

South Carolina Public Radio Community Issues List

Fourth Quarter 2018 - October, November, December

Health Focus

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Mondays 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Tuesdays 1:33 p.m., Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. (WNSC-FM, WRJA-FM, WJWJ-FM, WHMC-FM, WLJK-FM) 2:30 p.m. (WEPR-FM, WSCI-FM, WLTR-FM), Thursdays 5:44 p.m.; Saturdays 8:35 a.m., Sundays 5:35 p.m.

Shows listed in reverse play order.

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[Panic Disorder](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 31, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about evidence based therapy for panic disorder. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Co-Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research program at MUSC.

[Resilience & Recovery for Patients with Traumatic Injury](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 31, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kenneth Ruggiero](#) about help for patients who develop depression, PTSD or other mental health issues follow a traumatic injury. Dr. Ruggiero is a Professor in the College of Nursing and he is the Director of the Telehealth Resilience and Recovery Program at MUSC.

[Healthy Digestive System and Microbiome](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 25, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Don Rockey](#) about the role the microbiome plays in a healthy digestive system and other aspects of health. Dr. Rockey is a Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at MUSC.

[Newborn Health Screening](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 24, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Frances Rowinsky Koch](#) about newborn health screening available to all newborn babies in S.C. Dr. Koch is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Neonatologist at MUSC Children's Health.

[Reducing Teen Driving Fatalities](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 18, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about helping teens become safe drivers and reducing teen motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[E-Visits and Virtual Urgent Care Appointments](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 17, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Edward O'Bryan](#) about electronic visits (E-visits) and virtual urgent care as a way for patients to have telemedicine appointments with providers for certain common illnesses. Dr. O'Bryan is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Division Chief of Global Health and Telemedicine at MUSC.

[Social Anxiety Disorder](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 11, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about a specialized talk therapy that is helpful in treating social anxiety disorder. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Co-Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research program at MUSC.

[Protecting Infants from Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 10, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Terry Dixon](#) about protecting infants from pertussis or whooping cough. Dr. Dixon is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist at MUSC Children's Health.

[Ultrasound Imaging](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 4, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Susan Ackerman](#) about ultrasound imaging used to help evaluate and diagnose a variety of medical conditions. Dr. Ackerman is a Professor of Radiology and the Division Director of Ultrasound at MUSC.

[Helping Teachers, Counselors and Children of Puerto Rico in the Aftermath of Hurricane Maria](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 3, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rosaura Orengo-Aguayo](#) about providing trauma assistance to school staff and children in Puerto Rico in the aftermath and devastation of Hurricane Maria. Dr. Orengo-Aguayo is an Assistant Professor and bilingual licensed Clinical Psychologist at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[Fever in Children](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 27, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Ian Kane](#) about caring for a child who has a fever. Dr. Kane is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a pediatric emergency physician at MUSC Children's Health.

[Insomnia](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 26, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Allison Wilkerson](#) about common sleep problems and some behavioral changes and therapy that can improve sleep routines. Dr. Wilkerson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research Program at MUSC.

[Aging in Place](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 20, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Heather Boger](#) about aging in place. Dr. Boger is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neuroscience and she is the Interim Director of the Center on Aging at MUSC.

[Preventing Pediatric Eye Injuries](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 19, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Edward Wilson](#) about preventing eye injuries from sports and recreational activities during childhood and the teen years. Dr.

Wilson is a Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics and he is the Miles Endowed Chair at the Storm Eye Institute at MUSC. Dr. Wilson is also the Chair of the Children's Eye Foundation board.

[Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Treat Generalized Anxiety Disorder](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 13, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about a specialized talk therapy that is helpful in treating generalized anxiety disorder. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Co-Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research program at MUSC.

[Protecting Children from Serious Respiratory Infections](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 12, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David Mills](#) about how to protect young children from serious respiratory infections. Dr. Mills is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a pediatric hospitalist at MUSC Children's Health.

[An Update on Alzheimer's Disease](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 6, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Nicolas Milano](#) about what's new related to the diagnosis, research and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Milano is a neurologist and Assistant Professor of Neurology at MUSC.

[Childhood Leukemia and CAR-T Cell Therapy](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 5, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michele Hudspeth](#) about CAR-T Cell immunotherapy as a treatment for one type of leukemia in children. Dr. Hudspeth is the Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and she is the Director of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant program at MUSC.

[Preventing Tooth Decay in Children](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 30, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kimberly Patterson](#) about preventing tooth decay in children. Dr. Patterson is an Assistant Professor in the College of Dental Medicine and she is the Program Director of the Pediatric Dental Residency Program at MUSC.

[Helping Teens Cope after National Tragedy](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 29, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rochelle Hanson](#) about helping teens cope in the aftermath of national tragedy. Dr. Hanson is a Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, and she is the Director of the Family and Child Program at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[Carotid Artery Disease](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 23, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christine Holmstedt](#) about preventing carotid artery disease as well as research related to treating asymptomatic carotid artery disease. Dr. Holmstedt is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Emergency Medicine and the Medical Director of Tele-Neuroscience at MUSC.

[Preventing Accidental Poisoning in Children](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 22, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Ian Kane](#) about preventing accidental poisoning in children. Dr. Kane is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatric Emergency Physician at MUSC Children's Health.

[Obsessive Compulsive Disorder](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 16, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and treatment with cognitive behavioral therapy. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Co-Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research Program at MUSC.

[Early Stage Breast Cancer Treatment Update](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 15, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Antonio Giordano](#) about new treatment recommendations for many women with early stage breast cancer. Dr. Giordano is an Assistant Professor of Oncology and a researcher and oncologist, specializing in breast cancer at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Strategies to Reduce Work-Related Stress](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 9, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rosaura Orengo-Aguayo](#) about strategies to reduce workplace stress. Dr. Orengo-Aguayo is an Assistant Professor and bilingual (English/Spanish) licensed Clinical Psychologist at the National Crime Victim Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[Kids and Influenza](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 8, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about protecting children from influenza. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[Pediatric Vision Screening](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 2, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Edward Wilson](#) about vision screening for infants starting at twelve months and throughout childhood. Dr. Wilson is the Miles Endowed Chair at the Storm Eye Institute at MUSC and he is the Chair of the Children's Eye Foundation Board.

[Survivors Fit Club \(Breast Cancer Survivors\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 1, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jennifer Harper](#) about a fitness and wellness program for breast cancer survivors. Dr. Harper is a radiation oncologist at Hollings Cancer Center and she is also the founder of the Survivors Fit Club at MUSC.

South Carolina Business Review

@ 7:51 a.m., Monday thru Friday

All shows 5:50 in length

Shows listed in reverse order

[Excerpt #8 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 31, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University Of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from [Steve Benjamin, mayor of Columbia, SC](#).

[Excerpt #7 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 28, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from former [South Carolina governor, Jim Hodges](#).

[Excerpt #6 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 27, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Jeanne Milliken Bonds, senior manager of [regional community development for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond](#).

[Excerpt #5 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 26, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Jeanne Milliken Bonds, senior manager of [regional community development for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond](#).

[Excerpt #4 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 25, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Dr. Joey Von Nessen, research economist in the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC. [Here is a link to the slides](#) presented at the conference.

[Excerpt #3 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 24, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Dr. Joey Von Nessen, research economist in the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC. [Here is a link to the slides](#) presented at the conference.

[Excerpt #2 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 21, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Dr. Joey Von Nessen, research economist in the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC. [Here is a link to the slides](#) presented at the conference.

[Excerpt #1 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 20, 2018

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Today's excerpt comes from Dr. Joey Von Nessen, research economist in the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC. [Here is a link to the slides](#) presented at the conference.

[High School Film Fest Coming to SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 19, 2018

The budding young filmmakers in our state can hone their skills at home and at school through various projects, but how do they really know how good they are and if they're learning the right things? Our next guest believes that a statewide film festival for high school students can be one of the answers, and so he created one.

Mike Switzer interviews Ray Smith, director of [Doko Film Fest](#) coming to Blythewood, SC, April 26-29, 2019. (Application deadline: Feb. 7, 2019)

[Retirement Income Strategies](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 18, 2018

For those of you who have been retiring over the past several years, finding a way to squeeze some decent income out of your retirement nest egg has probably been a challenge. And now, maybe even more so with interest rates still low and a stock market that is seeing increasing volatility.

Mike Switzer interviews [Chris Cabri, a certified financial planner with Ameriprise Financial Services in Greenwood, SC.](#)

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 17, 2018

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, co-founder of [Accessible Diagnostics](#) and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[Building Trust Between Sometimes Opposing Sides](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 14, 2018

Most people would agree that promoting strong economic development and maintaining high quality of life are complementary efforts. Which is why our next guest believes that it's very important to build trust between, for example, business and conservation relationships.

Mike Switzer interviews Ashley Demosthenes, executive director of the [Lowcountry Land Trust.](#)

[Preparing Disabled Students to Succeed After High School](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 13, 2018

South Carolina has roughly 100,000 students with disabilities who are being assisted under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Our next guest says that while the majority of these kids are able to earn a state high school diploma, those that fall short are still deserving of recognition that will help them enter the workforce. Which is why she went to work to help create and implement a new program to assist these students in acquiring the necessary skills to be successful after high school.

[Moore School Attracting Top Executives to International Board](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 12, 2018

As more and more companies from around the world continue to open operations in our state, international business issues are receiving more priority from our state's colleges and universities and from global executives such as our next guest.

[I Won the Lottery, Now What?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 11, 2018

You've probably heard by now that someone purchased the winning \$1.5 billion mega lottery ticket in our state. Maybe that person is listening right now. Or maybe you might be a big lottery winner someday. Which is why we invited our next guest on the show to share his recommended tips on what to do if a big cash windfall does indeed come your way.

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 10, 2018

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, co-founder of [Accessible Diagnostics](#) and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[South Carolina Holds \\$500 Million in Unclaimed Property](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 7, 2018

According to our next guest, over a half billion dollars of unclaimed property is being held by the state of South Carolina waiting to be reunited with its rightful owners. Could some of this be yours?

Mike Switzer interviews Curtis Loftis, [treasurer of the state of South Carolina](#).

Leading Through Changing Times

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 6, 2018

Owning and/or managing a small business is not a small task. Technologies change, communities change, employees change; how does a leader keep up and lead at the same time?

Mike Switzer interviews Ron Harvey with [GCS Consulting](#) in Columbia, SC.

Improving Your Business Creativity

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 5, 2018

Maintaining creativity in your business can be difficult when there are so many other tasks in front of you. But our next guest says that the last thing you should want your business to be is predictable and hum-drum.

Mike Switzer interviews Tim Floyd, founder of [Tim Floyd Creative](#) in Lexington, SC.

Discussing Death and Taxes with Your Family

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 4, 2018

It's been said that nothing is certain but death and taxes, and not many topics make for worse conversation starters at the holiday table, but our next guest says it makes a lot of sense to have these difficult conversations with your family sooner rather than later.

Mike Switzer interviews Bethany Griffith, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, South Carolina.

SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 3, 2018

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina. Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, co-founder of [Accessible Diagnostics](#) and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

Local 3-D Design Firm Attracts Big Investments

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 30, 2018

As the 3-D printing industry has continued to grow, our next guest, while working for a digital marketing company, noticed a need for a more user-friendly 3-D design platform. So he started his own company to address that need, put a team together, got the design platform up and running, and suddenly attracted seed capital from big investors around the country, including from SCRA in our state.

Mike Switzer interviews John Carrington, founder and CEO of [Zverse](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Why You Need a Will](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 29, 2018

You probably heard that when Aretha Franklin passed away, she did not have a will, leaving an estate worth approximately \$60 million that will end up paying close to \$20 million in taxes. And our next guest says you don't have to have a multi-million dollar estate to need a will, but many people continue to never make one.

Mike Switzer interviews [Andy Merline, an estate-planning attorney](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Economic Outlook Conference Set for Dec. 4, 2018](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 28, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

After a decade of economic expansion, what's next? Continued growth? Another recession? These are the questions that our next guest says will soon be addressed at his school's upcoming annual forecast.

Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, with the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

[Today is "GivingTuesday"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 27, 2018

In case you didn't know, today is "GivingTuesday," a statewide celebration of all the good work being done by our state's nonprofit organizations and very much appreciated by our state's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Madeleine McGee, president of [TogetherSC](#) in Columbia, SC. [Today's event.](#)

[SC Business Update from SC Biz News' Andy Owens](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 26, 2018

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Andy Owens, managing editor of [SCBizNews](#), the company that publishes the [Columbia Regional Business Report](#), [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#), [GSA Business](#) and [SCBizNews](#) magazine.

[Securing Coastal Communications](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 23, 2018

Being an ocean-border state, secure maritime communications networks are vitally important to our coastal business community. Our next guest has been in that business for 20 years, beginning in the Palmetto State and eventually expanding across the US.

Mike Switzer interviews Brian Miller, CEO and Co-Owner of [Atlas Technologies](#) in North Charleston, SC.

[SC Podcaster Wins Peabody Award](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 22, 2018

(This is a repeat of a previous show which originally aired 8-3-18) Podcasts continue to gain ground as a popular form of entertainment and information. Take ours, for example. But ours is also tied to an actual over-the-air radio show. Our next guest says there's a lot more involved in starting one from scratch that only airs over the Internet.

Mike Switzer interviews Jack Hitt, a South Carolina native and co-founder of [the 2017 Peabody-award-winning podcast "Uncivil"](#), based in Brooklyn, NY.

[Surviving after Newsprint](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 21, 2018

If you have been a subscriber to The State newspaper, based in Columbia, SC, anytime over the past 30 years, you probably know our next guest's name and her writing very well. Recently however, she fell victim to the continuing decline of the print media industry, newspapers in particular, and is now out on her own.

Mike Switzer interviews [Cindi Scoppe](#), a former opinion writer and editor for [The State newspaper](#) in Columbia.

[Making the Most of Your Retirement Plan](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 20, 2018

Most would probably agree that the number one goal in retirement planning is to be sure your money outlives you and not the other way around. For example, a healthy non-smoking couple retiring at age 62 should plan on needing 30 years of income – that’s a long time. But our next guest says there is a lot more to retirement planning than calculating a lifetime income stream.

Mike Switzer interviews Joy Watkins, a certified financial planner with [Anchor Investment Management](#) in Columbia, SC.

[SC Entrepreneurial Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 19, 2018

An update of the news, issues, and events facing the entrepreneurial community in South Carolina

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[Earn a Degree in Intelligence and Security in Charleston](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 16, 2018

Intelligence, homeland and cyber security issues are constantly in the news – from the Russian elections interference to Facebook hacks to the recent rash of pipe bomb mailings. Which is why our next guest’s Lowcountry University recently launched a degree program focused on intelligence and security.

Mike Switzer interviews Carl Jensen, Co-Director of the [Citadel Center for Cyber, Intelligence, and Security Studies](#) at The Citadel in Charleston, SC.

[SC Teacher Shortage Worsening](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 15, 2018

By now you’ve probably heard of or experienced the tight labor market. So it may not surprise you to hear that there’s an unprecedented teacher shortage occurring across our state: fewer teachers are entering the profession, more are leaving, and at the same time that more students are entering our public schools each year. Our next guest’s organization is working to alleviate this situation.

Mike Switzer interviews Ansel Sanders, CEO of [Public Education Partners of Greenville County](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Midlands School Opens Innovation Center](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 14, 2018

Our state's public and private schools continue to recognize the business community's need for more student interest in science and technology. Another example we just learned about is a brand new, 30,000 square-foot innovation center at a private school in the Midlands.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Angel, headmaster at [Hammond School](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Economic Puzzles](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 13, 2018

There are many puzzling things about today's economy but the main one seems to be a reported lack of serious inflation in the midst of trade wars, very low unemployment, and thus a tight labor market. What's going on?

Mike Switzer interviews Frank Hefner, the director of the [Office of Economic Analysis at the College of Charleston](#) in Charleston, SC.

[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 12, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: [MidlandsBiz](#), [UpstateBizSC](#), and [LowCountryBizSC](#).

[Women's Business Summit Coming to Columbia](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 9, 2018

According to the National Association of Women Business Owners, South Carolina is the #4 state in the country for women launching businesses, with over 160,000 woman-owned enterprises. And we've been a top ten state for ten years. So our next guest says it's about time to launch a women's business summit.

[Women's Career Paths Expanding](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 8, 2018

Career choices for women in our state continue to expand, whether through entrepreneurship or corporate advancement. And there's no doubt that the efforts from our next guest's organization are helping that statistic.

Mike Switzer interviews Lisa Dabney, executive director for the [Center for Women in Charleston, SC](#).

["Made in the South" Awards Announced](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 7, 2018

Garden & Gun magazine recently announced their ninth annual "Made in the South Awards", honoring artisans from across the region. Over the past nine years, 26 of those award recipients have come from South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews David DiBenedetto, editor-in-chief at [Garden and Gun](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Paying Taxes on Your Investment Income](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 6, 2018

Here are two basic truths. We all love when the stock market makes us money. We all hate paying taxes on those profits. But you still have almost two months to get your investment tax planning in order, so today we have a guest that may be able to help.

Mike Switzer interviews [Les Detterbeck, a chartered financial analyst in Charleston, SC](#). Les is also a certified financial planner and CPA.

[Local Online Retailer Opens First Physical Location](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 5, 2018

After a year of successfully building an online retail business, our next guest decided it was time to open a brick and mortar location. Why take on that added expense and risk?

Mike Switzer interviews Sarah Rama, owner of [Duck Duck Goose Children's Shop](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Protecting Your Innovation](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 2, 2018

Innovation is very important to most companies. Our next guest says that what can be even more important is protecting that innovation.

Mike Switzer interviews Nichole Hayden, an intellectual property attorney with [Nelson Mullins](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Aging Population = Pressure Cooker for Healthcare Industry](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 1, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

Pretty much everyone is aware of the baby boomer bubble rolling through retirement time in our country right now. And this leads to another popular term you may not have heard much about: the “silver tsunami”, our aging population featuring 10,000 people per day turning 65. Our next guest says this is about to inflict serious pressure on certain industries.

Mike Switzer interviews Magen Shelton with [Interim Healthcare of SC](#).

[Surviving the Next Recession](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 31, 2018

While it’s been such a long time since the last recession, that one was such a particularly bad one that business owners stay concerned about the looming threat of another one. Our next guest’s company was founded during that Great Recession, so his perspective on how to survive and adapt may be useful.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Manley, CEO and co-founder of [Engenius](#), a digital marketing agency in Greenville, SC.

[Year-End Investment Planning](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 30, 2018

There are many signs that the economy is strong: second quarter GDP was revised upward to 4.2%, Walmart reported same store sales growth of 4.5%--its highest growth rate in ten years. The unemployment rate is low and companies are having a hard time finding new, qualified workers. What does this mean for your investment strategy as the year winds down?

Mike Switzer interviews Tyson Halsey, a chartered financial analyst and managing member at [Income Growth Advisors in Charleston, SC](#).

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 30, 2018

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

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[Targeting the Organ Transplant Market](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 26, 2018

In the case of your unfortunate demise, are you an organ donor? Our next guest says there is a critical need for organ donations and that's why his company focuses on developing products for that market. And why SCRA's entrepreneurial program, SC Launch, invested \$200,000 in his company earlier this year.

Mike Switzer interviews John Bruens, CEO of [Global Transplant Solutions](#) in Duncan, SC.

[Hemp Farming Returns to SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 25, 2018

You may have heard that hemp farming is legal now in our state and that's why farmers from the Upstate to the Lowcountry have been working overtime in recent months nurturing twenty 20-acre parcels of industrial hemp seedlings, all of which will ultimately be harvested and used for a variety of industrial purposes.

Mike Switzer interviews Lucas Snyder, founder and executive director of the [South Carolina Hemp Farmers Association](#).

[Citizen Diplomats Mean Business in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 24, 2018

After our next guest spent two years in Chile with the Peace Corps, he returned to South Carolina in 1970 wondering how he could continue that diplomatic experience here. Then he discovered that Columbia had a chapter of a volunteer organization that the State Department often refers to as citizen diplomats. He joined and has been helping them receive visiting scholars, students, journalists and foreign government officials on State Department fellowships now for almost five decades.

[Protecting Your Online Financial Data](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 23, 2018

Businesses and governments continue to find themselves becoming victims of large data breaches. Which is why our next guest says that more and more of her clients are asking what steps they can take to protect their online financial safety.

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[SC Entrepreneurial Resources Keep Growing](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 19, 2018

University-attached business incubators are an important part of our state's entrepreneurial ecosystem. About a year ago, another one opened for business, this time at a faith-based institution in the Midlands.

Mike Switzer interviews Scott Adams, dean of the [Business School at Columbia International University](#), home of the new [John R. Cook Jr. Business & Entrepreneurship Center](#).

[Overseas Healthcare Gaining in Popularity](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 18, 2018

We continue to hear stories, as you probably have, about Americans not only going abroad for faster and less-expensive healthcare treatments, but completely relocating overseas and living life as an [expatriate](#).

Mike Switzer interviews David Boucher, a South Carolina healthcare administrator now living and working in Bangkok, Thailand.

[Life Sciences Research Facility Breaks Ground in Lowcountry](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 17, 2018

We often talk about the importance of the automobile and aerospace industries to our state, but the life sciences also have a big impact: over 15,000 employees with an average salary of almost \$80,000 and a total state economic impact of \$11.4

billion. And that's exactly why our next guest's organization has recently broken ground on a new life sciences research facility in the Lowcountry.

Mike Switzer interviews Bob Quinn, executive director of [SCRA](#) in Summerville, SC.

[Midterm Elections = Stock Market Volatility](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 16, 2018

Midterm election years tend to be relatively volatile periods for the financial markets and our next guest says he expects 2018 to finish with that trend intact.

Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, a certified financial planner and our resident market prognosticator with [ACT Advisors](#) in Greenville and Charleston, SC.

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

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[Spending Marketing Money Efficiently](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 12, 2018

When a business owner looks at their marketing budget, they need to determine the best place to spend that money. Where is the business getting the most bang for its buck? Our next guest says that measuring your return on your marketing investment can be a confusing process indeed but is possible.

Mike Switzer interviews Ray Owens, CEO of the Greenville, SC consumer insights firm [DXM](#).

[Cast Iron Skillets Making Money for SC Entrepreneur](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 11, 2018

If you read Garden and Gun magazine or Bon Appetit, you may have noticed our next guest's company receiving some accolades for their cast iron skillets. His company is also one of several that has found a home at the old Charleston Navy Base.

Mike Switzer interviews Isaac Morton, founder of [Smithey Ironware](#) in North Charleston, SC.

[Doing Business with the Government, Ethically](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 10, 2018

The activities of lawmakers, government and other public entities are under intense scrutiny these days. Which means that businesses need to be aware of the legal ramifications of their interactions with these organizations.

Mike Switzer interviews Michael Burchstead, an attorney with [Collins and Lacy in Columbia, SC](#) and the head of their new government, ethics, and compliance practice.

[Including Charities in Your Estate](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 9, 2018

Most of us make regular donations to charities during our lifetimes, but how many of us think about making room for those charities in our wills and/or estate plans? Our next guest says there are certainly some things to keep in mind if that is your desire.

Mike Switzer interviews Corrine Hanna, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, SC.

[SC Business Update from Andy Owens](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 8, 2018

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Andy Owens, managing editor of [SCBizNews](#), the company that publishes the [Columbia Regional Business Report](#), [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#), [GSA Business](#) and [SCBizNews](#) magazine.

[Upstate Tech Company Earning Kudos](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 5, 2018

Earlier this year, our next guest's Upstate company was named one of the "Top Workplaces" in our state by Energage, an employee research and consulting firm that gathers feedback about workplace environment. He credits their recognition to the company's commitment to value and their appreciation for employee contributions.

[Business Good for Clean Energy](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 4, 2018

More electric vehicles are on the road than ever before, more solar panels are on roofs than ever before. These trends mean there are more business opportunities for clean energy focused companies than ever before. Which is why our next guest's organization puts on an annual summit in our state on this topic.

Mike Switzer interviews Bonnie Loomis, executive director of the [SC Clean Energy Business Alliance](#) in Columbia, SC.

[6th Annual Water Resources Conference Oct. 17-18](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 3, 2018

Water may be one of our state's most important natural resources and one that is of vital importance to our business community. Fortunately, we have an annual conference each year that addresses South Carolina's water issues that is attended by over 100 presenters, including academics, utilities, environmental law and engineering firms, and policy makers.

[South Carolina Economic Update](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 2, 2018

South Carolina's economy continues to feature solid growth, a strong housing market, and a tight labor market. We're now starting the final quarter of the year, will the strength continue?

Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, with the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

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[South Carolina Bishops' Public Education Initiative](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 24, 2018

(Originally broadcast 05/04/18) - In an open letter to the South Carolina General Assembly, the Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops wrote, "Unfortunately, our state is marked by disparities in the delivery of education... Even in the most successful of school districts, too many students underachieve, or worse, fall through the cracks and do not achieve success."

[Pat Conroy: My Exaggerated Life](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 17, 2018

Tamika Moore/Courtesy of the author

(Originally broadcast 10/05/18) - Pat Conroy's memoirs and autobiographical novels contain a great deal about his life, but there is much he hasn't revealed with readers until now. *My Exaggerated Life* (2018, University of South Carolina Press) is the product of a special collaboration between this great American author and oral biographer Katherine Clark, who recorded two hundred hours of conversations with Conroy before he passed away in 2016. In the spring and summer of 2014, the two spoke for an hour or more on the phone every day.

[Two Charlestonians at War: The Civil War Odysseys of a Lowcountry Aristocrat & a Black Abolitionist](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 10, 2018

(Originally broadcast 04/13/18) - Tracing the intersecting lives of a Confederate plantation owner and a free black Union soldier, Barbara L. Bellows' *Two Charlestonians at War* (Louisiana State University Press, 2018) offers a poignant

allegory of the fraught, interdependent relationship between wartime enemies in the Civil War South: Captain Thomas Pickney, a Confederate prisoner of war; and Sergeant Joseph Humphries Barquet, a Charleston-born free person of color and prison guard.

[Martyr of the American Revolution: The Execution of Isaac Hayne](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 3, 2018

(Originally broadcast 06/08/18) - *Martyr of the American Revolution: The Execution of Isaac Hayne*, South Carolinian (2017, USC Press) examines the events that set an American militia colonel on a disastrous collision course with two British officers, his execution in Charleston, and the repercussions that extended from the battle lines of South Carolina to the Continental Congress and across the Atlantic to the halls of the British parliament. Author C.L.

[South Carolina's Turkish People](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 26, 2018

Despite its reputation as a melting pot of ethnicities and races, the United States has a well-documented history of immigrants who have struggled through isolation, segregation, discrimination, oppression, and assimilation. South Carolina is home to one such group—known historically and derisively as “the Turks”—which can trace its oral history back to Joseph Benenhaley, an Ottoman refugee from Old World conflict. According to its traditional narrative, Benenhaley served with Gen. Thomas Sumter in the Revolutionary War.

[Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of Its People](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 19, 2018

(Originally broadcast June 15, 2018) - The American South has experienced remarkable change over the past half century. Black voter registration has increased, the region's politics have shifted, and in-migration has increased its population many fold. At the same time, many outward signs of regional distinctiveness have faded. But two professors of political science write that these changes have allowed for new types of southern identity to emerge.

[Lincoln's Unfinished Work](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 12, 2018

In the Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln spoke of the need to conclude “the unfinished work which they who fought here so nobly advanced.” In his second Inaugural Address, he spoke in similar vein: “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in.”

[Central to Their Lives: Southern Women Artists in the Johnson Collection](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 8, 2018

Spanning the decades between the late 1890s and early 1960s, The Johnson Collection’s new exhibition and its companion book, *Central to Their Lives: Southern Women Artists in the Johnson Collection*, examine the particularly complex challenges Southern women artists confronted in a traditionally conservative region during a period in which women’s social, cultural, and political roles were being redefined and reinterpreted.

[Uncompromising Activist: Richard Greener, First Black Professor at USC](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 29, 2018

(Originally broadcast 06/01/18) - Richard Theodore Greener (1844–1922) was a renowned black activist and scholar. The first black graduate of Harvard College, he became the first black faculty member at the University of South Carolina, during Reconstruction. He was even the first black US diplomat to a predominately-white country, serving in Vladivostok, Russia. A notable speaker and writer for racial equality, he also served as a dean of the Howard University School of Law and as the administrative head of the Ulysses S. Grant Monument Association.

[Outside Agitator: The Civil Rights Struggle of Cleveland Sellers Jr.](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 22, 2018

In 1968 state troopers gunned down black students protesting the segregation of a South Carolina bowling alley, killing three and injuring 28. The Orangeburg Massacre was one of the most violent moments of the Southern civil rights movement, and only one person served prison time in its aftermath: a young black man by the name of Cleveland Sellers Jr. Many years later, the state would recognize that Sellers was a scapegoat in that college campus tragedy and would issue a full pardon.

[My Tour through the Asylum: a Southern Integrationist's Memoir](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 15, 2018

(Originally broadcast 04/06/18) - Immortalized in the writings of his most famous student, best-selling author Pat Conroy, veteran education administrator William E. Dufford has led an the life of a stalwart champion for social justice and equal access for all to the empowerment of a good public education. In *My Tour Through the Asylum: A Southern Integrationist's Memoir* (USC Press, 2017), Dufford and his collaborators, Aida Rogers and Salley McInerney, recount the possibilities that unfold when people work through their differences toward a common good.

[The Last Ballad: Life in the Mill and Death on the Picket Line](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 8, 2018

New York Times bestselling author Wiley Cash's 2017 novel, *The Last Ballad* (2017, William Morrow) is set in the Appalachian foothills of North Carolina in 1929 and inspired by actual events. It chronicles an ordinary woman's struggle for dignity and her rights in a textile mill; *The Last Ballad* is a moving tale of courage in the face of oppression and injustice.

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[Midlands Teenager is Champion Fiddle Player](#)

By Tut Underwood • Dec 31, 2018

West Columbia teenager Ella Thomas is somewhat of a whiz with a violin in her hand. Whether she's playing classical with the South Carolina Youth Philharmonic, bluegrass with the band Palmetto Blue or gospel with her family band, her skill with a fiddle and bow last year earned her the title South Carolina Junior Old-Time Fiddle Champion.

[Kathleen Parker Has National Reach from South Carolina](#)

By Tut Underwood • Dec 28, 2018

From her Camden home, Washington Post columnist Kathleen Parker can monitor the goings-on around the world by flipping through the TV news channels and keeping an eye glued to her Post, which she reads daily along with the Wall Street Journal and New York Times. Parker is one of the most widely-syndicated columnists in America, read in more than 400 media outlets twice a week. Like her colleagues, she started as a newspaper reporter – in her case, in Charleston – and moved through the ranks of various papers until an editor realized she had a voice “and I have difficulty keeping my voice out of my straight copy.”

[Science Project Became Business, Partnership with Walmart for Columbia Family](#)

By Tut Underwood • Dec 27, 2018

David Jones and his son Brantley are baseball fans. Brantley played as a youngster, and was so enthusiastic about batting practice that his older brother, who didn't like the game, was forced by circumstance to invent a pitching machine so he wouldn't have to pitch to his brother for hours every day. That machine, created as a school science project when he was only 11, and Brantley just 9, became the foundation for a business.

[Chimney Sweeping an Old Profession Still Relevant in the 21st Century](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 27, 2018

Where the old image of the chimney sweep is a skinny guy with a big brush covered with grime and soot, the modern chimney sweep is much cleaner and uses high tech equipment in the 21st century, according to two Columbia sweeps. There are about 30 chimney sweeps in the state, and they keep busy. Sweep Drew Stein says dense plastic rods with brushes now are inserted into chimneys and spun with a drill to clean soot and creosote – a flammable byproduct of burning wood – from chimneys, which prevents dangerous chimney fires.

[At Christmastime, M & Ms. Reigns as South Carolina's Favorite Candy](#)

By Tut Underwood • Dec 20, 2018

Candystore.com keeps an eye on the candy tastes of America, producing an interactive map of each state's favorite candies at various seasons of the year. At Christmas, many states' favorite is candy canes, others prefer reindeer corn or Hershey Kisses. According to the website, South Carolina's favorite Christmas candy is a classic: M & Ms.

[Charleston Journalist Shares the Story of an Unlikely Civil Rights Hero](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Dec 14, 2018

Victoria Hansen/SC Public Radio

When Charleston journalist Brian Hicks first heard the story of U.S. District Judge Julius Waties Waring, he knew what he must do; write a book about it. He says the son of a Confederate soldier became an unlikely civil rights "hero," and that's a word Hicks doesn't often use. Yet, Waring's name is still fairly unfamiliar, and he was an eighth generation Charlestonian.

[South Carolinians Enjoy Testing Their Knowledge with Trivia](#)

By Tut Underwood • Dec 13, 2018

Trivia games have been popular at South Carolina bars and restaurants for years, and the taste for trivia shows no sign of slowing down. Nearly every night, teams of friends can be found competing for prizes by conjuring often-useless bits of little-known information from their memories.

[10,000 More Kids in SC Now Without Health Insurance](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Dec 5, 2018

Data from a new report indicates the number of uninsured children in the United States has increased for the first time in nearly a decade. According to the Georgetown University Center for Children and Family, between 2016 and 2017, the number of uninsured children increased by about 276,000. In South Carolina, that number is 10,000. Joan Alker is Executive Director of the Georgetown center, she spoke with South Carolina Public Radio about why these numbers are important.

[Virtual Reality, Simulation Tools Help Midlands Exercise Empathy Muscle](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Dec 4, 2018

Virtual reality and simulation tools are helping people in the Midlands "exercise their empathy muscle." Richland Library has a mobile empathy lab that travels to its various branches, giving customers the chance to "try on" someone else's life and see things from a new perspective.

[Saved from Near-extinction, the Carolina Dog is Making Waves in the Dog Show and Dog Lover Worlds](#)

By Tut Underwood • Nov 30, 2018

A breed of dog that came to North America with man thousands of years ago over the Bering land bridge and was overlooked in the South for many years has recently been saved from extinction with the help of a pair of Aiken breeders. What is now called the Carolina dog, a common "yaller dog" of the South, was rediscovered by University of Georgia professor I. Lehr Brisbin in the 1990s and introduced to Billy Benton and Jane Gunnell, who became fascinated with the largely-unnoticed dogs - most of which had become wild - and began breeding them.

[Wynton Marsalis Jazzes Up the Holidays](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Nov 28, 2018

Ask Wynton Marsalis to name his favorite holiday song and he might tell you, "The Christmas Song" by Mel Torme. Then he'll likely explain it's personal. When Marsalis first moved to New York, he played in a show with Torme. He was 18 years-old.

"The contractor thought I was only a classical trumpet player," Marsalis recalled. "He said this boy can't play. I don't know why he's playing this gig, and Mel heard me play and said, this boy can play. Leave him alone."

[The Fate of SCE&G's Nuclear Charges to Be Determined Next Month](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Nov 26, 2018

The question of who will pay for the failed V.C. Summer nuclear reactor project is now in the hands of the seven-member S.C. Public Service Commission, the state's official utility rate setting authority.

Last week, the PSC completed three weeks of contentious hearings on how much South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. should be allowed to charge its over 700,000 electric ratepayers for the abandoned reactors. They've already paid in over \$2 Billion.

[What Year is it? Two-thousand eighteen? Twenty-eighteen? Does it Matter?](#)

By Tut Underwood • Nov 19, 2018

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You may say to- MAY-toe and I may say to-MAH-toe, but the 1930s pop song "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" demonstrates playfully that there are often various ways to pronounce certain words. Even numbers are subject to differences of opinion.

[S. C. Man Reunited with Vietnam Vet Whose Life He Saved on Season Premiere of "We'll Meet Again"](#)

By Tut Underwood • Nov 12, 2018

A South Carolina resident figures in the story of a Vietnam veteran's search for the man who saved his life when PBS and SCETV begin the second season of We'll Meet Again, hosted by Ann Curry, Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. The program focuses on reunions of people whose lives have crossed at pivotal times. The searcher is Dave Johnson, whose helicopter was shot down in Cambodia during the war. Surrounded and under heavy fire, Johnson and five others were rescued by another helicopter crew led by pilot Bruce Grable.

[Historians Observe Centennial of World War I's End](#)

By Tut Underwood • Nov 9, 2018

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Ben Sowers/Released

Nov. 11 is Veteran's Day, which was once known as Armistice Day. It's also the 100th anniversary of the original Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, on which ended World War I, then known as "the Great War," or - with hope, but sadly, not truly - "The War to End All Wars."

Literary Classic "Frankenstein" Turns 200

By Tut Underwood • Oct 30, 2018

Halloween brings out the ghoul and monster in both kids and adults, and a perennial favorite is Mary Shelley's ground-breaking character, Frankenstein. Acknowledged as the first science fiction novel, Frankenstein has hit another milestone this year: first published in 1818, it turns 200, and has enjoyed popularity virtually from the moment of its first printing. University of South Carolina English professor and Shelley expert Paula Feldman said the story speaks to the mysterious fears of our nature, and thus has remained popular through the centuries. She revealed that the inspiration

The Citadel Encourages Diversity through Listening

By Victoria Hansen • Oct 25, 2018

It's been a little more than a year since the Citadel started its Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center. One of the goals is to help the once all-male military college in Charleston acknowledge its history in perpetrating racism and continue to evolve into a more inclusive community. The school is now holding what it calls CitListen sessions to encourage change through conversation.

Florence Schools Launch an Early Childhood Education Public Awareness Campaign

By Victoria Hansen • Oct 18, 2018

A conference thousands of miles away in California has inspired an early childhood education public awareness campaign in Florence. That's where district one teachers heard a woman from Denmark talk about serving children's needs so they are better able to learn and grow. The speaker was author and early childhood education expert Helle Heckmann.

Rocket, Sand Sculpture part of State Fair Traditions

By Tut Underwood • Oct 16, 2018

October brings many things to South Carolina - more football, turning leaves, cooler temps (we hope!). And one of the fall's most anticipated events is the South Carolina State Fair. Long-time fairgoers have established many traditions they associate with the fair, but "meeting at the rocket" must be at the top of nearly everyone's list. The rocket, according to fair General Manager Nancy Smith, is actually a long-range intermediate range ballistic missile built in the 1960s and designed by legendary rocket engineer Wehrner von Braun. It was named Columbia, and was eventually donated to the city of Columbia and erected at the state fairgrounds in 1969. For

nearly a half-century, the imposing structure has been a meeting spot for parents and children, friends and other fairgoers.

[Walks Aim to Highlight Suicide Prevention](#)

By Alfred Turner • Oct 5, 2018

Suicide is on the rise in nearly every state (Nevada is the exception), the 10th leading cause of death both in South Carolina and nationally, and for ages 15-34, the second leading cause of death in both state and nation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that suicide is up a distressing 38 percent in the Palmetto State. Though it's too early to know just why the rate is climbing so high, Helen Pridgen, South Carolina Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, listed some reasons that might suggest an explanation.