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**Subject: My Guest Column v. Dr. Mark Jaben, DSS quack doctor's Guest Column in The Mountaineer.**

One of the great things about owning a website ([www.haywoodtp.net](http://www.haywoodtp.net)) is that I get to create my own GUEST COLUMN. Thus, I have a platform that I am able to counter quacks like **Dr. Mark Jaben** who are oblivious to the world around them, and use the GUEST COLUMN space in The Mountaineer to attempt to foster their opinions on everyone else. He presumably works for **Ira Dove** and **Sarah Henderson** over at DSS as the Haywood County medical director. Here is the article **Dr. Mark Jaben** wrote.

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## GUEST COLUMN

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### *Covid grant simply offers citizens a choice*

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**Dr. Mark Jaben**

decision about this grant rests entirely on the matter of choice.

Now if it was categorically proven that these vaccines cause only harm with no benefit, one could certainly argue that there is no choice to be had. But does anyone honorably believe that to be the case? And if you do, how do you reconcile that with just this one piece of data?

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(VAERS) was vaccine related, which of course nobody believes is so, that would amount to 0.0028% of the 670 million doses given from December 2020 through January 2023. Even at that, deaths from Covid infection are more than 350 times higher.

So let's acknowledge the data and experience indicate there is well more benefit than risk (more facts on that in an upcoming column). The question here is whether a person wants to take advantage of that or not — whether a person recognizes the benefit not only for themselves, but also for those they are around and care about, not to mention those we live and work with who are at higher risk to suffer if infected.

Let's be clear. The issue here is funding to support efforts for those who so choose (funding that, by the way, does not come from the county budget, does not cost taxpayers anything, and which will be lost to us and go somewhere else if not accepted). This is not a referendum on effectiveness or safety. It is a matter of choice.

*Dr. Mark Jaben is the Haywood County medical director.*

So, I am going to dissect this article just like I have done recently with articles written by **Cory Vaillancourt** of the smn tabloid, and comment paragraph by paragraph.

But before I do, I have to share some life experiences, reflections and memories acquired over a lifetime. These events were life altering to me, and shape who I am and who I will continue to be. I am sharing two of those events in my GUEST COLUMN here.

First, when I was in eleventh grade English class (yes, back then we studied English), the class had an assignment to demonstrate something that was important to them. My good friend, Charlie Tate, brought in a set of preserved human lungs. Charlie Tate's Dad was the chief physician for the Miami Dolphins football team at the time. There were two lungs, which had the feel of styrofoam, possibly freeze dried, and had been sliced open showing the composition/texture of the inside of each lung. One lung had a tan/neutral color, and appeared like a fine sponge. Upon close examination, there were tiny holes uniformly spaced throughout the lung, which form the basis for the efficient transfer of oxygen into the blood. This was the lung from a non-smoker.

The other lung, which had been similarly preserved and cut open, was from a person who had smoked all his life, and was entirely black inside! It had large gaping holes that resembled Swiss cheese. It was obvious to the casual observer why people that smoked had difficulty breathing, and required oxygen later in life. My mother eventually died of lung cancer, and never smoked a day in her life. Needless to say, I never smoked a single cigaret (before or) after that in my life.

Second. I was minding my own business, checking out articles on the Internet about people dying from taking Covid-19 (a.k.a. Corona Virus, a.k.a. China Virus) vaccines, and I came upon a video clip of a patient having surgery to remove a blood clot. The doctor had opened a blood vessel and grabbed a blood clot with a pair of hemostat's, and began to pull it out. It was red, and had the consistency/texture of a long rubber band. He pulled, and pulled, and pulled, and it kept coming. When he finished, the clot was about 18 inches long.

WTF?

This patient had taken a Covid-19 vaccine (it was not specified which one). That was the first time in my life that I had ever seen anything like that, which happened after the advent of the Covid-19 vaccine. Does anyone on God's Green Earth believe that I will ever take one of these vaccines?

That is my choice to make, just as I made a decision never to smoke a cigaret, and here I am, alive. Since the Covid-19 vaccine, people are starting to drop dead like flies, and folks like **Dr. Mark Jaben** seem to refuse to acknowledge this, again, oblivious to the world around him, which is frustrating to me.

I learned yesterday that there is a problem in a nursing home over in Maggie Valley, in that there are over two dozen people, both patients and employees that have contracted corona virus. The kicker is that **all** of these people have been fully vaccinated and fully boosted. WTF?

So, when I read Dr. Mark Jaben's little GUEST COLUMN piece, I could use practically everything he said in favor of getting a vaccine and turn it right around and use it against him. So, let's go through what **Dr. Mark Jaben** has to say. **Dr. Mark Jaben's** text will be *italic* in *red*, and mine will be normal text, indented. Sections of **Dr. Mark Jaben's** text that I have an issue with is underlined. This is almost like transcribing an audio recording, which I hate to do, but in the end, it is always worth it.

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That is exactly what approving this grant is all about, which is preventing **Dr. Mark Jaben, Ira Dove, Sarah Henderson**, and people at DSS - attempting to convince people that "Women's and Children's Health Section/Immunization Branch - to focus on removing obstacles to accessing vaccine, increasing vaccine confidence, coordinating COVID-19 vaccine services, and expanding Public Health's COVID-19 vaccination program" is good for them. Vaccines were rushed through the approval stage with minimal testing, and as time passes, there is more evidence of the ill effects of people taking vaccines, like dropping dead in mid-stride. People like **Dr. Mark Jaben** are simply blind to accept the reality of what is going on. I am not interested in having an 18 inch blood clot removed from one of my blood vessels. I plan to continue living with my own personal immune system and not rely on a vaccine that is now dubious at best having the ability to keep people from getting Covid - 19.

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I turn these words right back around on you, **Dr. Mark Jaben**. You have no right to attempt to force me or anyone else to accept your opinion.

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I contend that you cannot tell people that disagree with you that they are spreading misinformation or impugn their credibility, as you do continually with Janet Presson. This is now a politically charged issue, as someone who is pro-life talking to someone who wants an abortion, or even a Republican attempting to talk sense to a democrat.

*Now if it was categorically proven that these vaccines cause only harm with no benefit, one could certainly argue that there is no choice to be had. But does anyone honorably believe that to be the case? And if you do, how do you reconcile that with just this one piece of data?*

Nobody in this argument is going to categorically prove anything. Certainly, not you. You cannot force your opinion down peoples throats, just as opponents of getting a vaccine will ever get you to change your opinion. There is no single “one piece of data” that either side can point to that will convince the other side that they are correct. Again, certainly not you.

*If you are unvaccinated and get infected with Covid, you are six times more likely to die compared with someone fully up to date with vaccination.*

How about citing a reference next time you throw a statement against the wall to see if it sticks.

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I have been tracking Covid-19 infection and death data ever since my best friend, who got shot up with a vaccination against my recommendation, got Covid - 19. WTF. I thought once you took the vaccine, you weren't supposed to get Covid -19. Try telling that to the thirty-one (31) people over in Maggie Valley that just got infected, even though they were fully vaccinated and boosted. The sources I track this data since March 1, 2021 are:

COVID-19 Dashboard - by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

and

Worldometer

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

Do you think I am to believe that all of these reports are 100% accurate - No. But it does indicate trends, as there has been misreporting and misinformation on both sides of the fence. Again, a politically charged issue.

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Again, turning your words right back around on you. I suggest there is more risk than benefit to taking a vaccination than not, and you will never be able to convince me otherwise.

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Whoa! Wait a minute. This grant is composed of \$70K to support a warm body over at DSS, while the remaining \$5K is for “Special Program Materials”. It is my understanding that DSS had already hired this warm body, and is now applying for a grant to cover the cost of this warm body. **Ira Dove** and **Sarah Henderson** should have been honest in the first place about what this grant is for. It was also brought to my attention that since this person had already been hired, the salary that had already been paid to this warm body was either going to be paid by Haywood County Taxpayer, or if **Sarah Henderson** could get “free” money from the government, which is not free. Again, this is a typical

democrat attitude of bilking the government of entitlement money. You don't get anything for free, and in **all** cases, grant money always comes with strings attached. At some point in time, you all will have to wean yourself from grant money.

An yes, This **is** a referendum on effectiveness or safety.

*Dr. Mark Jaben is the Haywood County medical director.*

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So, **Dr. Mark Jaben**, I hope you will attend Monday's county commission meeting to listen to the people of Haywood County express their view, both pro and con, about how they feel about our county commissioners approving or killing this \$75,735 grant. I hope that you are able to hear what the people who disagree with you are saying, but I doubt it.

I, for one, believe commissioners should kill this grant. Let's see where this goes.

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