wheelchair] a total of 577,000 deaths in the US as well. Wisconsin specifically has had 60 or 662,000 cases of the virus with 7567 of those cases resulting in death. Currently, however, the number of vaccine doses administered is 246 million. So there we go. Um, anyways, so that is my little beginning spiel. Hi, Jeremy, thank you so much for joining me. Will you start off by stating your some demographic information that we need to so your age, gender, race.

JA 1:07

I'm 51 years old, male, white, Caucasian, [Laughter] I live in Barneveld Wisconsin, so that's kind of where I'm at. Married with four children.

KB 1:19

Okay, awesome. Have you always lived in Barneveld?

JA 1:32

Yes, I've lived here my entire life yeah.

KB 1:26

Okay, what was it like growing up in Barneveld?

JA 1:29

Ah small rural community a lot of my friends and families were from farming backgrounds and which have now changed, but it was nice, just kind of, you know, before social media before, all that stuff. So you play with your friends more if you can get together and let outside work and just a lot of outside activities.

KB 1:53

That's fun. Yeah, I love Barneveld. Whenever I go to your house and you live just down the street from the house that you grew up in, correct?

JA 2:02

Yeah, that's correct yeah.

KB 2:04

Okay. Um, what are the primary things that you do on a day to day basis for example, like your job? I have extra curricular activities written down but obviously that's for like a school aged person.

JA 2:16

Um, the biggest thing- I do the Barneveld Shopper which is a town community paper so that comes out every other week. So I'm kind of the uhh I do it all, the graphics and the setting up advertising and invoicing and all the stuff that goes along with. It's nothing too overly demanding because it's an every other week paper for a small town but that's something that I kind of do daily just checking in and emails responding to those and putting up ads and putting the paper together. I'm just kinda enjoying spending time with family that's home right now because of COVID. Okay, that'd be a later question. But

KB 2:56

You're good.

JA 2:58

Yeah. And then um, I don't know I guess it's just kind of you know, the daily the daily stuff,

KB 3:06

Right? You have ducks!

JA 3:06

I'm just enjoying the weather and the outdoors-the outdoor living that we were able to have here.

KB 3:15

Awesome! Yes. Um, so you mentioned that you grew up out like outdoors kind of, have you always had like kind of an interest in agriculture and farming?

JA 3:27

Ah yes, yup I grew up with a farming-a dairy farming background with my father and mother so yeah I was very involved in the dairy farming and that's what I wanted to do before I was injured in a car accident. So that was my kind of my main thing was to be a farmer.

KB 3:41

Right

JA 3:42

And so yeah, I've always enjoyed that. I Always loved the nature anyway and then of course, what better way to be living outdoors than farming, you know?

KB 3:50

Correct. Um, so that sort of leads me into my next question, which is do you mind sharing a little bit about your accident? Like what happened? The results and how it impacted your life?

JA 4:04

Yeah, I was 21 years old and it's actually the anniversary of 30 years is coming up on May 25th 1991. I was injured in a car accident. I was by myself so thank god no one was with me to [unclear] it also, or potentially worse. Driving home early in the morning and my right front tire blew over compensated and across the road and I think that I jumped out memories I mean I don't remember clearly, but I must have because I was pretty close to the road that was kind of a last memory setting is reaching for the door handle for some reason, but the tires rolled about six seven times. So maybe that was a blessing in disguise. I mean, sure I have a spinal cord injury but you know if I stayed in the car with no seatbelt on, who knows what would happen you know, maybe dead, hard to say you know[unclear]. So that's what that happen so like I said, it's been 30 years already, so when my level injuries, C4/5 spinal cord injury, which is pretty much-pretty high level, C 2/3 would be premium being reliant on a ventilator. So luckily, I was a little lower than that. To rely on, you know, mechanical means to stay alive. Yep, so anyways, I guess

good here, is you learn how to do a lot of different things in different ways, that's kinda where I'm at. Always learning, always doing something different.

KB 5:35

That's so-I'm so glad that you were willing to share that. I think it's an inspiring story.

And do you have any challenges that come up in life when you have a spinal cord injury that those who don't have one might not realize, like any challenges that you've encountered that you're like, wow-

JA 5:55

I guess yeah accessibility is number one, you know, I mean, you just can't go into all your friends' houses, because, you know, two or three steps to get into a house is always something to get through. I mean, I carry ramps and stuff with it, that's kind of something people don't think about all the time. Like oh shoot then of course with the medical stuff, you have to worry constantly about pressure sores from sitting on a chair all day long, which I want to be up and sitting around, or sitting in my chair, because obviously, I want to do things, that's always something I have to worry about. That's always-always an issue for a lot of people that live their lives using a wheelchair. If anything, else, it's, you know, I don't wanna say common cold, because I do alright with a common cold. You get sick, maybe a little [unclear] you know, [unclear], maybe it'll hit me a little harder. Just for the facts, my lung capacity is maybe 50%. You know, 60%, less than more, you know, running around before my accident. So you need to worry about little stuff like that. But you know, it's always in the back of my mind. You don't have to dwell on it but it's there.

KB 7:17

Yeah no, I remember, your daughter had mentioned to me that you can't yell. And I was like, I never even thought about that. That like you don't have the capability to yell because you don't have that lung capacity.

JA 7:29

Yeah, yeah.

KB 7:30

I never thought.

JA 7:31

Yeah yeah my diaphragm isn't there to get that extra oomph out, you know? Make myself really known.

KB 7:39

[Laughing] Well, you can't ever yell at your kids then.

JA 7:42

Yeah, well I do, they get the- they know when I'm upset.

KB 7:48

[Laughing] Um, so moving on. You are kind of an entrepreneur, I would describe you as kind of an entrepreneur, what kind of small business do you own? I think you kinda already went into that.

JA 7:56

Ah you know, there's a lot of different things through the years because I do like to keep changing things I guess, as far as there's always a certain interest but for right now into- we're making shirts, graphing designs for shirts and being able to cut and press them at home. That's a lot of fun, because I love ah- well that's something I've always loved creativity and stuff. I've loved that since I was in school, with art classes and everything else. So that's kind of number one here now. You know, I've done the photography, which is along with creativity and stuff. So I've kind of dabbled in that in the past too. So, you know, a lot of little things that kind of deal with creativity, you know,[unclear] ya know artistic stuff, fun stuff to do, graphic design.

KB 8:49

And your business is called everlasting impressions. Is that correct?

JA 8:52

Yeah um hum, that's correct.

KB 8:54

All right.

JA 8:55

So yeah, we do- i do different variety stuff but a lot of personalized things like glass blocks with lights in them, shirts, signboards,

KB 9:04

I should get mine down

JA 9:04

Posts, stuff like that.

KB 9:07

No, I, yeah, here I'm gonna grab mine, because I think it's cool to show. [Pause in interview] I just got this. [shows glass block] You made this one for me.

JA 9:16

Yeah yay.

KB 9:19

Isn't that cool? Yeah, I don't know. I think you have an eye for it, for sure. Okay so I'm going to transition now to the COVID questions. So when you first learned about COVID-19 what were your thoughts on it? Do you remember?

JA 9:35

Oh, yeah, for sure. Because, you know, you started seeing it on TV like everybody else because like, what the heck is this and, you know, everybody's kind of you know, watching TV of course, to find out what the heck was going to be happening-going on with our- didn't realize it was gonna be going on all over the world, nobody knew how it is gonna affect us, you know, so, you know, that was kind of a big thing and of course my wife works in healthcare all the information they were receiving about you know shutting down clinics and, you know, kinda everybody staying at home to work, then as you see, things are getting shut down as far as, as it has drastic, closing restaurants, bars and public places, and it is just amazing that that's happening 2021 or 2020 at that time. You know maybe get a little scared about geez you're afraid to go outside, like in a movie, like an apocalypse you know don't get next to someone you may get COVID you know its going to be the end of ya. So it was a kinda- it was a little scary because I know like myself, having been, you know, diminished lung capacity and stuff, and it's kind of stressful, hey gosh if I get this stuff you know. It might be just a bad cold but then I have to go know, well, the doctor, just, you know, it depends on maybe if it's something that can be treated, you know, as far as antibiotics or something, just oof I don't wanna get this. [unclear] getting the numbers of cases and the death polls and the after effects that started coming out so it was a very scary time.

KB 11:21

It was scary, I agree with you on that one. I think you kind of touched on this as well. But what issues have most concerned you about the COVID 19 pandemic?

JA 11:30

Yeah, just the you know, the person does get COVID What's the long-term effects because we still are never going to know til things happen. It's just like the chicken pox way back then. That was a common thing my age and before. And now those get older people are getting shingles. And that's the after effects years down the road, a very painful and awful ya know something happened to that. So, you know, hopefully, COVID isn't as bad, but you're kind of starting to see

people that, you know, you hear people that are getting a little secondary and effects from it. So that's kind of some worrisome. So just, you know, just the uncertainty that's the scary part of things you worry about. Down the road and along, we're gonna have to deal with this and be like ya know or flu shots every fall is it gonna be the same thing or what.

KB 12:21

I agree with you, it's all kind of a matter of what's going on in the world. And how are we going to solve this problem? I think a lot of confusion too At first, um, did COVID specifically affect your small business? Like what you did with Everlasting Impressions? Did it make an impact on that?

JA 12:44

Ah not really because I was selling stuff online so if anything-if anything it kind of maybe boost a little bit because I was making a nursing ones, like we're in this together. A couple of them once and nursing one that kind of, you know, had a really good outcome and selling some of those. And then I did- was able to still in the middle, probably the middle to the end of last summer, I was able to go to the farmers market, and do some farm -support farmers shirts, where I was donating \$3, a shirt, our local food pantry. So that kind of ya know that was kind of a good thing, which I want to do this summer again, and just kind of maybe expand and do some just kinda fun different things. Yeah they didn't- they greatly affected us because a lot of online anyway so it wasn't a brick and mortar.

KB 13:34

Right. That was my next question. I wanted you to discuss what you did with They Farm So we Can Eat that campaign? Not campaign. But that-

JA 13:41

Yeah[unclear...] You know, yup yup just kinda a the farmers are all thinking everybody's thinking ahead. But farmers, this is kind of like coming from farming and always being keeping up. Farmers have always been up and down and up and down market requirements of [unclear] are selling their need for [?meat] to prepare a year for the cheese and for whatever's going on and up and down market where I mean, three years ago, you were getting the same price that you were back in the 1880's for the price of milk so it's kinda-it's all based on supply and demand. And then whoever, whatever dictates it's, it's ridiculous and, you know, this day and age where one tractor costs over \$150,000 when my parents bought the farm for \$40,000 back in 19 what, 73 [unclear] what's a little, you know buying a farm versus buying a tractor for 15 years later. Unbelievable. You know.

KB 14:40

I agree. I never really thought about the effect that this had on farmers until I met you and your family. I just sort of thought like, you know, farmers are always gonna have a job because they provide what we need to eat.

JA 14:56

Yeah.

KB 14:57

it's so dependent upon the supply and demand chain, the economy and stuff like that. And I actually had absolutely no idea that that-that tied together. So I'm really glad it's-

JA 15:08

Yeah it's-it's something that you run your own business and you have and you have no, you have no say on what your-your product or your product is worth. I mean, you know, like I said, in pretty the same prices in the 1980s literally, I mean, they're getting paid it got down to be \$10 per 100 pounds of milk. It's \$1 a pound for milk, which you know, is amazing in the year you know, 2018. That's crazy you know.

KB 15:39

Yeah.

JA 15:40

[unclear] a lot of that takes a lot-more it takes a lot of money to put a- to feed into a cow and all the electric and all that everything, all the expenses go with [unclear].

KB 15:50

Exactly. And then there's also issues with like, governments want you to plant more corn, or they're gonna pay you a specific-

JA 15:55

Yeah.

KB 15:56

plant this amount of corn. And that ties into it as well. I'm not totally well versed on that, but I know it exists.

JA 16:03

Yeah, yeah it does they want just one or the other er you know yeah.

KB 16:09

Yeah. Um, so do you know how-I think you kind of discussed this already but how has COVID-19 affected the employment of people that you know? So I was talking about farmers, obviously, your wife is an RN-

JA 16:23

Yeah yeah Renee is a registered nurse so she was got to work from home because of the COVID, because she shared an office with three other coworkers and worse, with the spacing and everything else. And this sounds like this might be a forever thing now working from home, which, for me, that's not the worst thing. You know, less driving to work. We weren't able to travel in the winter roads and I think they're gonna find that their hospitals and stuff don't need as many clinics per se for, you know, people that if she does have to see patients every day, that's the thing. You know, when they have patients come in that she wants to see she can still do that. Just you know many arrangements when you know when the patient comes in so. Then of course, just dealing with the homeschool of the kids. It's kinda- it's just been amazing, it's been kinda a nice year, because you got the kids home. I don't know, a little Little House on the Prairie maybe everybody's home and living in you know [unclear] that's kind of yeah, I mean, of course, you get some relatives that you know, like my brother, lost his job. Because he was in food service. He's a cook at a restaurant, he been like-his whole life working in food restaurant business, and he lost his job because the restaurant ended up shutting down permanently. So you see how that happens. But then, you know, I mean, the government they threw the \$600 plus over unemployment, which is either good or bad. Good for the short term but I think it's bad for the long term.

KB 18:01

I agree.

JA 18:02

Some people get a little used to that money that you're making more than anywhere but I don't know in five years we'll look back and not worry about it so.

KB 18:13

Ah yeah. So you kind of touched on this as well which is how has COVID affected you and your family's day to day activities? You were talking about how now your wife stays home and does-

JA 18:29

Yeah, like it said last spring when this all happened. Of course, we stayed home pretty much every single day throughout the spring and summer. You know grocery shop now they have 1000s literally the first few months doing anything because you know there's uncertainty everything you know, got to get groceries but then we did the drive up or pickups and until there were screwing the heck out of that up, they screw that up so they ever get home. You pick up

your groceries and end up two or three big short so Renee [laughing] Renee started getting groceries and stuff. But it was-a it was very enjoyable to spend time at home during the summer. enjoying our porch in the nice weather and just not have to ge running someone someplace was really nice.

KB 19:13

Yeah we were able to go fishing too that was fun.

JA 19:15

Oh yeah fishing was awesome

KB 19:17

Fish and then you have your pet ducks and-

JA 19:19

Yeah.

KB 19:20

Did you get the ducklings in? [Paused].

JA 19:24

No, I think when they came in June. They came in June I think yeah.

KB 19:27

I don't remember but yeah

JA 19:28

Yeah I think they kinda came in late june.

KB 19:31

Yeah. So then I was going to ask you what have you and your family or friends done for recreation during COVID I know that you now are an expert smoker with-

JA 19:43

Yeah! I got into smoking I just this last couple months yeah smoking meat love the, smoking the meat and the- love that

KB 19:51

Didn't you start with a filing cabinet? Like you made-

JA 19:51

Yeah I started out with a du [stumbles over words] dy- diy filing cabinets but after about the second or third it wasn't working as good. So I broke down and bought an electric smoker but yeah, it's a lot of fun. Yeah, we just did another batch of pulled pork. I think it's gonna taste really good!

KB 20:12

I'm sure!

JA 20:14

My obsession is real though [laughing] I've got two or three Facebook pages with smoking groups, [laughing] ya know you see all these foods that other people are making its just kinda fun.

KB 20:24

I love that you are so into that, I think it's funny. But they taste-you did so good. Like when I had, it was really good. So, um, any other hobbies that you like we're like, really into during quartenteen?

JA 20:38

Ahh well we did the fishing [unclear] did some fishing. I do have a setup which I really need to get set up myself to get to be able to reel in fish so I really gotta do that. It is kind of is fun watching the kids fish. Especially when-if anyone can catch a fish i'll [unclear] it. You know just watching and seeing how funny it is-everybody trying to touch a worm or take the fish off all scared ya know

KB 21:07

Hallie wouldn't break the worms in half.

JA 21:09

I know yeah.

KB 21:10

[Laughing] so she made me do it.

JA 21:12

Yeah, just pinch them in half.

KB 21:16

Ugh absolutely. No, I do remember getting-doing that. It was so fun. I kissed my first fish that I ever caught.

JA 21:22

There you go.

KB 21:24

Um, okay moving on. That was a good chat. What have been the biggest challenges that you faced during the covid 19? outbreak? Again, I think you've said this to-anything else add for that.

JA 21:41

Ahh uh no I guess the biggest-[unclear] is you know, division of family friends who have different beliefs of not some believing that it's true, that it's real.[unclear] we can go back to thanking our leadership of our country for throwing a lot of the things out. That's- that's a big one. That's really hard because, you know, some immediate family take things the wrong way, or they don't take it that serious or, you know, whatever else. So that's-that's the hard part one too. Now we have to try to rebuild broken down bridge, building a bridge I guess. They you know get to the point where we'll let it go it's been there done that. So we're gonna work on some of that.

KB 22:31

I had a question about that. I was gonna ask, if anybody that you knew personally had concerns about the vaccine, or like, chose not to get it? or?

JA 22:43

Yeah, Renee has already [phone chime] got a couple of brothers that don't-they don't believe in it. because they-our ex-president did not believe in it so it's like whatever. It's like whos pushing. So we probably got it but just how easily-you know, I think they say the same thing, they say how easily a person can be swayed either believe or follow or follow the sheep. Or, like, we're all sheep. Well, you know, what, we got to pick a side, you know, I buy to pick the side of science than pick the side of whatever.

KB 23:18

You want to inject some Lysol or some bleach. Should we do that?

JA 23:24

Yeah shoot some of that up, that might be better for us all. But yeah. Yeah. I mean, that's kind of frustrating. You know, people want to get it like, well, it's flu shot, or polio. And, you know, the years when polio was way back, people did not question. You know, I mean, I, I'm sorry, I think a lot of the social media so much stuff gets spread rumors, you know, I mean, should we

question our government and question things? Yes, there is time that we should, when it comes to something like this, where is this benefit the government of shutting down for a year? You know, all this stuff. And so you get a flu shot to stop a worldwide pandemic of a virus? What does that benefit the government? You know, so, I mean, people are so skeptical about it, but then yeah, you know.

KB 24:17

Right. Do you have any thoughts on the anti mask movement?

JA 24:22

Um, yeah, same thing. selfish, selfish, not worried about other people. You know, people, there's thinking that people think that there's civil liberties are being stepped on that they can't do what they want to do. It's like, Well, you know, I want to I want to analyze it like I think I said last night, people don't want to wear a mask or usually the ones who end up illegitimate children who from not taking birth control precautions, [laughing] you know, I mean, it just is it's like they don't think outside themselves to that moment. You know, and say, no, I don't want to infringe on that moment of whatever and, you know, nobody is going to tell me what to do. And here we are, you know, and then maybe people have gotten COVID because they didn't wear a mask and it wasn't that bad. So they're like, well, what's the big deal? You felt sick for a couple of days? Well, maybe granny down the street didn't feel that way. And, you know, you don't think about the after effect, maybe two or three people down the road that they spread it to, you know, it's like that. What do you call it, the cat thing, you know, and you get two-a pair of cats and six months later, a year later, you all got 40 cats, you know how it spreads you know.

KB 25:37

It does-

JA 25:39

People don't think about that stuff

KB 25:42

I don't understand why it's so difficult to wear a mask.

JA 25:47

No no.

KB 25:48

But I mean

JA 25:50

fashion-it became a fashion trend almost anyways so.

KB 25:52

Right, I know. I'm almost-I don't know if this is you, too but do you ever watch like a program on TV? And you think, Oh, my gosh, they're too close together? Or Oh, my gosh they aren't wearing masks-

JA 26:04

I know.

KB 26:06

I do that all the time

JA 26:07

I know it.

KB 26:08

No, I and sometimes I'll see people in public without masks on and I'm like, whoa, I like it-like-takes me back. It's like, gee, I didn't forget what it's like to not wear a mask

JA 26:22

I know look at all the [unclear]you know, all the years of not wearing a mask and one year wearing one? And now our mind that set to like, oh my god, they're not wearing a mask!

KB 26:33

I know.

JA 26:34

Like wow [unclear] I don't have to wear one.[unclear]

KB 26:39

Right, I do also remember, I'm sure you do as well, when we weren't able to-like the government had asked us to not wear masks, because we didn't have enough PPE for those who were in-

JA 26:54

Yeah healthcare

KB 26:55

And I think people are still taking-they think like, well, Fauci told us not to wear masks in the beginning. So obviously-

JA 27:01

Yeah.

KB 27:02

But yeah obviously the circumstances were different then.

JA 27:05

Yeah.

KB 27:06

Did-what were your primary sources of news during the pandemic? So were you a CNN guy or Fox news?

JA 27:14

Ah television, you know, usually we watch ABC,

KB 27:17

Okay.

JA 27:18

Then I always look at Google News, which always has the updated news from wherever Washington Post, Yahoo, The New York Times, whatever. So I always- always read that a couple times a day, click on Google News and see what see-what's up on that kind of stuff to kind of the primary sources.

KB 27:39

Um, do you think that the government did a good job of keeping people safe during this pandemic?

JA 27:46

Well, it's a once in a-I don't want to say once in a lifetime because some people lived through 1918 or whatever the-the first, you know, Spanish flu, whatever. But I mean, there's always-I shouldn't say that. Because a lot of people the other stuff that's happened through the years with Polio and Measles, I guess, some people have gotten their immunizations just because of what happened with that stuff. But, you know, I mean, I'm gonna say probably as good as you can, you know, to everything was uncertain. When you have a new virus, which has characteristics of you know. SARS has been out for a while, so at least they had an idea. I think that's what's the scary part for scientists and stuff was, okay, we know what's SARS could do but now, this one is doing something different than reacting to what we have for the SARS medical protocols and

stuff. So then I guess they probably did as good as they could I mean minus the fact that ex-president who threw his two cents out there. You know, I mean, him-his [unclear] is zero. They let the scientists do their work. You know, so I mean, with our government-government, I guess I throw Fauci into that, because he was the head of the infectious disease part, where he tried to do as good as he could without being told by Trump, you know,

KB 29:26

I can't believe how much backlash he faced, even though he's so educated.

JA 29:33

Yeah.

KB 29:34

He is such an educated guy.

JA 29:35

Yeah he worked for all-all different political parties for the last 40 years. So its not like he has an agenda for one or the other. No, he's just a scientist. You know that he said, It's just common sense. He wouldn't get a scientist telling you one thing, but Trump doesn't believe what the scientists are telling us with global warming either so you know, you got a guy- that he's in it for for the now, for the most money he can make and his family so he don't give a crap about, you know, the rest of the world. What it's going to be in 50 years because he'll be long gone you know.

KB 30:08

I know. Well, I don't really understand how science-I don't think science is biased. I think science speaks its own and....

JA 30:15

Yeah science is what it is.

KB 30:16

Right. You can't weigh science.

JA 30:18

Black or White. This works this doesn't work, you know?

KB 30:23

Exactly so you are fully vaccinated now, right?

JA 30:27

Yes finally yep.

KB 3:30

Oh, yay! What was your experience-like getting access to the vaccine? Was it difficult for you to get a vaccine?

JA 30:36

Yeah I thought, you know, being the in the preexisting conditions stuff would have came up a lot earlier. But I definitely understand the healthcare and teachers and in the first line, I understand that that would be the first you know, first go around, but just kind of waiting my turn and put my name in for three different places, was able to get into our local Upland Hills Health Care Clinic. So you have a now- look at how much changes now. Now you can walk into anyplace now its good that there is so much accessibility now but now less and less people are getting them. So that's 60% of the country to go, you know.

KB 31:20

It's depressing that slowing down but

JA 31:22

Here today, I think I heard in the news and I don't know if that's a-I don't know if it is Moderna but they're ah...

KB 31:32

Pfizer?

JA 31:32

Pfizer, I think is going to maybe open it up to the younger 12- to 15-year-olds or 12-year-olds and up might up open that up pretty soon.

KB 31:41

Well, that is good.

JA 31:42

I mean Brayden and Trisyn (Jeremy's youngest set of twins) only got to the end of the month where they can get theirs when they turn sixteen. So that will be great you know and then we will be all vaccinated.

KB 31:49

Uh huh, yeah, I look forward to that. My family all just got vaccinated too. Did you have any side effects from your vaccine?

JA 31:57

Ah the second shot a little shoulder pain, neck pain. I thought I was going to get a headache. It was a little tense but it really never came to a headache and just a little tired? Nothing-nothing, not expected. Sounds like a lot of people do the second one. Yes, absolutely.

KB 32:17

Yes, absolutely definitely would recommend it to anybody who- who's thinking about getting it The side effects are worth it.

JA 32:24

Yeah.

KB 32:24

Yeah, in my opinion, at least. I kind of skipped around a little bit on my-my questionnaire sheet but I think you've really touched on a lot of the things that I was going to ask you. I guess I'm just gonna ask a couple last questions. Have you learned anything about yourself from this pandemic? at all? If not, that's okay, too.

JA 32:48

Well, I learned many years ago, patience. Just from my accident I guess having patients is always in summary so they really need more than that. Just I learned how other people either ignorance, not wanting to learn, not wanting to, whatever, I learned, you kind of learn who maybe some people are on their selfishness of not wanting to wear masks I think you kind of learn the divide of people. That goes with our President and President divided if you like him, then you kind of like the divide, and not wearing the masks too so or the vaccine, an [unclear] go hand in hand, but you kind of learn that why some people are really followers of a-of a scary person who reminds you of Hitler and all these dictators become-become power, you know, I mean, that's a big thing. You get to learn a lot from some of the people in your family and, you know, friends, you know, what their beliefs are, whatever else.

KB 34:04

You think you know, somebody and then you go into a global pandemic.

JA 34:07

Yeah and I don't want to, I don't want to use that whole this whole thing is the justify a friendship or a family relationship either because, you know, you enjoyed that person so much before and then they find out that oh they are a Trump lover or not believe in vaccine, I don't want to use

that as a as a main [unclear] I've never talked to them again because up until that point, I always enjoyed that person it's just sometimes you don't talk about you know, religion, politics and whatever else that might cause issues.

KB 34:41

Right. Now, I understand. Are your-what are your hopes for the future for this pandemic? Other than I'm sure you've-

JA 34:51

It would be nice to go here. I think it's kind of slowing down-hopefully it's slowing down but you know just like the scientists, doctors are warning usually this kind of respiratory stuff is a winter, a fall- winter busy or sick illness. So, you know, kind of buckle your belts don't get too overconfident that it's gone away. That's why, you know, they are trying to promote the vaccines especially because once fall hits [unclear] so hopefully that people get close enough to herd immunity. The numbers won't be as high but I will keep up my vaccines and peek around and go from there get on with life and get to spend time with and spend time at the places you like to spend time at.

KB 35:43

Hopefully I think overseas too, because I know Italy is still kind of going through some challenges. Hopefully they can start getting their stuff figured out as well. Hopefully finally, we can. I don't know if normal is necessarily the right term because I don't know if we're ever going to really go back to normal but back to not insanity. I would say I'm looking forward to.

JA 36:08

But yeah.

KB 36:09

Thank you so much for joining me today. Jeremy. I love talking with you. You were truly you're- think you're so funny. And you offer a really good perspective to this to this COVID archive. I hope people in the in the future can look back on this and learn from your perspective.

JA 36:27

Yeah, it'll be something when people look back, especially the ones that are young and are not born or young or whatever else to see that. Oh, boy, that happened.

KB 36:36

Yeah, absolutely. I appreciate you talking with me.

JA 36:41

Okay, sounds good Keely.

KB 36:43

Thank you. You have a wonderful rest of your day, Jeremy.

JA 36:46

Okay, you do. Thank you, good luck on clipping and pasting.

KB 36:50

Oh I will, I'll send you a copy of the transcript when I'm done.

JA 36:54

Okay, sounds good.

KB 36:55

Thanks, Jeremy. Bye.