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Announcer (00:00:03) - The Roundtable Talk podcast, getting to the facts across the state, around the world, and at home in Raeford, North Carolina.

Hal Nunn (00:00:14) - Good afternoon, folks, and welcome to the Roundtable Talk podcast, Hal Nunn,

Ruben Castellon (00:00:17) - Ruben Castellon

Chris Holland (00:00:18) and Chris Holland.

Hal Nunn (00:00:19) - Inside the Studios of Christian 1057. Com make sure you check them out on the radio, the little thing in your car and go to FM 105.7 FM. You can also stream them, and I have their app right here on my phone and was listening this morning. So Christian 1057.com is not a paid sponsorship, but they are our host there at Grand Vision Media. So thank you. We'd also like to thank Raeford Guns. They are inside the gas station at Skull Road in Johnsonville. And there's still people that can't believe that you can get all the, uh, 40, a pack of cigarettes, uh, a gasoline.

Ruben Castellon (00:00:58) - Um, ammo.

Hal Nunn (00:00:59) - Guns and ammo all in one little building there. But you can on that right there at School Road in Johnsonville, right before the aquatic center.

Hal Nunn (00:01:06) - Uh, they're normally there Monday through Friday, 10 to 7 p.m., and they're at shows on the weekends. See their Facebook page, Rayford Guns, or give them a call 910709 3950 Rayford guns on Facebook.

Ruben Castellon (00:01:18) - And remember, they are a local business. Support your local businesses.

Hal Nunn (00:01:23) - And you know what? If you walked into a big major, you know, retailer that sells guns and ammo and things like that, and you wanted the hinge on the chamber, um, milled, you know, even if you needed even if I found out that there's a screw where I couldn't see one. Right. And I walked in there and rob just in, in like ten minutes, had it fixed because it kept getting jammed. Right? And I'm like, dude, that is service right there. You can't get that anywhere else. Yeah. Where you walk in around. And then I said, man, let me pay you something for your time. And he's like, hell, I gotta finish this project over here.

Hal Nunn (00:02:01) - And it's like massive rebuild or something. Yeah. So anyway, um, Raeford guns there, right there at the gas station, Skull Road in Johnsonville. Also, we'd like to thank the Hoke County edition of the North State Journal, uh, for continuing to help us out. The North State Journal is a weekly statewide newspaper in North Carolina covering local, state, national, and world news, as well as college and pro sports. Subscribe today by calling (336) 283-6305. And I know every one of you wrote it down, but if you didn't Hoke dot North State journal.com and you can click on the subscribe link. Also check out our Facebook page, roundtable talk podcast, then our website roundtable talk podcast.com and more info to come on that. So, um, all right fellas.

Ruben Castellon (00:02:47) - Don't forget is episode 78, episode.

Hal Nunn (00:02:50) - 78. And did you know.



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Ruben Castellon (00:02:53) - Did you know, did you.

Hal Nunn (00:02:54) - Know that, um, you know, we record two shows and then, you know, this one gets aired. We're supposed to be getting some snow.

Hal Nunn (00:03:04) - And you know this will be played after.

Ruben Castellon (00:03:06) - I think we.

Hal Nunn (00:03:06) - Are after the following week. My my thoughts are, uh, I don't know nothing about the almanac or the the groundhogs or whatnot. Spring all the other stuff. But I can just tell you right now, I think we're going to kick some snow.

Ruben Castellon (00:03:22) - I don't think so. I think it's just going to be icy rain. But we'll see. It's coming quick. I'm going to tell you. Um, I and I agree with you how I think we are going to get. I think it's.

Hal Nunn (00:03:33) - Going to be big too.

Ruben Castellon (00:03:33) - And I've been I've been trying to pay attention to the way this area works and, and with the upper states get snow in September or August in early earlier. Yeah. We're going to get we're going to get snow. It may be.

Hal Nunn (00:03:50) - One time.

Ruben Castellon (00:03:50) - Deal. Yeah. But you know, this is the beautiful thing about where we live at. It'll it's hot today. It's it's hot in the morning.

Ruben Castellon (00:03:59) - Cold night call in the morning. Hot in the day. Snow in the morning. Gone in the afternoon.

Hal Nunn (00:04:06) - Sunshine and sunshine.

Ruben Castellon (00:04:07) - Yeah. You know. So.

Hal Nunn (00:04:09) - Uh.

Ruben Castellon (00:04:09) - Anyway, we'll only time will tell for sure.

Hal Nunn (00:04:13) - All right, uh, let's get into the mix. We're going to do it, uh, kind of rapid fire this time, because we've got a guest in the second part of our show today, uh, we have James Diaz. Uh, he's running for North Carolina House district 48. Uh, so stay tuned for that interview. And, you know, the week before we did, uh, Melissa Swarbrick running for NC House 48, they're both on the Republican ticket. So there's a Republican primary for that race, which hasn't happened in a long or forever. I don't know.

Ruben Castellon (00:04:40) - That it's ever happened, but if it has it's way before our time. Right.

Hal Nunn (00:04:43) - So, um, you know, open invitation, you know, same race. You want to come in and join us? Come on.



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Hal Nunn (00:04:51) - Yeah. Uh, so, anyway.

Ruben Castellon (00:04:53) - Um, we're not charging yet.

Hal Nunn (00:04:55) - Yeah, but however.

Ruben Castellon (00:04:56) - No, but however, I. So I want to talk real quick about.

Hal Nunn (00:05:00) - This first.

Ruben Castellon (00:05:01) - One, this new defense bill that they just approved, uh, approves psychedelic trials for PTSD and active duty troops. Psychedelic, psychedelic drugs. Yeah. So for the first time, the Department of Defense is going to start giving active duty troops psychedelic drugs. So they're not going to get urine test at anymore. Well, so they're going to be well.

Hal Nunn (00:05:22) - That'll be authorized.

Ruben Castellon (00:05:23) - Uh, go through it. But yeah, they're going to be in a controlled environment and they will not be punished. Yeah, right. Go down to the clinic every Wednesday and get shot up and then. Oh, yeah. Well, that was last Wednesday.

Hal Nunn (00:05:35) - Do you think they would be a commander? You think if you're in that program. Yeah. Do you think they would be put in a leadership position?

Ruben Castellon (00:05:44) - Oh probably not.

Ruben Castellon (00:05:45) - I don't know, that's what I'm saying man. But anyway, so the drugs are going to see they're trying to see if it can treat PTSD and well for.

Hal Nunn (00:05:52) - Some very severe there's some cases out there man, that are pretty.

Ruben Castellon (00:05:55) - Serious. There are there are. And you know, I applaud any kind of effort to to find a solution. Uh, but it's just ironic that, you know, back when we were in the military, you just walk by somebody that was smoking a joint, and it just happened to be on your uniform smelling boy, you'd be out the door before, you know, you scuff your boots. But anyway, uh, the amendment outlines what, uh, psychoactive drugs are to be considered included. And they are psilocybin, also known as magic mushrooms, um, ibogaine, MDMA and other plant based alternative therapies. So they're not using synthetic drugs. They're using actual marijuana? No. Well, it's it's stronger, a lot stronger than marijuana.

Hal Nunn (00:06:40) - Some of it's a little bit stronger than that.

Ruben Castellon (00:06:42) - Yeah. And so this provision specifically applies for active duty troops. The VA has been doing his own research. I didn't know this on how these types of substances can help treat PTSD and veterans for some time. And I couldn't find how long that some time is. So I probably last summer, I guess, because it's the first time that I've heard it coming up. But, uh, last month in a written testimony before Congress, VA Assistant Undersecretary for Health Carolyn Clancy wrote about the value of studying these substances as a way to help treat depression, trauma and impacts of service on veterans. And she says that based on our assessment of the literature to date, this is the VA. There is still



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much to learn and much yet to be understood about the potential benefits of psychedelic compounds. Our department is not only focused on finding the best innovative treatments and cures, but doing so safely. So reading further into this, uh, this article, basically they're going to select a number of troops that have been diagnosed with PTSD.

Ruben Castellon (00:07:46) - They're going to put them just like a clinical trial. They're going to be isolated. They're going to be given this treatment. And I'm sure there will probably be several study groups. You know how they do it. They break it down this dose and this frequency. Yeah. All that kind of stuff. And these these troops specifically are going to be exempt for. Um, your analysis repercussions. You know, based on being participants in this study. But like I said before, you know, it's just it's innovative therapy. You know, who would have thought that the US Army would be given magic mushrooms for soldiers? Okay. You know, time ago.

Hal Nunn (00:08:23) - Time out. Why jump from nothing all the way to mushrooms?

Ruben Castellon (00:08:28) - I don't know, and that's one of the.

Hal Nunn (00:08:30) - That's the first thing that popped in my head. Yeah. Because we we still have the medical marijuana issue.

Ruben Castellon (00:08:35) - I think that's got to do with being woke. That's just my opinion. You think so?

Chris Holland (00:08:39) - I think so. I think so, okay.

Chris Holland (00:08:43) - Well, I mean, I'm a for food disclaimer. You know, uh, you know, Bill Clinton once said I experimented with marijuana when I was in the ninth grade. I didn't experiment, I smoked marijuana.

Ruben Castellon (00:08:54) - Um, and... The reason I'm gonna tell you two reasons why I stopped. One, I couldn't stand the smell. And the other one, my dad began to get suspicious of me because I stayed in the refrigerator. Because one thing about the holiday game, one thing about marijuana smoking, is that you're going to be starving. You can't stop. And it's not good food. It's all, yeah, junk food, you know? So I just don't have, I have I can say this is why when I used to do search warrants as it relates to drugs, when I was a police officer, uh, you know, based on my training and experience, I got the training. But I also had my own personal experience with marijuana. And, uh, this thing about, uh, you know, when people got, um, their bet written, and there, there, there are lots of smoke.

Chris Holland (00:09:45) - Weed. I don't understand the concept well there.

Hal Nunn (00:09:49) - There is one situation that I'm very, not very aware of, but I am aware of because I have a relationship with the people who are using. There is a medicine that they can give you that gives you the same effects of marijuana. And they they're using it for this person because of the they won't eat. And they're they're becoming anemic and they can't function. And so they give them the pill. I forgot what it's called, but THC is it. I don't think it's got.



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Chris Holland (00:10:19) - To be linked to marijuana.

Hal Nunn (00:10:21) - It is. It gives you the same.

Ruben Castellon (00:10:24) - Hunger pains.

Hal Nunn (00:10:24) - Characteristic hunger pains. Maybe, maybe gives you a feeling of euphoria or feeling of, you know, something like that. Because on the pain side, you know, I deal with it every day. So I, you know, I have been someone that would support medical marijuana.

Ruben Castellon (00:10:43) - Well, and there and there.

Hal Nunn (00:10:43) - But on the medical mushrooms.

Ruben Castellon (00:10:45) - Well, that's what I was going to get back to your your question.

Ruben Castellon (00:10:48) - The, the marijuana portion I think is used to treat those muscle pain or not muscle, but those joint pains and those chronic diseases, the upset stomach from chemotherapy. I've read about that kind of stuff.

Hal Nunn (00:11:01) - Oh God, I forgot where.

Ruben Castellon (00:11:02) - Where is the psychedelics actually interact with your brain?

Chris Holland (00:11:07) - Because it's it's a hallucinate, right. Mushrooms are are they make you they grow under poop.

Ruben Castellon (00:11:14) - Right?

Hal Nunn (00:11:14) - Right. Growing out some of it.

Ruben Castellon (00:11:15) - But but they're talking about the VA has done this for some time now. So I'm I'm thinking that to justify what you're saying. Why from nothing to drugs. It's a heavy drugs. They probably have some statistical analysis from the VA studies. And like I said, the chronic pain stuff is the is the marijuana where this is trying to alter the brain function.

Chris Holland (00:11:38) - But you know, but here's the problem. Everything you put in your body to effect a change that you don't want.

Ruben Castellon (00:11:47) - Additional changes.

Chris Holland (00:11:48) - Is what is temporary. Okay okay. So let's just say that these mushrooms great work wonderfully.

Chris Holland (00:11:54) - But do you think you're allowed to drive. No, no. You know, because it's going to mess up what your brain activity is going to mix up with your blood stream. Everything. So so you know. Yeah. You you're given a lot. Uh, marijuana prescription for the purpose of medical purposes. But guess what you can do. There's a lot of stuff you can't do.



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Hal Nunn (00:12:16) - You shouldn't be out running tobacco.

Chris Holland (00:12:17) - You know, there's a lot of stuff you can't do.

Hal Nunn (00:12:20) - So driving a school bus, you.

Chris Holland (00:12:21) - Know, I myself live with pain. I, I accept the pain because it's part of it's part of my, uh, my my history. Yeah. And it's just a fact of life. I refuse to put chemicals or anything in my body. Uh, I just live with the pain. I live with the pain. Yeah.

Hal Nunn (00:12:39) - All right, uh, moving on to the next issue. I had something on the, uh, um, the I saw, uh, one of the reports on, uh, the television, um, where the New York mayor was talking about the crisis that they now have in New York because of the illegals.

Hal Nunn (00:12:59) - And, um, I took a couple notes. It says, uh, 8000 every two weeks that they're getting.

Ruben Castellon (00:13:07) - Yeah, they're sending them they're sending to New York.

Hal Nunn (00:13:09) - Coming into New York. And it's becoming a problem. And the federal government has failed us. And, uh, he's no conservative Republican that's saying that, uh, and in Seattle, people, uh, people a business owner was literally watching, uh, robberies, which he thought was by illegals, uh, on his smartphone of breaking into his business. So he calls the police and he's on the phone with the law enforcement while they're breaking into the business, and he's watching them. And they said, we don't have the resources to come to you. Well, that's yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:13:44) - That's no Seattle or New York.

Hal Nunn (00:13:46) - Seattle now. And they're the.

Chris Holland (00:13:47) - Ones that uh, yeah, they're.

Ruben Castellon (00:13:49) - On the police.

Chris Holland (00:13:50) - So my point and I think Ruben millions of dollars.

Hal Nunn (00:13:52) - Yeah. My point. And I think Ruben maybe had a different, uh, direction for the New York thing.

Hal Nunn (00:13:58) - But, um, my point is, can they imagine what the people down in the South are feeling in those border towns?

Ruben Castellon (00:14:05) - Here's the thing.

Chris Holland (00:14:05) - About here's the.

Hal Nunn (00:14:06) - Thing here. He's talking about this, and they're I mean, 8000 ain't nothing compared to some of those places.



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Chris Holland (00:14:10) - These liberal states such as New York and California, they don't talk about anything that Texas, New Mexico, Arizona is going through with all these illegals. Okay. But now they're talking because I like the fact that the, uh, Texas governor, he started shipping illegals. They feel my own pain. Yeah. You know, and that way everybody feels, uh, feels the pain. But yeah, you're right. The federal government, more specifically Joe Biden. Did you know.

Hal Nunn (00:14:43) - Did you know that.

Chris Holland (00:14:44) - Since Joe Biden took the oath of office, over 10 million. And I think I said this before, over 10 million illegals have entered, have invaded the US.

Ruben Castellon (00:14:59) - Okay. Yeah. Put putting that in the context.

Ruben Castellon (00:15:03) - Over Christmas break, my wife and I saw and we were sitting there watching TV in the month of November. There was 200. 50,000 encounters at the border, the Fayetteville or the Fayetteville Cumberland. And Hoke County population is just under 300,000. You're talking about all the people in Fort Bragg, all the people in Fayetteville, all the people in Hoke County. In 1 in 1 month that many people came across the border and one month and one month.

Chris Holland (00:15:32) - But those are the people that that were actually able to number, right? They were able to actually number them. And I've always said for every person that they are able to document in 305, they were not able to, you know, this is what people don't understand. Our country was based was founded on, uh, on Christian values, the our Constitution, a Bill of rights, our Declaration of Independence. You know, it's all based on Christian, uh, values. Okay. And and I tell you what, right now, Joe Biden is doing a fantastic job of eradicating.

Chris Holland (00:16:22) - Our way of living.

Ruben Castellon (00:16:23) - And our culture.

Chris Holland (00:16:24) - You know, a lot of people think like these.

Ruben Castellon (00:16:28) - Idiots.

Chris Holland (00:16:29) - I'll call them idiots. I say stupid, but they're not. They're idiots. pro-Palestinian. This gays for for Palestinian. Did you know that if you go to a muslim nation and you're gay, they're going to throw you out the building tied up to a chair? I seen that. I seen that firsthand when I was overseas. You know this, these people are uneducated. We are losing America thanks to Joe Biden, thanks to Joe Biden, we are actually losing because this is what people don't understand. Just for argument's sake, 10 million Muslims. Enter the US illegally. All those 10 million Muslims are gonna get to stay in America. Those 10 million Muslims are gonna have children. You think they're gonna be raised the American way? No. France is dealing with that right now. London is dealing with that. The consequences of not forcing integration into our American way. I'm telling you, it's coming.

Ruben Castellon (00:17:41) - So it's coming. You brought back a memory. So when I was growing up, we all read in history books and were taught about Ellis Island. You know, the Europeans that came over to



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New York and they were assimilated and they called us the Great Melting Pot. Right? That was America was the great world. But it brought back, I remember as a kid, as junior high going through high school. The narrative changed. We're not a melting pot. We're a salad bowl. Right? Meaning that, you know, the Hispanics have their culture. Blacks, whites, whatever. Christian, Muslim, whatever your identity is, you're just kind of, like, all jumbled up in your salad. Yeah, in the American, you know, continent. And that's what is actually what you're alluding to is we're no longer a melting pot of Americans now, we're just a bunch of ethnic factions that are that are replacing.

Chris Holland (00:18:34) - Look at that.

Ruben Castellon (00:18:35) - Uh, fighting it out.

Chris Holland (00:18:35) - That that female, that idea that supposedly married her brother to to bring a man to the US.

Chris Holland (00:18:42) - Uh.

Ruben Castellon (00:18:42) - Omar.

Chris Holland (00:18:43) - Omar. Omar. We gave. The privilege of living in America. She's a representative now, and she hates America. And all these people are coming from south of the border. Anybody there that's coming in hating America, they're going to produce children. They hate America.

Hal Nunn (00:19:13) - Well, y'all sort of went to the direction of the Palestine and the Hamas and stuff like that. And one of the stories I've heard this week, or actually last week, was an Israeli woman that was captured by Hamas on the October 7th day. And they she was given to a family in Gaza to kind of I.

Ruben Castellon (00:19:37) - I did you read it?

Hal Nunn (00:19:38) - I heard I haven't read it, but I heard it on the radio. Uh, she was given to a family in Gaza. And the family, um, uh. Was responsible for her. Right. And now she's been released, right? She was released, and she's sort of telling her story. And you're hearing some of these stories. I don't remember the names.

Hal Nunn (00:19:57) - I don't really don't want to say it, but I can't remember it. So, um, she said the ten year old children in that family had so much hatred for her way of life and for who she was. Yeah, because of, uh, Jewish. Um, uh, that she said there, she said there is not one person in Gaza. There's not one person in that West Bank area that is completely innocent of hatred.

Chris Holland (00:20:27) - I actually saw the Jew and what she said. What? She found it later. What she said, uh, also was that every Palestinian in there is a terrorist. Every Palestinian in there in Gaza. It hates, uh, Jews, hates America. They're being taught from the beginning that from the day they are born, if they can, to hate the Jews, to hate, uh, America. And some of these people are coming in right now to America. Oh.



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Ruben Castellon (00:21:01) - Yeah. It's definitely it's definitely their culture. And just like we talk about indoctrination, you know, education, parents, you know, bringing your kids up, that's the way the kids are.

Ruben Castellon (00:21:12) - So it's it's a generational. Yeah. Of course, you know and and unfortunately those kids are a lost cause, you know, because how are you going to deprogram a kid once he, you know, gets that in his mind? I don't know, it's there is a there is.

Hal Nunn (00:21:26) - A way is.

Chris Holland (00:21:27) - Hatred. There is a way. There's it's called Jesus Christ. Yeah.

Hal Nunn (00:21:31) - There is a way in there. There is, there is one. There is a way. There is hope. But you're right, Chris. It's going to be completely and and and a massive, massive change of someone's mindset. And about the only thing that can do that matter of fact, the only thing that can do that is Jesus Christ in my opinion, that's that's the Hallelujah version. Uh, let's see. Uh, I'm not going to go there about I do want to mention something about, um, uh, our and I don't have the numbers, but if you guys can help point me in the right direction.

Hal Nunn (00:22:02) - Right direction. I've got a couple people going to try to help me figure out the the. And I know you may know from the law enforcement angle, crime stats and sometimes how crime stats can be used as a weapon. Right. Or they can say, well, it's done this. And that's when I start digging into this. That's not my intent. My intent is to see how the crimes in this county have changed with the growth.

Ruben Castellon (00:22:28) - With the growth.

Hal Nunn (00:22:28) - And with the the because we're not a very big county.

Ruben Castellon (00:22:32) - Not really.

Chris Holland (00:22:32) - In comparison to the surrounding counties. We're insignificant. Right.

Hal Nunn (00:22:37) - And and sometimes that's why things kind of get overlooked. But we all see it and I see it and I, I, we see the volumes have just gone crazy.

Ruben Castellon (00:22:47) - Right? And that.

Hal Nunn (00:22:47) - We have gone.

Ruben Castellon (00:22:48) - Crazy. Well, that's what I was going to say. It appears that crime is getting worse in Hoke County, but I caveat that with the News Journal has been reporting a lot more than what I've seen in the past.

Ruben Castellon (00:23:03) - Now they're there.

Hal Nunn (00:23:05) - That's not my only source.



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Ruben Castellon (00:23:06) - No, no, but what I'm saying is. So that's where we have to dig in. Is it that there actually is an increase, therefore there's more reporting? Or is the paper just taking a more proactive look at things that are going on in the county? So that's one of those things where we got to find the numbers. The numbers.

Hal Nunn (00:23:23) - The numbers won't lie and it'll be it'll be factual. And actually I did see a you mentioned it. I did see a story in there about the sheriff's department and what he did for 2023 or this past year. And there's a lot of good things in there. There's a lot of really cool stuff.

Chris Holland (00:23:37) - I mean, you gotta understand, though, I mean, and I can say this because I was, uh, a law enforcement for 16 years, this a. Um, people think that every crime is solvable. And not every crime is solvable, you know. And so it's a.

Hal Nunn (00:23:57) - Fact that.

Chris Holland (00:23:58) - Yes, we do have crime in the whole county. Okay. I haven't seen any crime. But then again, I don't.

Ruben Castellon (00:24:06) - Go looking for.

Chris Holland (00:24:07) - It. I don't go looking for it. And I've always used to have an old saying nothing good happens after it gets dark.

Hal Nunn (00:24:16) - It's getting dark.

Chris Holland (00:24:17) - Exactly.

Ruben Castellon (00:24:18) - Yeah. Mine was 10 p.m.. But yeah. Sundown.

Chris Holland (00:24:20) - Nothing ever good happens, uh, after it gets dark. You know, the crazy people come out, you know? And so there is crime, but, you know, the the sheriff office, Raeford PD because remember, we got two law enforcement agencies in Hoke County. We got the sheriff's office and got ready for PD, and they are required to pass information to to the FBI to the FBI for stats. Unfortunately, those stats are always a year or two behind. Mhm okay. And not every crime is a reportable crime.

Hal Nunn (00:25:00) - Correct. And not all crimes are even reported. Yeah I mean sometimes things are done and and because of victim or whatever.

Chris Holland (00:25:08) - Not all because not all crimes are reportable. You know, and it would be nice if the sheriff, uh, kept a tally of, uh, of every crime that occurred. But, you know, and I can say this, a police agency is not going to do something that is not required to do. Right. You know, we know that they're not fully staffed, you know, and, uh, and for you to create some type of data banking.

Ruben Castellon (00:25:39) - An additional duty.

Chris Holland (00:25:41) - Which is an additional duty to, uh, uh, keep all the stats on all crimes, it can be very taxing, uh, task to, to do.



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Hal Nunn (00:25:51) - Yeah. Because even in even in particular crimes, there are different levels of them, you know, and that's that kind of.

Chris Holland (00:25:58) - You know, and.

Hal Nunn (00:25:59) - That's what they're.

Chris Holland (00:25:59) - Calling. And I'm going to tell you right now the reason why the local journal is getting a is getting all this information, because you can get this information 1 or 2 ways.

Chris Holland (00:26:10) - The when I was there and I think it's still there, uh, the sheriff will have a copy of the front page of every incident report that occurred over the weekend as an example. Blotter. So the, the, the, uh, the reporter can go there and look and even that reporter will use their own discretion to see what crime was just worthy of. Right. You know, again, they're not going to report every crime. And then again, you have to also realize when the sheriff responds to when the law enforcement agency responds to a major crime, i.e. a rape, uh, armed robbery, a, uh, homicide, a murder case, that agency is going to do what is called a press release, and that's how they're going to get this information, you know.

Hal Nunn (00:26:57) - So, yeah. Well, that's the to me, that's the corporate media approach. And I know it happens everywhere. It happens in sports. It happens in, in in college and definitely pro sports. You're only going to get what they want to tell you.

Hal Nunn (00:27:10) - They're you know, they're only going to give you what they they can now they don't want to see I'm not sure that. The people in the community know what is and is not available to them. Now as an individual, if you just wanted to walk into the Sheriff's department and talk to them about, you know, the crime stats. Um, I think Virgil would sit down and talk to you about him. I'm sure I'm pretty positive of that. I'm talking about the levels of them and then looking back years, like five years, ten years, 15 years.

Ruben Castellon (00:27:44) - Progression or we.

Hal Nunn (00:27:46) - Already know there's a progression, but.

Chris Holland (00:27:47) - You can get that through the FBI, most specifically the FBI.

Hal Nunn (00:27:51) - Well, I'm going to I'm going to, uh, we got somebody that's willing to help us do that. And I'm trying to put it together.

Chris Holland (00:27:58) - Again when it comes to getting that information from these larger agencies. SBI, FBI. Uh, you're only going to get specific reportable crimes, right? Not every crime is reportable.

Hal Nunn (00:28:12) - All right. Any free for all stuff or anything? Yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:28:15) - I just wanted to remind everybody that the Open Door Soup kitchen is moving to the former Hoke Domestic Violence Center building at 225 Main Street at the end of January. Uh, so basically, the building that they're occupying right now and have been for the past year or so, two years, has the landlord said that they got to move out? They've been evicted? Uh, so this is a temporary



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relocation. We're we're trying to put together a proposal. We put together a proposal. We're trying to seek funding for an actual permanent location to build a soup kitchen. Uh, it is needed in the community. They soup kitchen feeds about 1500 people a month. So the resource is needed, and I just, uh, if you, uh, go looking for that resource, I just want to let you know that it's a 2 to 5 Main Street now, not out on the turnpike. So that's all I have.

Hal Nunn (00:29:11) - What area do you you know the area where that's at?

Ruben Castellon (00:29:14) - Right across from, uh, IGA.

Hal Nunn (00:29:16) - Okay. Yeah, there was a lot of trucks over there at the, uh, at the. What is that, a dollar? Family dollar? Is that what it is across from. Yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:29:23) - Yeah. Well, if you go right past that where.

Hal Nunn (00:29:25) - The domestic violence place is and, and.

Ruben Castellon (00:29:28) - Uh, it's there.

Hal Nunn (00:29:29) - Oh, it's in that building.

Ruben Castellon (00:29:30) - Yeah. They moved out. Domestic violence has moved out.

Hal Nunn (00:29:33) - Where are they at now?

Ruben Castellon (00:29:34) - Uh, I don't know.

Hal Nunn (00:29:34) - I'll have to look that up now. Open Door Soup kitchen is now downtown or will be. And there's not permanent, right.

Ruben Castellon (00:29:41) - Yeah. Ideally we're working with Congressman Hudson and, uh, some other individuals in government to try to look at what grants and, and short term loans and that type of stuff are available to make a more permanent location. All right.

Hal Nunn (00:29:57) - We're going to take a break. Coming up, we're going to have, uh, our second guest of the 2024 season, uh, James Diaz, who's running for North Carolina House district 48.

Hal Nunn (00:30:06) - And we'll be right back. All right. Welcome back to the Round Table Talk podcast. And in our studio right now. Or behind the hot microphone, as some people would call it, is James Diaz. James Mann, how are you doing? I'm doing.

James Diaz (00:30:25) - Pretty good. How about yourself?

Hal Nunn (00:30:26) - Happy New Year man.

James Diaz (00:30:27) - Thank you sir. Happy new year. Happy New Year to you too.

Hal Nunn (00:30:29) - And uh, we have mentioned before that we're going to start interviewing some folks between now and the time for the primary election. And, and, uh, James was kind enough to come



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over and kill some time with us in the in the old, uh, radio broadcast room. This is actually an interview room. Almost like it sounds like. I mean, you can see the picture and on our Facebook page or whatever, but, um, and I know some one guy one time said something about it's not a round table.

James Diaz (00:30:56) - Yeah, yeah, yeah. You said all the edges are. Yeah, yeah.

Chris Holland (00:31:01) - I quickly thought about it. Wait a minute. It is. It is because the edge is around. Yeah.

Hal Nunn (00:31:05) - But anyway, James is in the studio and, uh, he's going to tell us a little bit. He's decided to put his hat in the ring for a North Carolina house. District 48. Yes, sir. Uh, on our previous show, we interviewed Melissa Swarbrick running for that because, you know, uh, in Hoke County, I don't know if you ever would have seen this ten years ago where we have all these primaries.

Ruben Castellon (00:31:24) - I don't think so either.

Hal Nunn (00:31:25) - And that that's a good that's a good showing and a good, uh, uh, example of the hard work people are doing in the party. Chris, obviously is the chair and, and, uh, ten years ago, you know, primaries, they always said, hey, I'm going to run Republican. Why? So I can go straight to the general election, right? Not so fast anymore.

Chris Holland (00:31:45) - Well, well, you know, what it is is that there are a lot of people now getting involved, and they there is always better.

Chris Holland (00:31:54) - We, you know, like when we were in the Army, you know, when, when you were doing a foxhole and you laugh and somebody, uh, occupied your foxhole, you your task was always to continue improve your position because, you know, and this is why I've always been a strong supporter of terms, you know, you know, this is why you have these career politicians that get stagnant.

Hal Nunn (00:32:20) - Oh, gosh, I don't even want to talk.

Chris Holland (00:32:21) - You know, I'm not going to mention the the name of the person.

James Diaz (00:32:24) - I want to mention a few.

Chris Holland (00:32:25) - You know, I'm not going to mention the name of the person in case, uh, this person is listening. But I was told during the, the campaign when me and uh, Chris were running, uh, doing door knocking and everything, I was approached by this individual, and this individual told me, you know, this is the first time I've actually had to work.

James Diaz (00:32:44) - Yeah, to be.

Chris Holland (00:32:45) - Reelected. We were bringing it up.

Chris Holland (00:32:47) - I said, well, good. And that's the way it should be. You know, uh, you know, we need people to step up to the plate and improve the position.



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Hal Nunn (00:32:56) - Maybe, maybe we'll get to mine on the next show. You. You said something that sparked my, uh, brain a little bit over the holidays. There's a new, uh, Twitter or whatever you call it. Unusual wells. Have you heard about that?

James Diaz (00:33:09) - Mhm. Mhm.

Hal Nunn (00:33:09) - Uh, I'll tell you more about it on the next show. But anyway James is here and he needs to talk. So we've been talking too much.

Chris Holland (00:33:15) - Tell us a little bit about James.

Hal Nunn (00:33:17) - Tell us a little bit about yourself James Diaz for North Carolina House 48. Uh where are you from? Uh, your military. Thanks for your service.

James Diaz (00:33:25) - So you did that.

Hal Nunn (00:33:26) - And, um. And why do you decided to run?

James Diaz (00:33:29) - Okay. Yeah, like you said. Hi. My name is James Diaz. Uh, running for the, uh, North Carolina house 48.

James Diaz (00:33:34) - I'm originally from Texas. I've been in the area, uh, specifically Hoke County, for six years, going on seven years. Uh, I've always known that I wanted to get out of the military and do something politically, uh, especially after becoming a non-commissioned officer. Uh, I just have a passion for being a voice for people, uh, being something and and helping improve not only myself, but my community and my members around me. Um, and, you know, I still keep in touch with a lot of soldiers today, so I, you know, I'd like to think that, uh, mentorship has just been a huge part of my life. And I still do that with the Tar Heel Challenge Academy out there in Fayetteville as well. Oh, uh, not Fayetteville, yes, sir. But, uh, I think it's two. I can't remember the two places, but I'm still a mentor out there. Okay. Um, so that's part of the reason why I wanted to be out here, but also, uh, one of the other reasons why I wanted to be out here is just, you know, I'm a very good, uh, research and analysis person.

James Diaz (00:34:24) - And so just after doing all the research and analysis as far as Hoke County and Scotland County, and I seen the, uh, James a leech, uh, recreational center go up and we still have not had any Hoke County High School improvement or Hoke County new high school going. Right? Right. Right, right. Um, you know, just kind of, uh, uh, concerned me. So, you know, I started digging into and, you know, obviously with Chris, I been speaking with Chris for a little over two years now. Wow. Um, so, you know, and then I've been with the party for about a year and some change now helping with the GOP. Um, so, you know, after getting involved with the Hoke GOP and with Chris and Ruben and other, uh, executive members and members of the Hoke GOP, I learned that we are here for the same reason we're trying to improve our communities. Uh, not just Hoke County, but the district as well.

James Diaz (00:35:12) - So that's why I. I run for North Carolina House 48 as opposed to county commissioner. Um, but again, uh, that's, you know, jump into fire.

Hal Nunn (00:35:19) - Jump into jump. Yeah. Jump into fire.



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James Diaz (00:35:22) - And that's what we were saying earlier, you know, uh, you know, uh, stagnant leadership. Well, unfortunately, we've had regressive leadership, uh, in the North Carolina House, 48 every statistic that we can run, crime rates, educational rates, uh, infrastructure, anything uh, is has degraded with the leadership in his tenure. He's been in in the office for 20 years. Uh, why do we keep on voting him in? It's still the question that we, you know, have yet to answer. Uh, so I'm glad that we have, uh, some, uh, primaries in the Republican Party running. I hope that we choose the right one to give, uh, Mister Garland Pearce his a run for his money. Um, because, as you said earlier, Ruben, um, some people in these positions have been there for so long that they feel like they don't have to run.

James Diaz (00:36:10) - And, you know, there was a point in time I went to the Tia Hart, uh, banquet, and I met Mister Garland Pearson. That's where, um, there was rumors that he was not going to run, uh, again. However, I think he was just saying that so that he could kind of sway other people from, um, entering or whatnot, you know, try to throw us off or whatever, but, uh, yeah. So, you know, I'm definitely looking forward to this run. Um, I hope everybody is listening. Um, and, you know, when I do get a chance, I do have a couple of notes out here I would like to put out. Uh, but, you know, that's in due time.

Hal Nunn (00:36:41) - Yeah, we'll close it out, and you just mention anything you want. Yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:36:44) - So I like to hear that about the economic development. You know, we understand, especially here, being a county resident. Yes, I know that.

Ruben Castellon (00:36:51) - You know, there's an opportunity here for job development, but it's infrastructure. It's, you know, training, education, whatever to to attract those businesses. What would be your priority across the district regarding economic development?

James Diaz (00:37:06) - Well, first and foremost, I would work with both the economic development, um, uh, I believe there, uh, I can't remember the actual titles.

Hal Nunn (00:37:15) - Scotland has Scotland and ours is like the chamber or.

James Diaz (00:37:19) - Well, his name is Mr.. I talked to him today. His name is Mr. Will Wright. And forgive me, Mr. Wright, if you're listening. I can't remember your actual title. However, I spoke to Mr. Mark Ward and, uh, we'll write and both of them seem to know their districts or, I'm sorry, counties. Very well. Uh, so my primary thing is to first and foremost, let me say this. Everything and anything that I do within the district, I'm going to analyze, develop, evaluate and communicate. Right. So analyze I'm going to analyze either the already in place, uh, programs.

James Diaz (00:37:51) - I'm going to analyze new programs, obviously. And like most of y'all here, we've all been in the military. So we're going to have at least 1 or 2 courses of actions that we can, um, develop, evaluate and then communicate. Obviously, communicating is communicating to the right personnel and then communicating the right resources and resource management. Right. Um, so my primary thing right now is to understand the, um, the, the Hoke County right now is to determine how to figure out what we should bring into the county. Right. So I talked to Mr. Wheelwright and unfortunately, um, well, I should say, fortunately, we have increased the salaries from 39,000 to 42,000. Um, and there



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are jobs available. However, they're just not jobs that people are looking for. So what? How do we close that gap is the question that we need to answer. And that's one of the things that I'm running on right now is yes, while I'm a Republican and the conservatives. Yes, sir.

James Diaz (00:38:46) - So I want to tighten the shot group. And that's where why my slogan is together we can progress. 48 is I need voters to to to speak up. Tell me how I can help you. You know what I mean? Um, so that is the primary thing for me.

Ruben Castellon (00:38:59) - So that's interesting. So the the salary range you just increase, you just talked about is that the average salary for Hoke County residents?

James Diaz (00:39:07) - Yes, sir. That is the average county salary for Hoke County residents. And that was as of 22, 23 year.

Ruben Castellon (00:39:14) - Okay. So what about what, \$5,000, \$6,000, 5000? Interesting. Because last year, uh, during election campaigning, the government employees went up to \$15 an hour minimum wage. So I wonder how much that plays in.

Speaker 6 (00:39:27) - Oh, yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:39:28) - County great county employee. So. Oh well, we.

Hal Nunn (00:39:31) - Can probably figure that out if we got a math genius in the room.

Ruben Castellon (00:39:34) - Maybe. But, uh, my my point being that, you know, while we like to see the average salary across the county go up, we want to be careful that, you know, when you have the largest employers in the county, which is a school district, as well as the county infrastructure of the county employees getting raises.

Ruben Castellon (00:39:52) - Yes, sir. When the local residents art, we're paying for those raises, I just I just find it kind of coincidental that, you know, we've we've we've increased the average salary. Oh, yeah. Along the same lines as increasing the burden on the taxpayer because these government employees are getting raises.

Chris Holland (00:40:09) - Oh, yeah. And that's the thing talking about salaries. Uh, I. I could be wrong, but, uh, what you referring to is basically basically government salaries. Uh, because if, if, if you notice, we don't really have a lot of private major, uh.

Ruben Castellon (00:40:27) - Employers.

Chris Holland (00:40:28) - Yeah, definitely. I can only think with one hand. Walmart. Mhm.

Hal Nunn (00:40:33) - Okay. I don't think it's that.

James Diaz (00:40:34) - Fedex.

Chris Holland (00:40:35) - Yeah. Walmart. No. Walmart is uh, a major employer in whole county.

Hal Nunn (00:40:39) - Well I mean.



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Chris Holland (00:40:40) - It's a and and then you got then you got the, uh, first health hospital in Fayetteville. Uh, that probably 50 plus. Then you got Cape Fear Hospital in Fayetteville.

Chris Holland (00:40:55) - You know, and other than that.

Ruben Castellon (00:40:57) - Unilever in Burlington Mountain Air. But yeah.

Chris Holland (00:41:00) - Yeah, we don't really have. Yeah. In comparison.

Hal Nunn (00:41:03) - Unilever is about to lose some money in.

Chris Holland (00:41:04) - Comparison to Walmart to Cumberland. You know, we don't have a lot of major employers other than the government.

Speaker 6 (00:41:13) - Yeah.

Chris Holland (00:41:13) - Uh, the whole county school system being the major employer.

James Diaz (00:41:18) - Oh, yeah. And that I think that goes back to where I would again go back to the analyze, develop, evaluating, communicate. Right. And with the economic development, I would bring in the appropriate personnel to break down, like you were saying, where these where these income is coming from and then figure out, well, why is it that the government employees are getting more salaries or higher salaries over the teachers in Hoke County? Right. The teachers in Hoke County, um, are the ones that mold and educate the future leaders of our of our county and America. So we should try to figure out how we can, um, mitigate those salaries and put them to, to the right places.

James Diaz (00:41:53) - But again, um, this is just a baseline of, of this economic development.

Ruben Castellon (00:41:58) - So this is kind of a hard question because we're talking about you're bringing in development, bringing in infrastructure, paying for programs. Um, do you support the continued lowering of tax rates? You know, in the past ten years, North Carolina, the legislature has been run by the Republicans. We've lowered tax rates, income and corporate across the board every year. Now, do you support the continuation of across the board tax cuts, or should we look at something a little more targeted? A lot of the pushback from the tax cuts is corporations aren't paying enough. Rich people aren't paying enough. What is your feelings on who should be paying the bills for this?

James Diaz (00:42:37) - Tax rates is one of those, uh, huge things, right? So everybody it's a very controversial issue. Right. Um, across the nation. Right. Um, but, uh, again, I'm from Texas, so we don't have any state taxes, right? And somehow, someday, we continue to manage and allow Texas to run Texas.

James Diaz (00:42:54) - So I support, uh, lowering tax rates. And again, I'm a Hoke County resident, and, uh, we just bought a house a couple of years ago. Right. Our tax rate has continuously gone up for the past two years, which I just don't understand how.

Chris Holland (00:43:07) - And because that is the main income to run the government. Yes.



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James Diaz (00:43:11) - And then we just, you know, it's most likely going to go up again with the nine new subdivisions that are supposed to be going up, which that's a whole nother conversation. But in short, I would definitely want to analyze that again. But I do support lowering income tax, especially state income tax. I mean, um, while we know federal federal money comes with a string on it, uh, there's got to be a way that we can cut that string because, again, the federal government here is was made up to support the states. Right. So there's got to be a way that we can, um, talk talk to the federal government.

James Diaz (00:43:44) - Right. Uh, what is it called as a specific work? I'm trying to trying to, uh, say, um, but anyway, uh, articulate. Right. So we're supposed to be able to articulate to this to the federal government why we need these particular funds without a string attached? Because our money, that's what they're due. Yeah. To get our money back, to get the.

Hal Nunn (00:44:01) - Money we gave.

James Diaz (00:44:01) - Them, there's got to be a certain percentage. And I think everything goes back to, like, if we can articulate the fact that we put in so much into the federal agencies that we should get a percentage of it back so that we can continue thriving in our own economy. Right. And it also takes the the physical responsibility away from the federal government to to rely on us, uh, to, to take care of us. Right. So let us let North Carolina take care of North Carolina.

Chris Holland (00:44:24) - So, uh, James, uh, obviously, you know who I am.

Chris Holland (00:44:27) - Ruben Castle, I got a quick disclaimer on my home county Board of Education.

James Diaz (00:44:31) - Yes, sir.

Chris Holland (00:44:32) - Active board member. Yes, sir. I don't relinquish my, uh, voice to anyone. And I don't speak for any board member or, uh, the board. Uh, having said that, uh, how can the, uh, state improve student, uh, outcomes? Uh, you know, we, uh, nothing more was, uh, on display than during Covid. Uh, the the failure of the the public school system came to light during Covid. Definitely. And, uh, one of the best things that ever happened was the parents bill of rights, uh, they was able to pass. But I think that the state can do more to ensure that I was. Students get the proper education. Your thoughts?

James Diaz (00:45:16) - Uh, yeah. So, uh, first and foremost, yeah. Uh, Hope County and Scotland County schools, uh, definitely could use some, you know, improvements.

James Diaz (00:45:23) - Respectfully, uh, with you being on the Board of education. Um, now, as far as how we do that, I believe because of the demographics of both counties, uh, we need to implement some type of mentorship program first and foremost, unfortunately, uh, well, I will say this to parents, if you're listening, please step into your children's lives and understand that the school is not to raise your child. They are to educate your child. Right. So I think that's one of the things that we need to understand as parents do is that we need to be more involved, but also as a school, as a school, um, having that responsibility, educating and motivating our children. I think understanding that in our demographic of Scotland and Polk County, we need to get with mentorship programs such as the Tar



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Heel Challenge Academy, and we need to instill in some type of, uh, some type of discipline in these kids. We see it all around the nation to include our district and counties, local cities, whatnot.

James Diaz (00:46:16) - Discipline is just something that everybody, every child lacks right now. And and I think I heard you on the radio the other day talking about patriotism as well as religious religion, being back into the schools. I know, even when I was going to school, I'm a little bit younger than y'all. So, uh, but, you know, we still started the day off.

Chris Holland (00:46:36) - Maybe 1 or 2 years, maybe a couple.

James Diaz (00:46:39) - Um, but I remember, you know, even in school, we, we started off every morning with the Pledge of Allegiance and in a daily prayer, uh, and, you know, and the teacher would even say, hey, look, if you're not religious or a particular religion, if you don't want to participate, you can leave the classroom or, you know, just respect whoever is actually participating in the religion or in the, um, the prayer. So, yeah, I think that's something that we need to instill patriotism, discipline, um, and religion back into the schools.

James Diaz (00:47:08) - There you.

Ruben Castellon (00:47:08) - Go. So I got a question to follow up. You were talking about cutting those those ties to the federal government, you know, and I agree, you know, their federal money comes all the time with mandates all the time was some kind of stipulation. Definitely do this and we'll give you money. If you don't do it, you're not going to get the money. With that said, 24 of the election season of 24, with the mask mandates that have now come back to Hoke County with the one stuff they're trying to do across the country. You know, I foresee us going down that same path of the lockdowns, the mandates. What is your position or what would your position of the state legislature be to fight back against federal mandates?

James Diaz (00:47:49) - Uh, as far as especially mask is concerned or just.

Speaker 6 (00:47:52) - In general.

Chris Holland (00:47:53) - Justin's mandate?

Speaker 6 (00:47:54) - Yeah. Any vaccines vaccine?

James Diaz (00:47:56) - Yeah. I mean, again, I think that's going to be on the that's that goes back to um, uh, the congressman.

James Diaz (00:48:02) - Uh, uh, he is the majority speaker. I forgot his name. I forgot I think it's Johnson. Mike Johnson. Right? Yeah. And he laid out these, uh, seven principles and that's individual freedom, right? That's one of your individual freedoms that we should have the right to choose whether or not we're getting vaccinated, especially when it comes to covet, when there has been so much research that is, uh, with all the adverse negative, negative effects of it. Right. So I think that's one of the biggest things that I would go back to is one data, because again, I'm a data analyst guy. So I would go back to the data



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like wow. And again the seven principles of being a conservative is it's our individual freedom to to have that right to choose.

Hal Nunn (00:48:41) - So okay. All right. Cool.

Speaker 6 (00:48:43) - Uh.

Hal Nunn (00:48:45) - Let me go let me get my last one in. And then we're pretty much got a minute or so a couple minutes left. So we'll try to be as brief as possible.

Hal Nunn (00:48:52) - But it's always a tough, big topic. Felon voting, uh, talking, you know, felons being allowed to vote. Okay. Or, you know, at what level are they allowed to vote? And then, um, right now in North Carolina, if you're convicted of a felony and you go to jail and you're serving your time, obviously you've given up that right to vote. And but there are other things in the state of North Carolina like paying off the restitution. Uh, you know, you're still sort of, uh, probation obligated to still not vote. And there's groups that work in towards either changing the law or narrowing the law or, uh, I don't think they're done not expanding it, but basically tightening it up, tighten the shot group. So yeah, definitely. What's your thoughts on the felons voting in North Carolina?

James Diaz (00:49:38) - Uh, I will say this first and foremost, this is probably going to go against the most Republican thoughts on this.

Hal Nunn (00:49:43) - But it's always a tough topic.

James Diaz (00:49:46) - Yes, definitely. But felon voting if and when they repay their debt to society and they can prove that they have become a contributing member to society, then I don't see an issue with them voting. Having that voting, if you take the right of way, give them the opportunity to earn that right back. That is my stance on that.

Ruben Castellon (00:50:05) - So I understand. And so that's kind of the way the North Carolina is now. Do your time if there is any. And then you. They shot your probation period, paying restitution, fines or whatever, and those rights are restored. So what you're saying is you would stand firm and wouldn't let these groups that I was talking about say, well, you know, just because you're in prison, you should be able to register to vote. You should or.

Speaker 6 (00:50:27) - You know, no, no. Yeah.

James Diaz (00:50:27) - If you're in prison. Yeah. You're right. Taken away.

Ruben Castellon (00:50:30) - So what you're saying.

Speaker 6 (00:50:30) - You made that choice?

James Diaz (00:50:31) - Obviously. Right.

Ruben Castellon (00:50:32) - But yeah.



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Ruben Castellon (00:50:32) - Right. But so but your position is you would stand with the North Carolina standard now. Yes. Yes. And not.

Speaker 6 (00:50:38) - Where.

Hal Nunn (00:50:39) - It's at now. In other words no changes right.

Speaker 6 (00:50:41) - Yeah.

Ruben Castellon (00:50:41) - Instead of letting them whittle away the.

Speaker 6 (00:50:43) - No. Because they're not.

Hal Nunn (00:50:44) - I mean, in North Carolina, that's what it is. I mean, you your probation, you've paid your restitution, you've done your time. Okay.

Speaker 6 (00:50:50) - So you said you're.

Hal Nunn (00:50:51) - And you're still going back north in North Carolina. You can vote you it can be restored. Right. There are there are groups that are trying to narrow that and make the decisions easier. I'm saying, well, back when they won, one person said to me, well, this guy was convicted of a felony and he had to do time and probation, and his restitution was such a large number. And I'm like, you know, hey, he's got to pay back all this money. Well, that was founded during the court proceedings.

Speaker 6 (00:51:19) - No.

James Diaz (00:51:19) - Yeah. As long as he does everything by the court of law and he. That means that he showed to us, right? That he he was trying to earn that voting right back. Right. But if he does it, no matter the amount of money, because obviously your decisions put you in that, in that predicament. And if.

Hal Nunn (00:51:35) - It was a big where you got a big, uh, financial restitution, that's because of what you.

Speaker 6 (00:51:40) - Did. Exactly. Yeah. So not because of the system. Yeah.

Hal Nunn (00:51:42) - I think we should. Any last questions before we give them a wrap up? No, no. We're good. All right, so here's your chance. If we missed anything or something else you want to say about your candidacy, we're talking to James Diaz. He's running for North Carolina House district 48. Rock and roll.

James Diaz (00:51:56) - All right. Thank you. Uh, so I got a couple of announcements. One is, uh, I am looking for volunteers for the flagstone lane cleanup.

James Diaz (00:52:03) - Uh, we had a couple of community members saying that they seen a lot of trash out there, left out there by one of our very own construction companies. I will not say their names because I until I actually get in contact with them. Um, but I do have a few volunteers. So please, if you're listening and you would like to assist, um, please get in contact with me on Facebook, Twitter,



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Instagram, whatever, uh, deals for House 48. Uh, and then voting, uh, again, like Mr. Holden I mentioned earlier, this is the first time we're having a primary for North Carolina House 48. I'm very enthused with it. I'm a competitive person. Um, so please, voters, if you haven't registered, you have from January 19th to February 19th. Uh, one stop early voting is from February 15th to the March 2nd. And then obviously, uh, the voting ends on March, March 2nd. Um, so please get out there and vote. The early voting sites are the Hope County Board of Commissioners and the rockfish community.

Chris Holland (00:55:38) - Tell us how to get Ahold of you. If the website Facebook or.

James Diaz (00:55:43) - Off a website is this for House 48.org.

James Diaz (00:55:45) - If you go there, you can get my contact information and all my information to my social media. So again just for House 48.org and you can find out all my contact information, please view it. Uh, you'll be able to see all my uh, platform running platform, uh, and who I am, what I'm about and why why I'm going to take House 48 and what we're going to do once I get there.

Hal Nunn (00:56:06) - All right, that's it for show number or episode number 78. Uh, we want to thank Rayford. Guns for continuing in the 2020 for their the, uh, at the stores inside the gas station school road in Johnsonville. Rayford guns on Facebook. And the Hoke county edition of the North State Journal. Check them out. Hoke dot North State journal.com. Get a subscription today. Local. State. National. World News James thanks for coming in man. Thank you.

James Diaz (00:56:29) - Gentlemen I appreciate the opportunity.

Speaker 6 (00:56:30) - All right. Good luck in your race. How nun rubric. And Chris I'll see you next time.

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