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(00:02:04) - Well, regardless, it's, uh, we're just a few away from 100.

(00:02:09) - Yeah, we are. And, um, uh, January is here at. And that storm the other week, you know, the winds came through.

(00:02:17) - You guys come out all right? Oh, yeah.

(00:02:19) - I still have to get my fence. Oh, no.

(00:02:20) - You did. You had a problem.

(00:02:23) - Okay, but not to paddle down. But I got it temporary. You don't have to go back and reinforce it so.

(00:02:29) - Well, you're. If I'm if I'm thinking north and northeast, you're sort of in line where, where I live and that that little, uh, form formation that they saw that sort of went a little bit north of us. Yeah. Um, it was pretty strong.



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(00:02:44) - Yeah. I live probably about 600 yards across the highway from School Road. Okay. And that's where they were saying the radar showed. Yep. That wind. And it did come. It was a strong wind.

(00:02:55) - Any shingles or anything.

(00:02:56) - Like that or nothing like that. It was just the fence.

(00:02:59) - Be ready for all the, the all the roofing folks to start riding around with their cards, you know for sure. So they're coming. All right.

(00:03:06) - Uh, we got a special show today because we've been doing this little thing where we're interviewing some of the folks running for office, and we focus this time of the past couple of weeks on North Carolina House district 48. First we had Melissa Swarbrick, then we had, uh, James Diaz. And on this show in the second segment, we're going to, uh, interview Doctor Ralph Carter from Laurinburg, Scotland County, uh, originally from Wilmington. So, um, Doctor Carter will stay tuned when we take our break, come back and listen to our interview with Doctor Carter and make up your mind and and you got to win to go register to vote. Chris. Uh, January 19th, I believe. I know I do it all the time. I think it's January 19th.

(00:03:47) - Yeah. Early voting starts February 12th, so it's usually.

(00:03:50) - Three weeks ahead of time or two weeks like that. So January 19th, if you want to make sure you're registered to vote and you don't have any complications in the system, which the system we all know can have flaws.

(00:04:02) - And so go register. You can do it online and mail and then you can go in person. Right. You gotta have um, uh, gotta have or not to register. Okay. So then the election comes up early voting then you will have to have an ID when you go into early vote. Right. Yes. Okay. All right. Uh, so we're interviewing him in our segment, second segment. And uh, we've got a couple key topics this coming up this week. Uh, number one, I wanted to mention what we went to or what I think we were all there. Were we there was no Frederick Douglass. Yeah. The Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina had a a conservative men's huddle. And, um, I walked in the door, I saw like 30 some people. And I'm like.

(00:04:45) - We had a full house out. And I gotta tell you, there's right now, just so, uh.

(00:04:48) - Full, full, uh, disclaimer. Uh, so there's no mis, uh, representation here regarding this, uh, men's hurdle.

(00:04:56) - We, uh, I, I would I was had the honor to be a panelist and, uh, several individuals thought that, uh, just by saying a conservative, they automatically linked it to, uh, Republicans. Right. And, uh, no.



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Conservative that that means that if you're conservative, you're a Democrat or independent or Republican. I happen to know that not not all in there are Republicans.

(00:05:24) - No they weren't.

(00:05:25) - So it's conservative period.

(00:05:27) - Right. That that's a, uh, that is uh, and I'll add the Christian part because most everyone in there, I believe is a Chris. There was one of them was a preacher. Yeah.

(00:05:38) - And, uh, the guy right beside to my left.

(00:05:40) - Yep. I forgot his name. I'm trying to find it right now, but I'll mention anyway, we had the Frederick Douglass. They came down, had a conservative men's huddle. It's not the first time they've been here. Um, but they've been here a few times in Hoke County, uh, and in Cumberland County and in Moore County and all over.

(00:05:56) - But, uh, they tell me they're going to have a few more of these things where you can get these conservative minded people together. You can go to the pages and look at it and see for yourself. Actually, the video is there of the entire thing. One one hour and 11 minutes. Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina, not a not a plug or paid advertisement, but go there so you can hear about toxic masculinity, uh, you know, uh, medical masks and the Covid stuff. Education. Five guys from different backgrounds from all over. Yeah. And and really it was it got me, got me a little fired up, man.

(00:06:38) - But I gotta tell you one thing that, uh, um, I even myself did not realize until I started looking to my left and right that every one of us in those in that panel were veterans.

(00:06:52) - Was that.

(00:06:53) - That's right. Every one of us, Leonard. Yeah. Every one of us.

(00:06:57) - Crossed paths with Leonard Bryant.

(00:06:58) - Every one of us is a veteran.

(00:07:01) - Wow. How about that?

(00:07:03) - Wow. I'm trying to go back and remember, you know, I, I just it just it was good to see. It was good to hear the different discussion. Even when you know a couple disagree. You know, one guy said one thing and then the other guy said something. That's the that's the great part about America, right? You can sit beside each other and have a different opinion without going to blows.



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(00:07:25) - And if you notice, even though we did not see eye to eye on everything, not one individual said, well, you're racist.

(00:07:34) - Yeah, yeah yeah, yeah, yeah, there you go. Well that's true. I did not hear that.

(00:07:37) - Yeah. And so this is kind of kind of the beginning, like you said, Frederick Douglass, he's been here before, but, uh, after the meeting, we were talking about, you know, getting together kind of monthly, these individuals, participants open to the public and just sit around and talk about what's going on in the community, how how we need to what we can do to help improve the community.

(00:07:58) - And then there was some talk about starting a mentorship program through some of those individuals. But that's something that's probably been in the works, probably something later on this summer. I just know we have a lot. Everybody is busy. Yeah, well.

(00:08:13) - The, uh, to add to what Chris was talking about, uh, um, I did have a conference with, um, everybody there concerned, uh, including, uh, adult and Shamika. Um, and so currently right now, the goal and from there it could be different. But currently, uh, the goal is to try to make this quarterly.

(00:08:37) - Okay. Right.

(00:08:38) - Uh, because you got to also understand that, uh, several of the same people are also in the same type of scenario in Cumberland and Cumberland.

(00:08:47) - Right.

(00:08:48) - So, uh, currently. Right. Yeah. Yeah, it's it's a lot of coordination. Tony, uh, Cunningham was the one that coordinated for to rent the, uh, building and all that stuff, but, uh, uh, currently, right now, uh, subject to change.

(00:09:00) - Uh, the the goal is to do the same event, uh, you know, in about 3 or 4 months, and we'll see what happens.

(00:09:09) - They going to change up the panelist or. No, we're.

(00:09:11) - Going to have. No, this is not like I that was just something different. This is well yeah, it'll be different topics. It's not going to be the same topics. You know what. Basically what's hot or whatever. But uh, no, it's not going to be. That's why I kind of made that little joke in case. In case I don't get invited again. Oh, yeah.

(00:09:29) - Yeah, yeah. So it could be different people.



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(00:09:31) - It could be we could have more, uh, you know, more people. Uh, I mean, I don't know, I'm. This is this was my first time, but I was, uh, reassured that I'm a panelist, uh, until further notice. And, uh.

(00:09:44) - You're not fired yet.

(00:09:45) - Yeah, well, you know, I, uh, you know, I went in there, uh, really not knowing what to expect.

(00:09:51) - I was really, to my surprise, I thought it was a really, uh, magnificent event. And they've had, uh, other ones before, but I think that this was the most successful, uh, one. Oh, wow. I do I do believe for whole county.

(00:10:05) - Right, right, right.

(00:10:06) - You know, and, uh, I'm looking I'm excited for the next one, but it will definitely be more. Slightly different topics, right?

(00:10:15) - Hey, so off of that subject, let's put this out. So there's no confusion. Nobody's saying that we're putting out false information okay. So the dates and deadlines for the 2024 primary election, January 19th County Board of Elections begin mailing the absentees to eligible voters who submitted a request. February 9th voter registration deadline. So if you want to be registered prior to the election, February 9th at 5 p.m. is the deadline, not January 19th.

(00:10:44) - I got my was was the mail ballots.

(00:10:47) - February 15th in-person early voting begins February 27th, the absentee ballot request deadline.

(00:10:55) - So if you want to vote via absentee, you have to have the request in by February 27th, 5 p.m. March 2nd. Uh, early in-person early voting ends at 3 p.m.. March 5th is primary election Day and March fifth. Also, absentee ballot returns have to be returned by 7:30 p.m..

(00:11:18) - And.

(00:11:19) - Anything after that will not be accepted will not.

(00:11:21) - Be counted. Right.

(00:11:22) - Congratulations. Uh, you have now made my day, so. All right, all right, I appreciate it. All right, uh, moving on. Uh, uh, you and I attended the Mark Robinson event, uh, the other night. Really good big crowd demand got everybody fired up.



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(00:11:39) - I know he speaks pretty, pretty powerfully.

(00:11:41) - He speaks pretty powerfully. And I think my favorite part of the whole night, number one, his wife came in, sat with you. And, I mean, that was really cool. She's she's a cool lady. And I'll tell you what, a lot of his power and and projection and talk, I bet comes from her.

(00:11:57) - Right. Because, uh, she she, uh, she is a a strong woman. And, uh, Mark is a strong dude. And but my favorite part about the the night was when he pointed to the, uh, press that was in the room, right. And said, and I'm going to say it talking about the, uh, pornography in the schools. That filth. Yeah. You know that filth. They hate it when I say, get that filth out of our schools. Yeah. And, uh, it was.

(00:12:25) - Just so he was also talking. He said, yeah. You know, they they tell me that I'm in trouble with the press. He's like. He's like, they're not my mama. They're not my daddy.

(00:12:34) - Yeah, yeah.

(00:12:34) - And they don't have a belt. So he said, I'm not in trouble with anybody. Yeah.

(00:12:39) - All right. Chris, uh, you got something on, uh, this, uh, property out in the western part of Hoke County? Yeah.

(00:12:45) - So in the News Journal, uh, reporting on the commissioners meeting several weeks ago, uh, there was a plat before the Board of commissioners for approval of subdivision plat. And, uh, Jim Davis, the local Democrat party chairman. I don't know if he's chairman. He's not anymore. Okay?

(00:13:02) - He he holds a position, I am sure.

(00:13:04) - Okay. Anyway, Jim Davis and, uh, Mr. McGregor. Okay, was the son of Margaret McGregor. I don't recall the name, but, uh, anyway, this plat has drawn out for the proposal. Had the it cut across Mrs. McGregor's property. Um, so basically, the developer is trying to annex this, this property, and so, uh, goes through and they tabled the, uh, the request. And basically at the end of the meeting, Chairman Leach says, hey, yeah, you know, understand there's some issues. The property owner needs to go get a survey. So I'm thinking back. So the developer draws up a plat, a request.

(00:13:51) - All right. Goes to the board of the planning board. Planning board? Well, the planning office is where it starts. They start. Right? You would think they would check your property corners to make sure that this is actually submitted correctly.

(00:14:03) - A good idea.



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(00:14:04) - Well that failed. It's not the first time. Oh, it's not the first time that failed. It went before the planning board. And based off of the the you know, the opinion of the planning office, the planning Board approved it, voted on.

(00:14:17) - It, and approved it, got.

(00:14:18) - All the way up to the Board of commissioners. Yeah. Got it to the Board of Commissioners. Oh, well, okay, let's set it to the side. We'll talk about it later. But you, property owner, come disprove this. You've got to go spend money out of your pocket to prove that this plat is an error. How is that even feasible?

(00:14:37) - Makes no sense at all.

(00:14:38) - You know, we've got multi-million dollar companies, developers that are making errors.

(00:14:44) - We've got several levels of government that are making errors. But then it comes becomes a financial, you know, obligation of the property owner.

(00:14:52) - On the property to.

(00:14:53) - Say, hey, wait a minute, you're trying to take my property? I don't know, it's scary.

(00:14:57) - This goes to what Ruben always says about forward planning and forward thinking. How can you forward planning, forward think when you can't even get what you're doing at the time? Right. And I'm and I'm not once. Yeah, that's what I was going to say. I mean, I can make an exception. If it was, if a mistake was made. Right. But I've seen numerous and I think we've talked about this before numerous times. Not once in a blue moon that the the forms didn't go to the right houses. Right. They had the wrong information on the forms. They don't post the signs like the state of North Carolina says you do and and and like Lily, love your daddy here. It's not being posted.

(00:15:36) - Now, I don't know where that word came from, but I was just sent a video of this property on Lally Road, right where they want to go from agriculture, residential to industry. Okay, okay, to industry, whatever the numbers, I have to say the words to keep my head straight. And you know, we have some experience. Posey farm road. Yeah. You know, they wanted to go from agriculture to commercial, but everybody went into uproar.

(00:16:02) - Well, not only that, they they they tried doing that and they did. They were successful in the golf course area, the well agricultural area. And they wanted to put I forget how many houses. But then when that failed, they came back with, uh, a house per acre, you know, larger.

(00:16:18) - Lots.



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(00:16:19) - Larger lots, you know, so it's just.

(00:16:24) - What?

(00:16:25) - Go ahead.

(00:16:25) - The Posey Farm Road thing. They went back to agriculture. They said, we're not going to change it. And now they're building what looks like a freaking mall.

(00:16:33) - Yeah, I mean, it don't look like a building for equipment. Store equipment. Unless you're going to store some equipment in a very fancy building.

(00:16:39) - I heard it's been changed to a wedding venue. Yeah, it's going to be like a wedding destination, but.

(00:16:44) - But the guy in the planning board told one of the guys from my church, they can do anything they want on agricultural property. How is that true, you real estate guy?

(00:16:53) - Well, I mean, there are there are very few limitations, but but yeah, you know, building a mall, obviously.

(00:17:00) - Shopping center, shopping.

(00:17:02) - Center. You obviously can't do that on on agricultural, but, uh, yeah. Just back to this whole, you know, mess with the plat. Where is it? Why is it the property owner required to go pay to defend their own property? You know, and this brings me back the memory that I sat into it. I sat in an actual planning board meeting one time, and a lady who owned five acres adjacent to the developers property had received notice.

(00:17:30) - Good thing. So she's up there in the meeting and they pull up the you know, they on the monitor, they pull up the plot and she's like, yeah, that that five acres to the right, that's my property. And they're like, what? They're like, yeah, he's got his property marked My Property Mart and he's trying to get it all rezoned. Well that so that did.

(00:17:49) - That also happen in the golf course situation. I don't know where the where the drawing what where the the the thing that they came in. No that might have been Posey Farm I think maybe. And then there was one on Rockfish Road. I remember that one. Yeah. Uh, that one was the one. They drew the wrong the wrong markers.

(00:18:06) - Yeah. Well, you know, one of the issues that I see, because I've been to several, uh, uh, county commissioners, uh, meetings, uh, for different reasons. And one of them was when, uh, they



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were trying to, uh, approve they were trying to get the improvement to put, I don't know how many houses in the golf course area, the intersection of Golf Course Road and Arabia Road.

(00:18:30) - And it was really going to devastate, uh, uh, the wildlife there, you know, and, um, um, they put up a good fight. I remember new, uh, Christian Newton, uh, retired, uh, Hoke County da uh, she, she, I'm a very eloquently, uh, said with, uh, what needed to be said and there were several people, um, uh, that, uh, were talking and, uh, I remember briefly doing my two seconds of glory myself. To which.

(00:19:02) - Uh, did you speak that night? Yeah, I.

(00:19:04) - Did, I spoke as a resting because that area affects me, too. I live in the, uh, vicinity, and, uh, nobody paid attention to what happened to one part when they realized the builder, the owner of the of the property, realized that he was not going to get his time. Then somebody comes on board and says, well, yeah, we can talk about, uh, less houses.

(00:19:28) - Yeah.

(00:19:29) - And then, uh, I remember I want to say was, uh, Alan, uh, back then he was a chair. Uh, chair. Um, Allen, uh, Thomas says, no, we're not. This is specifically for this. And unbeknownst to me, later on, I found out that they did exactly that. They went from.

(00:19:48) - A salt room deal.

(00:19:49) - They they know they voted on it. They went back to the planning board.

(00:19:52) - And changed.

(00:19:53) - The plan and changed the plan. And they got it approved. So now they still going to devastate that area. But instead of having 2 or 3 houses per, uh, half an acre, they're going to have, uh, I want to say it was one acre per house, which is I guess is better, but but still.

(00:20:08) - It's still still in a, in an environmental. And, uh, animal protection type thing is not good. So? So they don't really care about it. Just my opinion.

(00:20:19) - That's why they posted that picture out at the forest. Um, yeah. Remember that picture that was conveniently posted at the right time? Yeah.

(00:20:26) - And that's the sad thing about that, Chris. And hell, is that, uh, I just don't understand why, uh, hole canyons are not deeply involved to, uh, make these kind of commissioners to stop, hold.

(00:20:41) - Their feet, to.



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(00:20:42) - Uh, stop giving all these permits to just continue to build houses. I'm telling this right now, um, we don't have the infrastructure right now for commercial businesses other than Favre Road, aka 41 North or south. Okay. And, um, what's going to happen is that we know this. The more houses are built, the more, uh, kids, the more kids, the more schools, the more government you're already, the more the more sheriff office, the more. Uh, well, there's only so much you can build in, in the in the city of Raeford. Right? You know, and so we're just going to continue to be taxed as homeowners and.

(00:21:26) - And the government is going to keep on growing, you know, and we're just going to keep getting taxed.

(00:21:30) - Well, the other thing we got to get off this topic, but, uh, the one thing that was said to me this past summer is we got two Hoke counties, we got two Hoke counties. And what basically, in my opinion, they were saying was we've got the business retail side over here and we got the countryside over here. But if you go and look over the last two years, how much they developed out there and now an industrial park, uh, you don't have to Hoke County, sir. You've got they're going to come together and make a they're going to make a Charlotte or didn't they. Did they started industrial.

(00:22:02) - Park in uh, in highway 20 and uh, it's also called Saint Paul's Road. And it failed miserably. So they're going to do it again. Yeah.

(00:22:11) - So how about that? I mean, I don't understand. And the people of Hoke County, I don't think I understand either because they continue going the same direction.

(00:22:19) - All right. So speaking of, uh, development, there was a topic brought up at the commissioners meeting. It's right there on line if you want to go watch it. Uh, January 2nd on their YouTube page. Their meeting was only 45 minutes, 52 minutes. And, uh, but at about minute 37, because I went there and looked, um, they pulled old Jacob. Did they put they pulled J and K the company, the the, uh, the, the project guy or developer or whatever, the one that's in charge of it. And, and they said, we gotta there's a problem at the aquatic center. And I'm like, okay, this is this is really gonna this is nothing big. The ground underneath the aquatic center, they had a pond put in. You know, you supposed to have retention to my retaining ponds, runoff and all that other stuff. But they put a secondary pond in there for aesthetics, okay, to make it look good and that's it.

(00:23:14) - Look pretty. And it's not holding water. It's not.

(00:23:17) - Functioning properly.

(00:23:18) - It's not functioning properly. It's not holding water like it's supposed to.

(00:23:22) - It's not a.



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(00:23:22) - Pond. And so it's not a pond. And the reason it's not holding because that whole area, I was told I'm not from here originally, and I wasn't here when they built 401, but when they built 401, that whole area over there was a dumping area for all the road debris.

(00:23:37) - Well, let me add to what you're saying, how I remember that area they had to in order for them to put the aquatic center to stabilize the foundation, they actually had to build that area because that was kind of like a swampy area.

(00:23:52) - I remember that Beaver Creek because.

(00:23:54) - When I, when I was patrolling, I remember that I was and when I saw that they were getting ready to start building this, I say, how are they going to build this with.

(00:24:01) - All that crap?

(00:24:02) - Yeah, but they, they, they build it up and uh, but clearly, you know, they, they failed.

(00:24:08) - Well, in this part, in this portion they have and it's also in a general area where Northwoods is. And what happens every time there's a heavy rain flood at Northwoods, it floods and Beaver Creek is down there. So how do we know? And this is just well, how do we know that if you're making mistakes on this \$35 million Chris, how much was it 49? We don't ever really know. It was a.

(00:24:32) - Lot \$1 million.

(00:24:33) - A lot of millions of dollars. What's happening at the \$800,000 shopping center or what's happening over in the area of 211, and where the the BP is when they're building all these things, the environmental impact, not only that which we mentioned in, in the in the golf course road area, but what are they doing with the other ponds and retention areas? What are they what's happening there? I mean, the one behind Stone Gate Village, I don't know if you've been through there, but it was on next door the other day, and I believe James Diaz was one of the guys that was talking about it.

(00:25:11) - Uh, it it's a pond and it's got construction stuff all around it. And dead animals. Yeah.

(00:25:17) - That pond actually was used to be about twice the size that it is now. But they've been slowly over the years, filling that pond in with construction debris.

(00:25:25) - Is it that what's been going on over there. Yeah. And it looks like to me there's construction debris around.

(00:25:30) - It and they keep pushing it in. They'll just kind of bring a loader out there and push it in and then fill it in some more.



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(00:25:35) - Now dead animals are laying around.

(00:25:37) - Somebody knows.

(00:25:38) - Who knows what else.

(00:25:39) - Yeah. Who knows. Yeah. Who knows what else. So they got big problems and now they're saying uh, who's the developer? J and K was saying the county's got to come up with \$90,000 to fix this problem.

(00:25:54) - Fix their problem? Well.

(00:25:55) - I mean, I'm gonna give Tony Tony Hunt a lot of credit here. He comes up and says, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute.

(00:26:01) - Didn't we contract with somebody to build this pond? Yeah, you can go watch it for yourself. I'm not. I'm not saying anything that would not be publicly available. And he's saying, well, it's Meccan. And then the guy says, well, we've tried and reached out to him. They hadn't told us back. Well, tell.

(00:26:17) - You what, you know, it's an easy fix. You know, the, the the, uh, uh, county commissioners, they.

(00:26:25) - Have a lawyer. Yeah, well, they.

(00:26:26) - Went right to.

(00:26:27) - Him. Nothing more makes somebody else want to do something. When you get a letter saying you're getting sued. Yeah.

(00:26:34) - Yeah. And that's it. Go to the go to the court system and get an injunction placed against them. And then.

(00:26:39) - Well, they also talked about not all the monies. What's the money called when you want to build something and you owe contingency money or a little bit extra for this, that and the other bridge over whatever.

(00:26:50) - Uh, the county manager also said, well, we still have we don't have any more flux, so we can't play with any more money, but we have some money that we're supposed to pay them that we haven't finished paying them. Yeah. We're going to hold that back.

(00:27:03) - Yeah. Well, I mean, hey, definitely.



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(00:27:05) - And so and then Tony said, well, they're going to do it. They work in the whole state of North Carolina. Go watch it. January 2nd, Hoke County Commissioners YouTube. Um, uh, it's just interesting to me that we have so many problems even. And then they said something about we had problems with the AG center when it was built. I didn't even know about it.

(00:27:25) - Yeah, the the ponds.

(00:27:27) - All right. Ruben, Department of labor. I'm sorry y'all got fired up. Well, no.

(00:27:31) - I tell you what. Thanks. Uh, how I think, um, uh, I don't want to, uh, do so much because.

(00:27:40) - Okay. All right, this has to do with, uh, medical freedom. And I know our our guests, uh, doctor, uh, Ralph Carter, he might touch on this, but, uh, I just want to give everybody a heads up. Uh, if you care for your medical freedom and you don't care to be forced to, uh, be doing something that is really out of your employer's, uh, um, purview. Uh, purview is that on January the 2nd, the North Carolina Department of Labor commissioner, which happens to be a Republican. But but if you ask me, he's a he's a sleeper. He let this one go. He says he says he's a Republican, but he's not I think he's a Democrat. Because, uh, while I do agree that there are some Republicans that are quickly want to mask you or, or, uh, force you to get shots, but the average Republican is against that. But, uh, uh, the commissioner, uh, the NC doll received a petition on January the 2nd from several, um, businesses.

(00:28:47) - Okay.

(00:28:47) - And, uh, one of the, uh, let me let me put it out. Uh, let me let me bring it up. You're going to.

(00:28:54) - Ask the doctor about it.

(00:28:56) - Uh, but keep talking about, uh, uh, about this area. Why? I'll bring it out.

(00:28:59) - Okay. Well, I'm just saying he we're going to ask Doctor Ralph Carter that question when he comes on because, uh, um, to me, the Department of Labor, all I know about them in my, my, you know, experiences, they got to come inspect the rides at Oak Fest, right? And, uh, you got it now.

(00:29:16) - Yeah, yeah. So, uh, it's it's right here on January the, uh, the, um, the, um, second the, uh, and C doll, the Department of Labor commissioner received a petition by many, uh, organizations, um, requesting that, uh, this commissioner implement a rule, uh, given the power to employers to mass to force mass, the employees when, um, uh, uh, somebody like somebody like the state decides to do a public health emergency, you know, okay, anything can be a public health emergency.

(00:30:01) - But the point is that, uh, they cannot do this, because what's going to happen is that obviously they try this during the Covid, we had these mandates. There was, uh, um, a lot of employers,



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especially firefighters, uh, police officers in New York City, uh, nurses, uh, were fired because they refused to take these shots. And so this is where we add if this is allowed to, uh, to happen, what's going to happen is that once, uh, the employer says, hey, uh, we have something going on over here, I want everybody to mask. And you said, no, I'm not going to mask. Well you're terminated. Yeah, yeah. You know, so I'm pretty sure that, uh, uh, this has got to do with medical freedom. So I'm pretty sure that, uh, when we bring in, uh, uh, doctor, uh, Ralph Carter, he will. He'll probably touch on it.

(00:30:52) - Okay. Uh, yes.

(00:30:54) - The Department of Labor, uh, inspects not only the rides at Hoke Fest, but they also inspect the companies. I just can't believe it made it through. It almost sounds like the thing with the insurance rates. Y'all have seen that you're paying attention. They're. They want to raise them in this county. Not not Hoke, but the state or the insurance. Uh, commission, 39.9%.

(00:31:14) - That's in hope they want to 30. Yeah. The beach the rate 99%.

(00:31:18) - And at the beach they want 99%.

(00:31:20) - So, so so let me let me just, uh, I, I find the exact I'm a. I don't know if, uh, doctor, uh, Ralph Carter is going to say all the businesses, but these are all the organizations pushing this petition, okay.

(00:31:34) - For the, uh, for.

(00:31:35) - For the.

(00:31:36) - Labor.

(00:31:36) - For the for the for the Department of, uh, of labor, the, uh, Episcopal, uh, farmer worker ministry, North Carolina state AFL, uh Dash uh, seal CIO.

(00:31:51) - I don't know what that is. Uh, Union of Southern Service Workers, Western North Carolina Workers Center, the Hispanic liaison of, uh, Chatham County, uh, Elvin Hispano. I don't know what that is, but they definitely don't represent me. And and the North Carolina conference of the and the ACP, these are the forces that are pushing these this petition. So the North Carolina Department of Labor commissioner implements the rule, given the power to the, uh, employers in the state of North Carolina to force mass employees.

(00:32:32) - So Department of Labor and we'll ask Doctor Carter and the Department of Insurance, uh, are putting the hoodoo on us here.

(00:32:41) - Well, it's not the Department of Insurance. So, uh, the whole insurance stuff, there's, uh, the title. It's an organization that represents the companies. They're asking for these rate increases. To put it



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into context, in 2020, they asked for a 3040 something percent rate and they actually got 7.5. Okay. So the board so it's like.

(00:33:01) - A dealer at the flea market.

(00:33:03) - Right.

(00:33:03) - So the board I want to sell this cup for 2995. Will you take ten for it.

(00:33:07) - Well they're asking uh an increase of 42%.

(00:33:10) - Yeah.

(00:33:10) - Right across the board companies.

(00:33:12) - The insurance companies are. Yes. But the board of insurance, who sets the rates, then goes back and say, that might be what you want, but this is what you're going to get. But they're going.

(00:33:21) - To get something.

(00:33:22) - They are they are.

(00:33:24) - Yeah. Which means we're going to pay more.

(00:33:25) - Well yeah. But I really I really hope that they're paying attention because I don't know if you, you realize the consequences of this. Okay. Let's just say for instance for, for simplicity, we're paying \$1,000. Uh, all three of us are paying \$1,000 for your mortgage insurance. Okay. On your mortgage. Okay. About \$1,000. All right. A year for 12 months. Okay, 42%. That's going to get you to a from 1000 to close to \$1,500 a year.

(00:33:58) - That is a significant.

(00:34:00) - It's very significant. Uh.

(00:34:02) - We're talking about almost \$500 for the 400 and some, uh, dollars. That is a lot of money, right, every year.

(00:34:11) - But I don't think it's gonna happen. Like I said, it's going to end up.

(00:34:14) - Being.

(00:34:15) - 4 or 5, 6%. I mean.



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(00:34:17) - You don't think it'll be something like seven?

(00:34:19) - It might be seven, but it won't be 20. It won't be.

(00:34:22) - I. Well, you know what I understand. You know my thing. If I was the insurance commissioner for North Carolina, uh, the first thing I would say, I want to see your entitled capital. How much money you actually have, right. If I if you can show me that you're actually losing money, that I will consider a percentage, uh, increase. But on, uh, if you if you can show if, uh, if the document, the data shows that you're actually still continue to make a profit. No. No, sir.

(00:34:56) - Yeah. No. No, sir.

(00:34:57) - All right. We need to get to this interview.

(00:34:59) - Yeah. And we need to do that because we went long. So, uh, is there any free for all or alibi?

(00:35:04) - I just want to say that I met this young, young man. I met this guy over in, uh, Fayetteville. His name's Tony Brown. He's retired special forces, and he's also a, um, movie producer. And he's produced a movie that was shown back on January 19th. It's called The Story of Leslie Ray. Okay. And so this was a Fayetteville woman that was human trafficked, uh, kidnapped and forced into the sex trade. This gentleman runs an organization that is fighting human trafficking. He's also linked up. He has a group of retired special forces soldiers. And what they do is they go around trying to reduce community violence by interacting and engaging the gangs. So if, you know, gangs fight each other all the time, they'll get these gang leaders together and sit down and mediate, basically a ceasefire or a peace deal between these gang members.

(00:35:58) - So we're going to have him on next week, two weeks from now as a guest in the studio. So, uh, stay tuned and hear what they're doing over in Fayetteville. And, you know, hopefully I can link him up with our local group here, the NAACP doing their anti-violence gun stuff, and maybe they can help each other out.

(00:36:18) - And then the, uh, you know, our church was still, uh, mulling around the idea of, uh, how, uh. Um, not to be a victim. Keep from being a victim. What's it called? Don't be a victim. Don't be a victim thing. And, uh, uh, that we should do a big, massive thing. That would be cool. All right, Ruben, you got a free for all or.

(00:36:38) - No, I'm a I'm, um. Good. I do want to mention that it's possible that, um, I spoke to, uh, Senator Danny Britt. He may, uh, I don't know yet.

(00:36:48) - He might be available, uh, for the 25th of January, but, you know, you know how that goes with him so. Well, it.



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(00:36:55) - Goes with him and goes with us. We all are moving. So you said we said earlier, everybody's moving around so much. It's so, so much going on. Yeah. Um. All right. I'm gonna do mine really fast. This past weekend, I was able to go to, um, the Mount Pisgah Resource Center and, uh, hear Gil McGregor speak. Gil McGregor's from Hoke County native, uh, NBA, CBA, 24 year NBA broadcaster, wake forest, uh, demon deacon. Uh, very, very powerful speech that he gave to the young people there. It was a McNeil's group, the Missionary Union, and they were doing it for the youth. And, and and I did do a little bit of a video and audio, and I'm going to be sharing that later this week once I get everything tightened up. Um, and then the wrestling team, hockey, the boys and girls wrestling team, the girls won the Boneyard Bash and that's it.

(00:37:44) - Jack Britton, you know, Jack Britt's got a pretty good wrestling program and, uh, teams that were there, if everybody comes together and the girls are ranked number one in the state in, in the in the girls category, that's good. Now the boys are ranked number third in the state. And uh, um, they came. Oh no. No, they came in third in the Boneyard bash. I'm sorry. Came in third in the Boneyard Bash, but they're ranked in the top five of the state for a rankings in wrestling. All right. So I want to give kudos to not only, uh, Ellie McNeal and her folks and, uh, and Gil McGregor for coming home and talking. Uh, the video you'll see in the audio is really good. You should listen to it. Uh, maybe I'll it'll be on what's happening. Hope we'll try to share it. And, uh, the wrestling programs, girls and boys at Hoke County High School. All right, that'll wrap it up.

(00:38:35) - We're going to take a break, and we'll be back with, uh, Doctor Ralph Carter, uh, candidate for North Carolina House district 48. All right. Welcome back, folks, to the Roundtable Talk podcast. And uh, right now we want to, uh, do a little welcome and have a little bit of fun too, and also talk about, uh, the important parts of coming into this, uh, race season for, uh, North Carolina House district 48. And as we've said before, all of our candidates are welcome to come on. We want anybody and everybody to come on and have an opportunity to give their, um, uh, thoughts on why they're running. But right now we have, uh, Doctor Ralph Carter in the house. Doctor Carter, how are you doing?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:39:22) - I'm doing well.

(00:39:23) - Good, good. Welcome. Welcome back to Raiford. I think you've been here a few times, and I've seen you, uh, at multiple events. And I happened to see him at one this past weekend.

(00:39:35) - Right, Chris?

(00:39:35) - Yeah. The, uh, Mark Robinson event there in Cumberland. Yep.

(00:39:39) - And, uh, and what we've been doing is we've been asking the folks running for office, um, when they, you know, tell us a little bit about themselves and, and why they're running and all that. But the the most important question to me right now, I think it's on everybody's mind in the country, especially in North Carolina. What the heck is this RSV stuff going around? What's this nasally cough



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thing that's been hanging around since probably October or November? In in your mind, you're a practicing doctor.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:40:11) - Okay, I'm a practicing orthopedic surgeon. This takes me a little bit out of my realm. Well, but I will tell you that I'm also a Covid expert.

(00:40:19) - There you go. So you're in it there.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:40:20) - I mean, well, I'm a Covid expert. I haven't studied it as much in the last year or so as I did in the height of the worst of it, but, um, you know, it's something and it's maybe something different for everybody because some people are testing positive for this and some people tested positive for that.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:40:37) - And, you know, my my approach to this is if I get it and I've had a little run or something, but it didn't last me very long. Um, I'm not testing.

(00:40:49) - No, no, no, I don't.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:40:50) - Want to know that I got the thing about the test for especially for Covid, they may not be positive this week while you're sick, and it'll be positive next week when you're getting well. And then they make you stay home for a week. So, um, I, I don't know exactly what it is, but we sure got ourselves fouled up with this respiratory stuff. And it's got to be Covid related. Oh, yeah.

(00:41:11) - Well or or, uh, also improving cast loan, by the way. Uh, also, one of the things that I noticed that said, and we can all relate to this, is that during the deep of Covid, we all know this. The flu disappeared, the cold disappeared. So it might be a cold, it might be the flu, you know, but, uh, we never really tested.

(00:41:34) - Yeah, we never really tested for a cold because everybody knows what a cold is, you know? And and so it could be I also had something similar, uh, about a month ago. But, uh, you know, I take vitamin D3, like I tell everybody else, and I fail for a few hours, like my body was fighting something and, you know, runny nose and, uh, in that was the end of that.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:41:57) - Well, you know who else takes vitamin D3?

(00:42:00) - Who's that?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:42:01) - Anthony Fauci. He didn't tell anybody else to take it. That might have saved more lives than anything else he could have done. Wow. So yeah, I'm taking I didn't take it in the past, but when I learned from the FLQ boys, that's what you need to be doing. I've been on it ever since, and I think that there are people that say it's not. It's not cold and flu season. It's vitamin low, vitamin D, so when you're not in the sun, all that.



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Dr. Ralph Carter (00:42:23) - So that's a I know that I can give that advice with uh without even as North Peak surgeon. There you go.

(00:42:30) - Well, I'll take the word uh, I'll take the word MD and doctor, uh, any day from anybody that's been in the field. Uh, how long? How long have you been in, uh, the, uh, medical field?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:42:41) - Well, I've started my residency, or I graduated with my doctorate degree in, uh, from Wake Forest back in 1986.

(00:42:49) - Go, Deeks, 1980.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:42:52) - I wasn't a licensed. I didn't have a real license in North Carolina until 82. I had a resident license, so that's a while. Whatever that is. 40, 40, 43, 44 years.

(00:43:04) - Just curious, did you know the basketball player at Wake Forest, Gil McGregor, did that name pop up a little?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:43:10) - I'm I am, uh, not that old.

(00:43:14) - Well, I mean through through. Yes.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:43:16) - I knew the name records.

(00:43:17) - Yeah. He set some records and still, I believe holds a record today in, uh, North Carolina for high school basketball.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:43:23) - But I was there with Muggsy Bogues. Yeah. How about that?

(00:43:26) - Yeah. Okay. I have an autographed book from Muggsy. So, anyway, uh, but that's not why we had him on what Chris you wanted.

(00:43:32) - Yeah, I wanted to tell a story real quick, talking about this r.s.v and and whatever. I go to a pharmacy the other day, and I'm not going to mention what pharmacy.

(00:43:40) - Yeah.

(00:43:41) - That's funny. It's not in Hoke County, but, uh, we drive up to the drive through. There's two assistants there. Wearing mask improperly. You know below the who wears a properly. Yeah, but then the the pharmacist is standing there with no mask on. So I'm sitting here thinking to myself, how can these two people justify wearing a mask when a doctor of pharmacy is standing there without a mask on? Would that not give them a clue that maybe they're wasting their time?



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Dr. Ralph Carter (00:44:09) - This has been a confusing thing, I can tell you that in my office. If I say see 3540 patients in the day, there'll be 2 or 3 that come in with a mask on.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:44:20) - Some may have on 3 or 4 masks. And then we say, okay, you can wear it, but you don't have to wear it in my office. You might next door. And, uh, but there's some people that are just fearful. Uh, I'm fairly convinced that the strength of the evidence is that they don't work.

(00:44:37) - Well, you know, I'm glad you said that because, uh, you know, of course, a real quick disclaimer, Ruben Castro County Board of Education, I don't give my voice to anybody. I don't speak for no board member, let alone the board. But when I when we were campaigning with me and Chris, uh, Hollywood campaigning, uh, one of the things that became evident to me was that the the Google, the the mega internet, uh, companies, they were suppressing, uh, doctor's information. Uh, they were throwing doctors from, uh, Twitter, from Facebook and everywhere, uh, everywhere else, the ones that really knew what was going on, the proper vitamin D3 that you should be taking was suppressed.

(00:45:21) - Uh, no, that doesn't work. King. Uh, Tony Fauci was the primary, uh, perpetrator, uh, of this. And and I'll tell you what, I, I done my own research based on real doctors. They'd done these type of research. And I discover one thing when it comes to mass, any mass, they don't protect you. There isn't a mask out there that protects you from any virus. For you to think that a mask on your face cover a protection from a, uh, a virus, any virus. It's like me assuming that my chain link fence is going to protect me from mosquitoes.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:45:57) - I love it. Very good. Very good analogy.

(00:46:00) - Very good analogy. All right, so, um, let's talk about why we're here. All right? Okay. We can have fun all night long. And I love to have fun. So, um, you're running for North Carolina House district 48, and so I'm going to get us kicked off with, uh, uh, first of all, tell us a little bit about yourself.

(00:46:19) - Where are you from, how you ended up in your you're in Laurinburg, correct?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:46:22) - I'm in Laurinburg.

(00:46:22) - So so yeah, let's do that first. Then I'll get the. Well, the second question would be and you can add it in there if you want, is, uh, why did you decide to put your name in the hat?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:46:32) - Okay. All right. Well, I'm a lifelong North Carolinian. I was born down in Wilmington. I worked for my dad in the corner drugstore. Has everything from a soda jerk to a pill counter to a stock clerk. And I spent a summer working with my uncle in construction. It's interesting. That's the first time I knew anything about the Lumbee Indians, because they were down there framing and hanging sheetrock. Okay, next thing you know, I come up here and I'm taking care of a bunch of them. Yes. There you go. Kind of very, very interesting. So I went from, uh, public high school to public



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college, USC Chapel Hill got a degree in zoology, went to Wake Forest, where I was the in a ram with a crowd of dicks.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:47:13) - Yeah. And I was the one Tar Heel.

(00:47:14) - But I'll take the dicks any day. Well, okay. I'm a I'm an NC state guy.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:47:18) - So I went, yeah, you're a b c guy, or maybe you're a bead guy. Whatever. I'm an abd guy.

(00:47:24) - They don't even know what we're talking about. Okay? They're not big sports Chris is. But maybe Florida and all that. So.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:47:29) - Okay, so, um, I stayed in Winston-Salem for my orthopedic residency, which was five years long. So I was in Winston for nine years. And in Winston, I made the second most important decision in my life. Um, I married that lady sitting out there, uh, Sandra McKnight from the mountains and came down off the Blue Ridge. Just beautiful angel. And that's been a ride for her, mainly. Okay, well, so the mountains.

(00:47:59) - I'll tell you what I mean. The people up in the North Carolina mountains, they they just don't get any better. So I give you a I give you 100% on that wonderful, wonderful spot.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:48:09) - We'll probably be up there more as long as we get older. But anyway.

(00:48:14) - Wilmington. You came here. Uh, Lawrence, when did you come to Scotland County?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:48:18) - Okay, so I had a buddy in residency who was one of the best residents that I work with. All the residents were great, but, you know, just kind of. It was like a, uh, connected a Seal team or whatever. You had to do what you were asked to do because everybody's counting on you. But it was that kind of thing. But he was exceptional. Paul Rush, he had settled here because his dad was in Bentonville, and his wife didn't want to live in Bentonville, so they moved to the newer hospital in Laurinburg. And he said, I need some help. I said, all right, right. Me a contract I can get out of in two years, and I'll come help you out of the military, because I did four years in Spain. Uh, four years in the Air Force.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:48:54) - Three. I'm in Spain.

(00:48:55) - Thank you for your service.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:48:56) - And nine years reserve. I didn't really do much in reserves. I never had to, you know, get shot at, like a lot of these guys do. Like, probably these two, two guys that I'm sitting here with.



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(00:49:07) - Um, I didn't get shot at, but I sure thought I was, uh, a couple times. We can talk about that another time.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:49:13) - And, uh, so I just been there ever since, and, uh, I'm really proud of what we got going on down there with orthopedics as well as with the hospitals. Nice rural hospital. So, um, I'm at a time in my life that I can do this, and the country is in trouble, so I'm thinking. What? Where can I be most effective in knowing that? One of the motivations for this was the the Covid debacle that we've just been through in the the public health, uh, system being used as a way to, in a tyrannical way to get control of the population, fear and all that stuff.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:50:04) - Um. A lot of that comes out of the state government, not so much out of the feds. And I talked to somebody about the job. In fact, I was approached, I'd thought about it, and I talked about it, and, uh, I was approached by, um. People from Raleigh. Okay, I would not really establishment types of Baptist preacher, if you must know who talked me into it, asked me to pray about it and think about it. And so I'm doing it. But the aside, I mean, the reason why I'm worried about the country being in trouble is not because of me. I got nine grandchildren. So that's my top nine reasons for running.

(00:50:48) - Oh, man.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:50:49) - Foreman's four of them are in Sanford, so not too far.

(00:50:53) - Okay.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:50:53) - Lee County. Yeah. And, um, five of them are in the People's Republic of Maryland. Okay. So.

Speaker 6 (00:50:59) - Oh, boy.

(00:51:01) - God bless them. But I hope it's for a good reason, I'm sure.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:51:04) - Well, actually, yes, they're there. That her husband's family is involved in ministry to Congress. Ask his grandfather said, how long have you been doing this? Is about 40 years. It doesn't look like it's working.

(00:51:18) - He said, well, I need some more of you.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:51:20) - That's true. Right. So. All right.



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(00:51:22) - So there's the there's. Where are you from? Wilmington. Uh, uncW chapel Hill almost said the wrong word. Wake forest, and then, um, and then Laurinburg, Scotland County. So, uh, I think, Chris, you're up next. So. Yes. So big.

(00:51:37) - Uh, Doctor Carter. So how would you, as a state representative, fight against federal mandates, particularly, but then also when some of the departments of the state government try to enforce mandates, how would you, as a state legislator fight against that?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:51:54) - Well, I think we have a real problem in it's it's national federal as well as state that the legislature has delegated all this rulemaking and authority to a bunch of agencies, and that has what is what is created, the deep state.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:52:09) - And that's not just a Washington problem. Right? So some of those things have to be reined in. And we have an example right now where the Commissioner of Labor is entertaining. I'm there's people expect him to reject it. But there's a proposal to. Uh, have all employers come up with a plan for how they're going to deal with pandemics, meaning masking, keep keeping logs on. Who's got the sniffles? All this kind of stuff that's very, very onerous. That is. That still can be reined in by the legislature if, in fact, that is accepted by the Commissioner of Labor. There's an avenue where you take that with the proper number of complaints. I think it's ten citizens have to complain back to the legislature and they have to review it. I don't know all the details about. And in fact, there are people moving right now, and I'm assisting and involved with that group to try to to suppress this or or convince the Commissioner Labor to reject it. So I guess you just got to fight.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:53:21) - When you see it raise its ugly head, you gotta try to squash.

(00:53:26) - It with it.

(00:53:27) - So so let me let me add to what, uh, Doctor Carter just said, okay. On January the 2nd, the North Carolina, uh, Department of Labor commissioner accepted a petition by several um organizations in North Carolina.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:53:47) - Uh, left wing.

(00:53:48) - One of one of the top of my head is the NAACP. Uh, and, uh, it's 80 pages long. And so just to add power to what doctor? Uh, Carter just said, it said this is very this is not, uh, because I saw oppose, uh, another candidate that that's running this is not considering. Okay, I'm gonna verbatim read this, uh, from these, uh, 80 pages from, uh, located located. No, it's one it's a small sentence. One. One, uh, is from the, uh, the Department of Labor website. Okay. And it says notice, uh, underneath it, underneath.

(00:54:30) - Title 13, Department of labor notice is hereby given in accordance with, uh, General statute of fifth. Uh uh, one. Uh, what is the one uh, 150 b dash 21 yeah.



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(00:54:43) - They don't make them readable for us guys.

(00:54:45) - The Department of Labor. Intense. Oh, okay. Let me emphasize that again. The Department of Labor intends to adopt the rules cited as 13 Ncac zero 71. And what it is is that, uh, just to add what doctor, uh, Carter says is that it will give the employers in North Carolina the power, the force of, of the, uh, NC dol uh, to mask their employees. And and we know this we all experienced this during Covid when we had when we had these shot mandates. You get a shot or get or you get fired. We lost a lot especially. It affected other nurses, nurses refuse, nurses refuse. Uh, paramedics, uh, firefighters in New York. Look, New York City, they they fire, uh, many police officers, firefighters, nurses.

(00:55:44) - And this is what happened. So, uh, you know, I talked to other people, too. I'm actually contacted Danny, uh, our senator, Danny Barrett, he's on it. Uh, so they are like Doctor Carter said, they are, uh, good forces fighting despicable evil forces that are trying to control. And ultimately, we know this. It's not just about control, but about money.

(00:56:09) - What about money?

(00:56:10) - Well, it's about I'm sorry.

(00:56:11) - Go ahead.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:56:12) - And.

(00:56:12) - Fear. Well, and just go ahead, doctor Carter. I'm sorry.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:56:15) - Yeah, it's, you know, it's a big fear campaign. Covid was a real thing. People died. It was awful. But it seemed to be that the that instilling fear in the population, they wanted to do that. And there was something to be a little bit scared of right now they're trying to do it again. And it's just, uh.

(00:56:34) - I'm praying the people just don't buy it this time. And I'm praying that the people have finally had enough of this mess.

(00:56:39) - But anyway, Chris, you want to finish up with that one? Yeah.

(00:56:41) - Sorry. No, no.

(00:56:43) - No, Ruben got.

(00:56:43) - In there.



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(00:56:44) - Hey, look, there are two things that Ruben's going to get fired up on big time. Is is is king Fauci.

(00:56:50) - And mandates.

(00:56:50) - And confused uh, kids.

(00:56:53) - Gender.

(00:56:54) - Gender.

(00:56:55) - Agenda.

(00:56:56) - So, Doctor Carter, what do you consider the number one issue in our district and what would you do to to address it as a state legislator?

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:57:04) - Okay. What the the number one job for representative is to bring the money home, right? Yep. Let's build this and build that new schools and roads and whatever economic developments. Absolutely. For these two counties, we're we're we're both counties. Scotland and Hoke are close to the bottom all the time. And and we're usually a little bit behind you I think. Yeah. Um, you do have a little more. Uh, stuff that comes out of Fort Bragg. I mean, Fort Liberty, Fayetteville.

(00:57:35) - It's Fort Bragg. Okay, you're in the right spot.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:57:37) - Okay. Fort Bragg and, uh, so economic development is is the thing. Now, we had a discussion, a beautiful discussion, the Frederick Douglass Foundation thing this weekend with, uh, Ruben was there and a couple other people or actually five on the panel, and the discussion about no fathers in the home and, uh, economic deprivation and all kinds of moral and, uh, issues that. We see our country, um, losing your grip on some of that stuff. And some of that comes from the lack of a, uh, biblical worldview by many of our leaders. Or you could say it's even worse than that, that they're infiltrators that are actually working against the things that most normal people in Scotland County are for. Right? So I don't think we can fix all that. We can go find where the government is messing all it is giving incentives in the wrong direction, try to correct them and take the porn out of schools and all that.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:58:40) - But the economic development issues a little bit more practical. We know that they tear the counties as tier one, two trees, the three, the 40 poorest counties or tier one. We're in that group. It's a little bit socialist or could be perceived as such. We take from the rich and give to the poor, but they came around the state and drew a bunch of lines. And that's the counties in some counties that got beaches like, uh, Brunswick County would be in poor county without the beaches. Oh, right. Pinehurst, quite frankly, more county would be a poor county without a golf resort.

(00:59:11) - That's right, that's right.



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Dr. Ralph Carter (00:59:12) - But they got that's their tax base. And that allows a whole lot of development that we don't have actually, uh, more county is in the same tier three top, you know, with Wake County and all the other urban counties. Um, so we know that electing a Republican, me or either one of my opponents in this primary, we're going to get at least 50% more money here from the start.

Dr. Ralph Carter (00:59:36) - So vote Republican. If you don't vote for me in the fall, vote Republican if you're interested in economic development down here. And that's because the legislature controls the money. Amen. So which specific grants and programs to go after? I don't know them all, but I know there's a bunch of them, and I think we just need to be aggressive. And the one thing I would love to see. And I guess it's a little bit selfish. The road to learn from Laurinburg to Fayetteville could be a little easier to negotiate.

(01:00:04) - That's right, that's right.

(01:00:06) - You're up next, Reuben.

(01:00:07) - That's right. So, um, my, uh, first question, uh, Doctor Carter has got to do with public education. Uh, how can the state improve student outcomes? You know, and I'll come back to the same question again. You know that during Covid, parents discover the failure because I'm a parent myself, the failure of the public school, uh, with the students. So how can the state improve the, uh, student outcomes for the public schools?

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:00:36) - Uh, I think the first thing that has to happen is you've got to remove all the forces that are attempting to use our schools as indoctrination centers around all the social agenda.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:00:50) - That would take a lot of baggage away. Number one, you got to emphasize reading, writing and arithmetic. Get back to basics. You know, I think someone was talking about a classical education. I think it was Mark Robinson in Fayetteville the other night was talking about getting back to classical education. But I don't think these things are things that you can impose from the top, although I do believe the state school board, which I you know, that structure that he talked about, uh, that the state school board is the problem, not necessarily the superintendent, but I think the number one thing that can advance the schools is competition, whether it be between public schools and charter schools and private schools and home schools, whatever. I'm very much in favor of expanding the school choice opportunities, and I applaud the legislature for doing it.

Speaker 7 (01:01:32) - All right.

(01:01:33) - Let me just add, because.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:01:36) - Uh, the teachers are great, the teachers we have are great.



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(01:01:38) - The public school is one of my topics, as Hal mentioned in the past.

(01:01:42) - And I'm going to tell you, uh, I just want to add to something. The DPI is deeply involved in implementation of indoctrination. Uh, I, we talked about one of our earlier episodes. I brought a I was forced to, uh, burn like five trees, and we had, like, 4 or 5in of paperwork where there was a lot of emails. A lot of organizations are fighting evil. And some of the organizations that I'm, um, affiliated with, uh, were able to, uh, on the Freedom of Information Act, were able to get all this documentation from DPI. And it's, uh, some of the many emails specifically identify, uh, Katherine Pruitt, our current superintendent from DPI, uh, the Department of Public Instruction, indicating that she was involved in some of these, um, indoctrination programs. Uh, uh, so I just wanted to add, uh, to that.

(01:02:40) - All right. Yeah. Any follow up questions or comments on education? Yeah, because he's the education guy.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:02:46) - So local local control, parental involvement, not answering the edicts from Raleigh and especially from the federal government. So, you know, if we can get back control locally, uh, that's the best thing.

(01:03:02) - And I'll tell you what you said, uh, something that that just triggered this. How, um, the biggest, uh, besides the biggest failure with the with the public schools, uh, that I discovered during Covid, uh, also another failure, the lack of parent involvement. The public school system is not a daycare center. And I'll tell you this right now, uh, um, what I say many parents treat the public school system as a daycare center. Uh, and so they're not the the public school system, like any other school, is nothing more than a tool available to the parents to assist the parents educate their children.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:03:44) - All right. Well, we got a lot of problems there, and that some of that was hit at the Frederick Douglass thing about what's happened to families.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:03:51) - And a lot of that is because incentives put out by particularly the federal, but also the state government that have helped to destroy the nuclear family.

Speaker 8 (01:03:58) - That's right. All right.

(01:03:59) - All right. My final question. And and we can go deeper as little as we want here because it can be a very big topic. It's about felon voting. And of course, in North Carolina, uh, uh, if you are a convicted felon and you have a sentence and you, you, you're, you're serving, uh, in jail or prison or wherever, and then you have restitution and then you have, uh, what's the third word?

(01:04:24) - Uh, restitution fees.



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(01:04:26) - You're on probation. There you go. The probation thing. Uh, you, in that time frame, from the found guilty to the end of paying back all your money and and doing, uh, your probation time, you're not allowed to vote, okay? You're not allowed to vote in North Carolina. And there are forces that are pushing to change those rules.

(01:04:48) - You know, either make them make them softer or saying, well, uh, they got fined so much money they can't pay it back. It's going to be forever. They'll be paying to. You know, 100 years old and. And so what's your thoughts on where North Carolina is with the felon voting? Should that be modified any or should there be, uh, you know, felons being allowed to vote?

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:05:11) - Well, I really appreciate that education. I didn't know specifically how that worked. I knew that there were some former felons or convicted felons that were voting. I think it should be. I like the way it is, and I don't think I'd change it. I am a I mean, you know, I'm a Christian. I believe in forgiveness and second chances. And I got plenty of people in my family who who needed a second chance. I won't say we got a whole family full of felons, but we got.

(01:05:39) - Right, right. Well, I mean, I mean, second chance could mean second chance.

(01:05:43) - Something you done at home or something you've done in the schools or at work. So.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:05:48) - Right. So, um, this whole sale, let all the felons vote is obviously just a vote grab for the left wing Democrats.

(01:05:57) - Not like the the the immigration stuff. Oh, yeah. So all right, Christopher.

(01:06:02) - All right. So you're talking about bringing home the money and all of that. And, you know, we know that ten years ago when the when the state legislature flipped to Republican control, we were deeply in debt. We've now over the past ten years had consecutive, uh, tax cuts. And we're still and now we're \$5 billion to the grid. So, you know, obviously cutting taxes works. Uh, there are some of those out there, though, that complain that the rich are getting, you know, a larger portion than the poor person. So do you still do you, uh, support the across the board tax cuts that we've been having, or do you think they need to be more tailored and narrowed down to specific groups? You know, as a state legislature? You mean.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:06:48) - Should it be should the state income tax be progressive? Yes. I would say that the state income tax should be abolished. And I think that's where they're headed. Okay. I mean, okay, so but I think the way we're getting there, I think that I don't know what the number is, but the first, so many, the first up to the poverty level, I don't think you pay taxes. Then after that you pay everybody pays the same rate. Okay. And at that rate.

(01:07:11) - So I'm no.



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Dr. Ralph Carter (01:07:12) - Mathematically I think it's like 40 grand or something up to that point. It probably has to do with how many dependents you have. Certainly. But um, after that you're paying. They're shooting for 3.99%. I don't know if that's next year or the year after, but I think that's in the budget. Wow. Um, I think the income tax in the state should go away. That would be great. And it should be the tax. Tax should come primarily from consumption.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:07:38) - And that's how you get the rich guy. He just bought it, you know, \$100,000 boat. He's going to pay a fair amount of taxes on that right now. If he puts it, if he invests it. That's maybe a little different. Maybe a tax at a different. Well, I don't, and they shouldn't be knowing I gave the Muslim, uh, temple because they call it groups. Mosque groups. Yeah. I don't want them to know I gave \$500 to the mosque or to the Baptist church or to, you know, Planned Parenthood or whatever. That's my business, by the way. There's a few of those I would not be giving to.

Speaker 9 (01:08:14) - Yeah.

(01:08:14) - I think what he meant by group was brackets. Right, right.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:08:17) - Yeah, yeah. To have it progressive that if you made over half \$1 million, you paid more, right? Uh, you would do that in a consumption tax situation where it's more sales tax based.

(01:08:27) - Right. Okay.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:08:28) - But I also think a 5 billion I think the rainy day fund is a good idea, but the place for the surplus is back in people's pockets.

(01:08:37) - Amen.

(01:08:37) - Let us keep more of our money.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:08:39) - But we have to have a balanced budget in North Carolina. So we want to run a surplus. And then if you're going to do something with that surplus, I think this plan where you take it from, you basically take it from the richer counties and give it to the poor counties, helps us have a more orderly growth. This this state is going to grow. It's the second most popular state to immigrate to, and it's going to continue to grow. And guess what? The people in Charlotte don't want any more traffic. The people in Raleigh don't want more traffic. We could use a little more development our way. So. Okay. Sure.

(01:09:08) - All right.

(01:09:09) - And unfortunately, that is a major issue that whole county has. Uh, um, there's no forward planning. That was one of our things with me and Chris were running. There is no forward planning.



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Hoke County somehow was left behind in time. And everything is built around Fayetteville Road or as people know it, as highway uh 401 South or North.

(01:09:35) - You know, if you if you know your way around Hoke County, the majority of the businesses are in that road unless you go to downtown. Um, uh, Raeford but you don't have major stores there. They're they're little, you know, popping up, uh, stores, you know. So I want to go back to one of the questions which you sort of, uh, uh, touched already. But I just want to reemphasize this specific question. What is your definition of medical freedom. Mhm.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:10:06) - Oh well, okay. So.

(01:10:08) - Um, not just a brother, not just your doctor position but. Yeah. So fuse it all together.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:10:14) - So. So brother Mark Robinson hit two points on that. He said your doctor needs to be free to write prescriptions for whatever. We just went through that shenanigans. Um, and the integrity of the medical profession needs to be restored. Okay. That's not really about freedom. Medical freedom means that you as a citizen, an employee, a military member.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:10:45) - Should not have any invasive procedure tablet shot forced on you at all. Ever. That's my opinion. And medical freedom is total bodily autonomy. And so you want to get I don't know where you want to go with that, but, uh.

(01:11:05) - Yeah. Well, I.

(01:11:06) - Just let me add to what I want to I just want to add to this what you said. It's my understanding that, uh, based on what I read on your campaign is that you are a champion for medical freedom.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:11:17) - Yes, I am, absolutely.

(01:11:18) - And so I just wanted to make sure that there was no misunderstanding. Exactly. Uh, where you stand as far as, uh, medical freedom. Because medical freedom also goes along with the mask.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:11:29) - Exactly, absolutely. That's I would say that in there's ways you could interpret a mask as being invasive to when you look at what a mask does in terms of get that stuff that you are supposed to be the way you were designed, supposed to breathe out. You're now holding it against your face, and you keep the same mask on all day, and you got all kinds of funguses and crap right in front of your face up.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:11:51) - So that's not so good. Um. But again, no invasive procedures, no invasive treatments, no pill, no nothing. Your employer can't make you do that. If so many employers would say



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all you women need to be on birth control pills. Mhm mhm. Okay I mean it could go that way. But I don't think the employers the employer mandate. Was that's just.

(01:12:19) - Yeah. The terrible that's a terrible that I think that would to add what you're saying, Doctor Carter, that alone will have major consequences because there are people such as myself. Chris, uh, how in yourself that we will stand. And if you want to fire me, uh, because I'm not going to be, uh, forced to take a shot or wear a mask, then so be it. Fire me.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:12:43) - Many politicians say there should not be government mandates, but your employer can mandate anything they want.

(01:12:48) - And that's the problem there.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:12:49) - And I will say your employer can mandate that you wear the uniform. That's right.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:12:53) - Or maybe wear a tie or take your piercings out, or cover up your tattoos or shave or whatever, but not not medical stuff. So the Department of Labor should be on the side of the laborer.

(01:13:06) - But they're not not of the government, not.

(01:13:08) - Under the current commissioner.

Speaker 8 (01:13:10) - All right.

(01:13:11) - All right. Well, guys, we went over. Yeah. But that's I mean, I think I'm going to take it as my joke at the beginning. I sort of went.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:13:18) - Over and Ruben.

(01:13:19) - And wrote, well, no.

(01:13:21) - That's a that's okay. We need to get the, we need to get the, uh, the message out. And, uh, we have, uh, I believe we have a qualified, uh, person to validate what's going on as far as all these mandatory mandates about wearing a mask or a shot or an invasive procedure. An experimental shot.

(01:13:43) - All right, well, that's going to end it for, uh, episode number 79. We want to thank Doctor Carter for coming in and, uh, sitting down and chatting with us.



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(01:13:52) - And again, just as a, as a, uh, a reminder, if you're running for office and you want to come on, let us know and, uh, reach out to us, um, roundtable talk podcast on Facebook or go ahead our website, roundtable talk podcast.com. Ruben, uh.

(01:14:10) - Just want to offer him the same opportunity. Is there anything else you would like to, uh, um, have the people, uh, know, um, something that you need to tell the audience. Is there anything where they can find you?

(01:14:24) - Uh, where they can? Yeah. You know, Ralph.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:14:25) - Carter for House is the website. Okay. But, um, I've got to say that I was, uh, humbled and moved. By the words that Mark Robinson had to say about me the other night. Wow. So, um, I have his full throated endorsement, and, um, I'm proud of that. I'm nobody. I want to be my own person, but, um, um, proud of that.

(01:14:52) - He's a he's a force in North Carolina. I'm. I am a I'm a 100% supporter of Mark Robinson. Yes, I am, and I, uh, I think, um, I think it is time for North Carolina to have the first black governor. And I think it's time for it to be Mark Robinson, just so you know. And that's an unpaid thing there. That's just me. All right.

Dr. Ralph Carter (01:15:15) - Uh, thank you for allowing me to be here.

(01:15:18) - Oh, yeah. You don't have to jump out and run. I'm just going to close her out. Uh, episode 79. And make sure you follow us on Facebook roundtable talk podcast. Uh, the numbers are going up, and our website is starting to gain some traction here. Roundtable talk, podcast.com. And of course, we could not do it, uh, without our partnership here with WCL on 105.7 FM and Grand Vision Media. Dan and all his folks are so cool. And, uh, um, I just want to say thank you.

(01:15:48) - So we also want to thank Ray for guns. They're out at 5609 Fayetteville Road on Highway 401. Check them out at Skull Road and Johnson Mill. Yep. You can get everything from a pack of cigarettes. Probably. The doctor wouldn't recommend that, but, uh, get you some chips and some water or soda and buy you an AK 47. Not AK, but a AR 15 and a taco, a rifle and a taco. Um, anyway, thanks, Raiford Guns, for continuing to help us out and thank the Hoke County edition of the North State Journal. Uh, we want to make sure you hear us. So we're on Facebook website anywhere podcast or found roundtable talk podcast for Hal Nunn, Reuben.

(01:16:28) - Cassell and Chris.

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