

South Carolina Public Radio Community Issues List

Second Quarter 2018 – April, May, June

Health Focus

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a.m., Sundays 5:53 p.m.**

Shows listed in reverse play order.

All shows 4:00 (Four Minutes) in length.

[Cesarean Delivery](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 26, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Krista Wagoner](#) about cesarean delivery and efforts to reduce the number of unnecessary C-section deliveries. Dr. Wagoner is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and she is an OB/GYN at MUSC Women's Health.

[Biomedicine & Cancer Research](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 25, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alan Diehl](#) about research and recent discoveries related to biomedicine and cancer. Dr. Diehl is a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Associate Director of Basic Sciences at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[How the Human Brain Processes Language](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 19, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Leonardo Bonilha](#) about how the human brain processes language and produces speech. Dr. Bonilha is a neurologist, epilepsy specialist and brain and language researcher at MUSC.

[Research and New Treatment for Inherited Childhood Retinal Disease](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 18, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Mae Millicent Peterseim](#) about research and new treatment for one type of inherited childhood retinal disease. Dr. Peterseim is an Associate

Professor of Ophthalmology and she is the Pratt Chair for International Ophthalmology at Storm Eye Institute at MUSC.

Anxiety Disorders in Childhood

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 12, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Lee Lewis](#) about anxiety in childhood and anxiety disorders. Dr. Lewis is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

Adoptive Cell Transfer/Immunotherapy

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 11, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Chrystal Paulos](#) about cancer research related to adoptive cell transfer immunotherapy. Dr. Paulos is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and she is the Endowed Peng Chair in the Department of Dermatology at MUSC.

Long-Term Diabetes Research

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 5, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Tim Lyons](#) about important discoveries related to diabetes from the past thirty years of research. Dr. Lyons holds the John A Colwell Endowed Chair of Diabetes Research and he's the Director of the Division of Endocrinology at MUSC.

Potential Misuse of ADHD Medicine in the Teen Years

By BOBBI CONNER • JUN 4, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kevin Gray](#) about the potential misuse and diversion of ADHD prescription medicine during the teenage years. Dr. Gray is a Professor and Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

Managing Arthritis Day-to-Day

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 29, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Gretchen Seif](#) about routines, exercise and therapy to help manage arthritis on a daily basis. Dr. Seif is an Associate Professor of Physical Therapy in the College of Health Professions at MUSC.

Alcohol Cravings

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 28, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Raymond Anton](#) about dealing with alcohol craving, when trying to quit or reduce alcohol consumption. Dr. Anton holds the Thurmond Wellness Endowed Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and he is the Scientific Director of the Alcohol Research Center at MUSC.

Rare Diseases

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 22, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Charlie Strange](#) about rare diseases and also research underway related to rare diseases. Dr. Strange is a Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at MUSC.

Health Disparities & Lifestyle Behaviors

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 21, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Chanita Hughes-Halbert](#) about lifestyle behaviors that can help address some health disparities. Dr. Hughes-Halbert is the Smart-State Center of Economic Excellence Endowed Chair in Cancer Equity at MUSC and she was recently elected into the National Academy of Medicine.

Research about Viruses

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 15, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Paula Traktman](#) about research related to viruses, and how research helps design new therapies. Dr. Traktman is the Hirschmann Endowed Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Microbiology and Immunology. She is also the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies at MUSC.

Research about Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 14, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David Turner](#) about research related to Advanced Glycation End Products (or AGEs) and diseases that often develop in the older adult years. Dr. Turner is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MUSC.

Treating Physical Dependence on Opioids and Opioid Use Disorder

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 8, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Sarah Book](#) about treatment for two problems related to opioids: physical dependence on opioids and opioid use disorder. Dr. Book is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Medical Director of the Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs in the Division of Addiction Sciences at MUSC.

Cancer Research

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 7, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Gustavo Leone](#) about noteworthy developments in cancer research in recent years. Dr. Leone holds the DeWolff Endowed Chair in Medical Oncology and he is the Director of Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

Preserving & Protecting Memory as we Age

By BOBBI CONNER • MAY 1, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Nicolas Milano](#) about preserving and protecting our memory as we get older. Dr. Milano is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and a Cognitive and Behavioral Neurologist at MUSC.

How Oral Health Affects General Health

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 30, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Amy Martin](#) about the connection between oral health and general health. Dr. Martin is an Associate Professor in the College of Dental Medicine and Director of the Division of Population Oral Health at MUSC.

Exercise for Parkinson's disease

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 24, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Marian Dale](#) about specific exercise routines that can help patients who have Parkinson's disease. Dr. Dale is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and a Neurologist in the Movement Disorders Program at MUSC.

Concussion & Post-Concussion Syndrome in Children

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 23, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Thomas Koch](#) about the diagnosis and treatment of concussion and post-concussion syndrome during childhood. Dr. Koch is a Professor and the Division Chief of Pediatric Neurology at MUSC Children's Health.

Preventing Falls in Older Adults

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 17, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rebecka Fulmer](#) about preventing falls in the older adult years. Dr. Fulmer is a Physical Therapist in the Department of Outpatient Physical Therapy at MUSC.

3D Printing in Planning Pediatric Neurosurgeries

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 16, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Ramin Eskandari](#) about using 3D printing in the planning stage for pediatric neurosurgeries. Dr. Eskandari is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at MUSC.

HPV & Throat Cancer

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 10, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Terry Day](#) about throat cancer related to HPV (human papillomavirus). Dr. Day is the founder of the Oral, Head, Neck Cancer Awareness Week that was started in 1998, and he is the Wellin Endowed Chair for Head and Neck Surgery at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

Pregnancy After Age 35

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 9, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Barbara Head](#) about pregnancy and childbirth after age of 35. Dr. Head is an Associate Professor in the College of Medicine and a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist at MUSC Women's Health.

Thyroid Health & Disorders

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 3, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Tim Lyons](#) about the small, but mighty thyroid gland and also thyroid disorders. Dr. Lyons is the John A. Colwell Endowed Chair of Diabetes Research and he is the Director of the Division of Endocrinology at MUSC.

Domestic Violence/Mental Health

By BOBBI CONNER • APR 2, 2018

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about the impact of domestic violence upon the health and mental health of those in abusive relationships. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and she is the Associate Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Program at MUSC.

Narrative

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. Wednesday 5:44 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

All shows 4:00 in length

Shows listed in reverse order

[Narrative: The Big Red Barn Offers Help for Veterans Dealing with PTSD](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER & CLAYTON SEARS • JUN 20, 2018

This edition of Narrative features an interview with veterans Dan Stover and Sheldon Bullock. Stover served in the Marine Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Bullock served in the Army during the First Gulf War in Iraq. As co-facilitators at The Big Red Barn in Blythewood, they help provide services for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In a conversation recorded by South Carolina Public Radio, they discuss how PTSD has affected them personally, especially as they had to confront misconceptions about the disorder.

[Narrative: A Family Reflects on the Significance of Adoption](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • MAY 29, 2018

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project based on the idea that the stories of everyday people are the most important and interesting of all. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Amanda Lozon spoke with her parents, Patty and Bill Lozon. Also her grandparents, Patty and Bill adopted Amanda and raised her from age twelve. Here, Patty and Bill tell Amanda what the experience was like.

[Narrative: Turning Up All the Stones](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • MAY 9, 2018

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project where friends and loved ones interview each other. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Barbara Howard spoke with her daughter, Brooke Howard, about her late husband, James William Howard, who was a "one in a million" father to Brooke and her siblings. Here, Brooke asks her mom to share some memories from the early years in their relationship.

[Narrative: "Oh, Those Were Yummy Days!"](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • APR 10, 2018

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project that collects the voices of our times. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Thomas and Ann Edwards sat down to talk about their marriage and the family they made together over

50 years. They both grew up in South Carolina, and here Ann and Thomas remember childhood in the 1950s and their own grandparents.

My Telehealth

WLTR/WSCI/WEPR/WRJA/WJWJ/WLJK/WHMC/WNSC

Monday 1:33pm; Wednesday 7:45am; Friday 5:44pm

All shows 4:00 in length

Shows listed in reverse order.

[Technology Brings Doctors Directly to Nursing Home Residents](#)

By JOHN LEWIS • JUN 15, 2018

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16,000 South Carolinians lived in nursing homes in 2015.

Some nursing home residents can still be mostly independent, while others require constant care. Dr. Russ Blackwelder, the associate medical director at The Village at Summerville, says his patients will do better if they stay in their home environment and avoid the hospital whenever they can.

But the doctor can't be at the facility 24/7, and for years that meant automatic hospital trips for patients that needed to be seen.

[Statewide Telehealth Summit Attracts Major Players in Healthcare Industry](#)

By JOHN LEWIS & TABITHA SAFDI • JUN 12, 2018

Each year, [Palmetto Care Connections](#) hosts an Annual Telehealth Summit of South Carolina. 2018 marks the sixth annual summit. The summit brings together providers, payers, and policy makers. During the summit, major players in healthcare recognize wins and discuss telehealth on both a national and local level.

State House Week

Fridays at 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 1:33 p.m. and 4:44 p.m.

All shows 4:00 in length

Shows listed in reverse order

[State House Week for June 29, 2018](#)

By ALFRED TURNER • JUN 29, 2018

This year's session of the SC General Assembly has finally ends, as lawmakers pass a wide-ranging plan to address the V.C. Summer nuclear debacle.

[State House Week Will Return in the Next Legislative Session](#)

By ALFRED TURNER • MAY 21, 2018

With the General Assembly gone home, State House week taking a bit of a break. We will return with the next legislative session.

[State House Week for May 18, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • MAY 18, 2018

Lawmakers head toward a perfunctory session with work stalling on next year's state budget and V.C. Summer Nuclear bills.

[State House Week for May 11, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • MAY 11, 2018

This year's session of the General Assembly has adjourned, but lawmakers will return to Columbia for unfinished business.

[State House Week for May 4, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • MAY 4, 2018

The SC General Assembly heads towards its' final week of the 2018 session. Key bills have yet to pass, but Democrats in the State Senate managed to kill a sweeping anti-abortion bill.

[State House Week for April 27, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • APR 27, 2018

The State House and Senate remain at odds over reducing SCE&G's nuclear charge, and the state will soon have a new Child Advocate.

[State House Week for April 20, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • APR 20, 2018

The S.C. General Assembly has moved to cut SCE&G's nuclear rate, and prison violence sparks calls for action.

[State House Week for April 13, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • APR 13, 2018

The SC Senate approves next year's \$8 Billion state budget, and a major setback for proponents of solar energy in the state.

[State House Week for April 06, 2018](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • APR 6, 2018

Action on the future of Santee Cooper, and the future solar energy industry were debated by the SC House of Representatives this week

Walter Edgar's Journal

WLTR/WSCI/WEPR/WRJA/WJWJ/WLJK/WHMC/WNSC

Fridays at 12noon

WRJA/WJWJ/WLJK/WHMC/WNSC

Sundays at 4 p.m.

All shows 58:30 in length

Shows listed in reverse order

(Originally broadcast 10/13/17) - The Southern Campaign was critical in determining the outcome of the American Revolutionary War, yet the South's importance has been downplayed in most historical accounts to date.

[Fade In, Crossroads: A History of the Southern Cinema](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JUN 25, 2018

(Originally broadcast 11/10/17) - How did the American South contribute to the development of cinema? And how did film shape the modern South? In *Fade In, Crossroads: A History of the Southern Cinema* (2017, Oxford University Press), Robert Jackson tells the story of the relationships between southerners and motion pictures from the silent era through the golden age of Hollywood. Jackson talks with Walter Edgar about the profound consequences of the coincidence of the rise and fall of the American film industry with the rise and fall of the Jim Crow era.

[Saving South Carolina's Constitutions](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JUN 18, 2018

(Originally broadcast 10/20/17) - Millions of historic documents in the U.S., from presidential papers to personal slave journals, are facing an issue apart from age: a preservation method that has backfired. The process of laminating documents between sheets of cellulose acetate film, widely practiced from the 1950s through the 1970s, has now been determined to actually contribute to the deterioration of acid-containing paper.

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

By WALTER EDGAR • JUN 11, 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.

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

By WALTER EDGAR • JUN 4, 2018

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. "Chip" Bragg joins Walter Edgar to talk about circumstances that led to an act that sparked perhaps the most notable controversy of the war.

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

By WALTER EDGAR • MAY 28, 2018

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. Yet he died in obscurity, his name barely remembered.

[The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens: Revolutionary War Hero, American Founder](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAY 21, 2018

(Originally broadcast 10/03/17) - In his book, *The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens: Revolutionary War Hero, American Founder* (2017, UNC Press), Dr. Rod Andrew, Jr., of Clemson University, explores the life of the hard-fighting South Carolina militia commander of the American Revolution, was the hero of many victories against British and Loyalist forces. In this book, Andrew offers an authoritative and comprehensive biography of Pickens the man, the general, the planter, and the diplomat.

[Forgotten Jazz Great: Charleston's Fud Livingston](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAY 14, 2018

Charleston's Fud Livingston, 'Jazz Age' arranger, composer, and musician, made memorable music.

Joseph Anthony "Fud" Livingston, born in Charleston, SC, in 1906, was an American jazz clarinetist, saxophonist, arranger, and composer who played with some of the most renowned

musicians of the Jazz Age, including Bix Beiderbecke, Red Nichols, Joe Venuti, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and the Dorsey brothers, Tommy and Jimmy. He arranged for Broadway and wrote songs, the most famous of which is "I'm Through with Love."

[Greenville Chautauqua History Alive: Courage](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAY 7, 2018

The topic of this year's History Alive festival presented by Greenville Chautauqua is "Courage." Historical interpreters will appear in character under the Chautauqua tent bringing to life the stories of Alice Paul, Francis Marion, Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, and Winston Churchill.

Greenville Chautauqua's Caroline McIntyre joins Dr. Edgar along with historical interpreters Becky Stone (Harriet Tubman) and Leslie Goddard (Clara Barton and Alice Paul) to talk about his summer's History Alive festival.

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

By WALTER EDGAR • APR 30, 2018

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."

[South Carolina State University: A Black Land-Grant College in Jim Crow America](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • APR 23, 2018

Since its founding in 1896, South Carolina State University has provided vocational, undergraduate, and graduate education for generations of African Americans. Now the state's flagship historically black university, it achieved this recognition after decades of struggling against poverty, inadequate infrastructure and funding, and social and cultural isolation. In *South Carolina State University: A Black Land-Grant College in Jim Crow America*, William C.

[Peace Voices](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • APR 16, 2018

Peace Voices is a spoken word outreach program of Greenville's Peace Center that uses poetry as a vehicle to tell unique, personal stories. Participants engage in master classes with Peace Center Poet-in-Residence Glenis Redmond, both at the Peace Center and in the community.

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

By WALTER EDGAR • APR 9, 2018

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.

[My Tour Through the Asylum: A Southern Integrationist's Memoir](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • APR 2, 2018

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, Aïda Rogers and Salley McInerney, recount the possibilities that unfold when people work through their differences toward a common good.

South Carolina Business Review

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

All shows 5:50 in length

Shows listed in reverse order

Lowcountry Start-Up Accepted to Nashville Accelerator

By Mike Switzer • Jun 29, 2018

The Nashville Entrepreneur Center and the Country Music Association (CMA) recently accepted a Charleston, SC-based startup into their competitive 2018 Project Music Portfolio program, which is a year-round, entrepreneurship program designed to accelerate the success of music-oriented startups. And of course, you want to know who that company is...

Walterboro, SC Experiencing Entrepreneurial Revival

By Mike Switzer • Jun 28, 2018

If you live in or have visited Walterboro, South Carolina recently, you may have noticed a little renaissance going on. From a farm-to-truck food truck to a new event venue on the river to a former Boeing executive's new aviation company...entrepreneurs are apparently migrating to the area to launch their dreams. What's going on in Colleton County?

Mike Switzer interviews Hank Amundson, assistant city manager for the City of Walterboro, South Carolina.

Social Security Disability Claims Have Become Increasingly Difficult

By Mike Switzer • Jun 27, 2018

According to the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives, fewer than half of people who apply for disability benefits — about 45 percent — are ultimately accepted; and that even getting a hearing takes an average of nearly 600 days. That's why our next guest says that you should know what Social Security Disability offers, who is eligible, and what changes have occurred over the past several years.

Estate Planning for Your Digital Assets

By Mike Switzer • Jun 26, 2018

We've talked frequently on this program of the need for an estate plan. However, in this increasingly digital world the definition of an estate is expanding. Think about your online accounts including banking, Facebook, email, and your Bitcoins! What happens to these

accounts after you're gone? It's an interesting question and one that our guest today is going to address.

SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner

By Mike Switzer • Jun 25, 2018

Concepts to Companies

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Concepts to Companies and founder and CEO of Swampfox, an entrepreneur-centric social media company, based in Greenville, S.C.

Using Technology to Stay in Your Home Longer

By Mike Switzer • Jun 22, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

With 77 million baby boomers currently retired or soon to be retiring in the United States, our population continues to age. And it's safe to say that most of them want to stay in their homes for as long as possible. But our next guest says that a big impediment to that desire is technology: learning it and using it effectively.

Mike Switzer interviews Bill Vicary, founder and president of Vicary Management Group in Greenville, SC.

Federal Grant Workshops for Tech Entrepreneurs

By Mike Switzer • Jun 21, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

If there is any group of entrepreneurs that is not only hungry for capital but also having a hard time finding some, its early-stage start-ups. If you're one of these, you won't want to change your radio dial right now because our next guest is going to tell us about a free, new program her state agency recently launched to help these companies find federal grant money.

9th Annual Made in the South Awards Accepting Entries

By Mike Switzer • Jun 20, 2018

If you are a Southern artisan or business with a unique locally made product, you might want to know that a national magazine based in our state goes out of their way to highlight these products each year through their Made in the South awards program. And the deadline for entry is fast approaching.

Mike Switzer interviews Elizabeth Hutchison, a contributing editor with Garden and Gun magazine in Charleston, SC.

Is a Recession Around the Corner?

By Mike Switzer • Jun 19, 2018

It has been over nine years since the US economy has been in a recession. This is the second longest expansion period on record. Some analysts are saying that we are long overdue for a recession, especially since recent gross domestic product numbers came in below the previous three quarters.

Mike Switzer interviews Wes Johnson, a certified financial planner and prognosticator with ACT Advisors in Charleston, SC.

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SC Insurer Named a "Best" Employer

By Mike Switzer • Jun 14, 2018

Our next guest's company was recently named by Forbes magazine as one of the 500 best employers in the country. He says the key to their employee success is the company's cultural compass that points in all directions.

Mike Switzer interviews David Cote, a vice president and head of human resources at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina in Columbia.

Automating Your Government Experience with Chatbots

By Mike Switzer • Jun 13, 2018

These days, when you're visiting a new website, a chat box will often pop up and ask if you need help. And you may not even be aware that many times these are automated and are known as Chatbots. Our next guest believes that these Chatbots can help make your relationship with local government more efficient and so he started a company to prove it.

Bratton Riley is CEO of Citibot, based in Charleston, SC.

Should Financial Planning be a "Profession"?

By Mike Switzer • Jun 12, 2018

Doctors, lawyers, and CPAs are considered professional occupations, that is: having a specialized body of knowledge, and having education, experience, and ethical requirements.

Our next guest believes that certified financial planning should also be considered a bona fide “profession” and he’s working hard to make it happen.\

Mike Switzer interviews Rick Van der Noord, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

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Recovering Food Waste

By Mike Switzer • Jun 8, 2018

Americans throw away billions of pounds of food each year, worth billions of dollars and enough to feed millions of people. In fact, according a recent report on food waste by Johns Hopkins University, if we were able to recover all of our wasted food, we could provide a 2,000-calorie diet to 84% of the population. Our next guest’s university is working with a major South Carolina corporation on an initiative to address this issue.

The Impact HIV/AIDS on Our Workforce

By Mike Switzer • Jun 7, 2018

According to a recent report from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), our state ranks 8th in the nation in new cases of AIDS per capita, with Columbia ranking 5th, Charleston, 22nd and Greenville, 51st. And our next guest says that 40% of our state’s new cases are age 20 -29, young people just entering the workforce, which she believes could lead to a significant impact on our economy.

USC Professor Helping to Develop Nanoblood

By Mike Switzer • Jun 6, 2018

Imagine being able to store red blood cells as a bottle of powder on a shelf, not needing any refrigeration or for those who need regular transfusions, being able to receive one through a simple injection into the upper arm, like a shot. Our next guest is a University of South Carolina professor who has been an integral part of this Nano blood technology.

Could Clouds be appearing in Our Blue Sky Economy?

By Mike Switzer • Jun 5, 2018

The last time we spoke to our next guest, about three months ago, he said he believed that our country's economy seemed to be waking up from a long period of sleepwalking. Well, we're almost to the midpoint of the year and interest rates are rising, construction activity is reported to be declining, the stock market appears to have stalled, so let's see how he feels now.

SC Business Update from Andy Owens

By Mike Switzer • Jun 4, 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.

Busy Time at SC Ports

By Mike Switzer • Jun 1, 2018

As the economy has been improving over the past several years, our state's ports authority has been quietly setting new records for container volume while at the same time, continuing its efforts to deepen Charleston Harbor to accommodate the bigger, new Panamax ships which will allow for even more volume to our ports. And if you missed it, our state's second inland port recently held its grand opening in Dillon.

Mike Switzer interviews Jim Newsome, president and CEO of the South Carolina Ports Authority in Charleston, SC.

Clemson Research Leads to Award-Winning Device

By Mike Switzer • May 31, 2018

It's becoming more commonplace to hear about entrepreneurial ventures springing from our state's research universities. And they're getting more interesting, too. For example, through collaboration with Clemson University's physics and astronomy department, our next guest's company recently won an award for their cancer treatment device.

Mike Switzer interviews Donald Medlin, CEO and co-founder of Medical Beam Laboratories in Greenville, SC.

Finding Jobs for the Disabled

By Mike Switzer • May 30, 2018

Despite the workforce shortages we continue to hear about across a variety of industries, our next guest says that there are hundreds of thousands of untapped employees right here in South Carolina: people with disabilities. A group which, in South Carolina, happens to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

Mike Switzer interviews Kimberly Tissot, executive director of ABLE SC in Columbia, SC.

529 Plans Not Just for College Anymore

By Mike Switzer • May 29, 2018

Back when I was working in the financial services industry, parents and grandparents saved for children's college costs mostly through Uniformed Gifts to Minors accounts which could be used for anything, not just college. However, the money legally belonged to the child when he or she turned 18. Then came 529 plans, which kept the contributor in charge of the funds, just in case circumstances changed, but specified that the money had to be used for college costs. But now things have changed again.

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Beaufort Nurturing Entrepreneurs

By Mike Switzer • May 25, 2018

On one of our regular Monday interviews with John Warner, you've probably heard him mention the Charleston Digital Corridor and the success they are having nurturing and supporting technology entrepreneurs in the Holy City. But you may not know those two years ago, they partnered with the city of Beaufort to expand those efforts.

Mike Switzer interviews Kevin Klingler, board chairperson at the Beaufort Digital Corridor.

Buying Local Can Have Big Impact

By Mike Switzer • May 24, 2018

Most people know that spending money at your city or town's small businesses does more for the local economy than buying online or at big box stores. But our next guest says that that buying power is much more significant than folks realize. He says that for every dollar someone spends in a locally owned business, 75 cents stays in the community, whereas only 35 cents spent at a big box retailer stays local and only one penny of every dollar that is spent online. So he's turned that focus into a business of its own.

BMX Racing Bringing Money to Rock Hill, SC

By Mike Switzer • May 23, 2018

If you are a bicycle racing fan, you probably knew that last year, for the first time since 2001, the BMX World Championships were held in the US. And that specific location was the BMX Supercross Track in Rock Hill, SC, the only Olympic-caliber training facility on the U.S. east coast. That's the kind of venue that can make a significant economic impact on the local community.

Which Type of Investor are you?

By Mike Switzer • May 22, 2018

When it comes to investing in stocks and bonds, have you ever given any thought as to your personal investment philosophy or behavior? Our next guest says that you are probably one of three basic types of investor: rational, irrational, or "sort of balanced".

Mike Switzer interviews Hans Blake, a chartered financial analyst and CPA with Intelligent Investing in Greenville, SC.

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Planning Grocery Stores

By Mike Switzer • May 18, 2018

When we last interviewed our next guest, he and his partner had just started a geographic company. Since then, they discovered a need for a specialized version of their data in the grocery industry.

Mike Switzer interviews David Beitz with Beitz and Daigh in Columbia, SC.

Brewing Up Profits in Florence, SC

By Mike Switzer • May 17, 2018

With certain changes in our state's beer industry laws over the past few years, more and more former home-brewers are venturing out and starting full-fledged breweries. And the latest that we have learned about is a partnership between five such individuals in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews Travis Knowles, co-founder of Seminar Brewing in Florence, SC.

The Upside of Filmmaking in SC

By Mike Switzer • May 16, 2018

For the past several years, our next guests have been working in the trenches of our state's independent film industry and they say they continue to be amazed how few people are aware of South Carolina's film incentives that exist to spur the growth of this sector of our economy.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris and Emily White who are filmmakers in Greenville, SC and their latest film project is Electric Jesus.

Adult Children and Your Money

By Mike Switzer • May 15, 2018

While our next guest agrees that the number one uncomfortable topic for discussion with our children is the "birds and the bees", he says a close second is talking to your adult children about money. Which is why he brought with him today some tips on this topic.

Mike Switzer interviews John Cooper, a certified financial planner with Greenwood Capital in Greenwood, SC, and current president of the SC chapter of the Financial Planning Assn.

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Entrepreneur Summit in Columbia May 24th

By Mike Switzer • May 11, 2018

If you are a regular listener of ours, you know that our state has a plethora of resources available to entrepreneurs. And our next guest is right in the thick of this activity, which includes an upcoming free summit they will be hosting in Columbia where collaboration, networking, exchange of ideas, and South Carolina's innovative companies will be highlighted.

Government Contracting: Big Business for Small Businesses

By Mike Switzer • May 10, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

Of course, government contracts can mean big business for big businesses, but small businesses can benefit, too. For example, just one government agency last year awarded \$5 billion in prime contracts to small businesses. Our next guest says that many small businesses are unaware of how to pursue these opportunities which is why he's hosting a free outreach event on this topic in Columbia, SC on May 23rd.

Handling the Challenges of Entrepreneurship

By Mike Switzer • May 9, 2018

Most people realize that starting and operating your own business takes a lot of work. Our next guest says she knows what it's like to be one of these exhausted, stressed, overworked entrepreneurs with not much time left over for the loved ones in their lives. Which is why she wrote a book in an effort to help those with what she calls "lifestyle deficit disorder"?

The State of Our State's Economy

By Mike Switzer • May 8, 2018

It's early in the month of May and a good time to check in on the state of our state's economy.

Mike Switzer interviews Frank Hefner, director of the Office of Economic Analysis at the College of Charleston.

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Bluffton Chef "Tickled and Pickled" With Recent Awards

By Mike Switzer • May 4, 2018

Food maestros in our state continue to win national awards. The most recent example is a Lowcountry chef who received recognition for two of her creations earlier this year at the 2018 Good Foods Awards in San Francisco.

Mike Switzer interviews Leslie Rohland, owner of The Juice Hive and Health Emporium in Old Town and the Cottage Cafe, Bakery, and Tea Room in Old Town, Bluffton, SC, who won the pickles category for her Shiso Leaf Kimchi and Low Country Kimchi.

The Ups and Downs of Multi-tasking

By Mike Switzer • May 3, 2018

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

Are you proud of your ability to multi-task? Can you close a deal, hire someone, attend a video conference AND make dinner plans – all while driving your car? Our next guest says that multi-tasking is a common trait among entrepreneurs but it may also be one that can get out of control.

Mike Switzer interviews Neil McLean, managing partner at Sagacious Partners in Columbia, SC.

Marketing Holistically

By Mike Switzer • May 2, 2018

Most businesses know they need to have an advertising and marketing campaign, but with today's ever-evolving media marketplace, many are confused about how to develop it. Our next guest says that she believes a holistic approach is best.

Mike Switzer interviews Marion Crawford, owner of Crawford Strategy an award winning marketing and PR firm in Greenville, SC.

Considering Alternative Investments

By Mike Switzer • May 1, 2018

One of the recent financial planning and investment experts we interviewed on this show said he thought now was the time to start considering non-traditional investments such as commodities

since he sees a lot of risk currently in the stock and bond markets. Our next guest says that there certain considerations you should think about before utilizing alternative investments.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Cabri, a certified financial planner with Ameriprise Financial Services in Greenwood, SC.

SC Business Update from Alan Cooper

By Mike Switzer • Apr 30, 2018

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.

SC Arts Adding Big Bucks to State's Economy

By Mike Switzer • Apr 26, 2018

The University of South Carolina recently released a new economic impact study indicating that jobs, tax revenue, and spending by South Carolina's arts-related sector adds \$9.7 billion annually to our state's economy.

Mike Switzer interviews Ken May, executive director of the South Carolina Arts Commission in Columbia, SC.

Gig Economy Hurt by Flu Season

By Mike Switzer • Apr 25, 2018

During the latest flu season, our state hit a 5 year high in terms of flu hospitalizations and deaths. January and February were so bad that hospitals had heated tents set up as triage areas outside their Emergency Room entrances. Many simply ran out of rooms and beds. Our next guest says that for employers and employees who are part of the Gig Economy (independent contract workers) this type of situation can be very expensive because these employers and employees usually live with no paid sick leave.

Who Needs an Estate Plan?

By Mike Switzer • Apr 24, 2018

The topic of estate planning usually conjures up thoughts of wealthy people with complicated situations. But our next guest says that if you own any kind of property (a house, car, retirement plan) then you have an estate and as a result, you should also have a plan.

Mike Switzer interviews Joy Watkins, a certified financial planner with Anchor Investment Management in Columbia, SC.

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Preventing Child Abuse Has Multiple Benefits

By Mike Switzer • Apr 20, 2018

You may be aware that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, but what you may not know is that the cost of child abuse and neglect is estimated to be at least \$1 billion in our state alone. Our next guest says that this issue is something the business community should pay attention to because investing in child development now could alleviate problems in the workforce in the years ahead.

Mike Switzer interviews Joan Hoffman with the Children's Trust of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

How to Eliminate a Food Desert

By Mike Switzer • Apr 20, 2018

In 2005, the last grocery store left in our next guest's Lowcountry community closed and suddenly she found herself living where a lot of South Carolinians live: in an urban food desert. But rather than relocate, she accepted the challenge and helped organize a local nonprofit that has not only brought a grocery store back to the community but is creating economic development opportunities through sustainable farming programs and healthier onsite grocery services. And it's spreading across the state.

SC Commerce Continues "Premium" Growth

By Mike Switzer • Apr 19, 2018

According to "Area Development" magazine, our state consistently ranks as one of the top five states to do business in the nation. Maybe that's why new business and expansion announcements seem to be released by our commerce department almost weekly.

Mike Switzer interviews Bobby Hitt, South Carolina's secretary of commerce.

Innovation Summit Coming to Charleston

By Mike Switzer • Apr 18, 2018

Our state's colleges and universities continue to grow their support for our entrepreneurial community through the development of new programs, degrees, conferences and more. Our next guest's institution has been on the forefront of this movement for quite some time.

Local Prognosticator Not Concerned With Market Volatility

By Mike Switzer • Apr 17, 2018

After an unusual two-year period of calm in the stock market, 2018 has seen a return to volatility. Our next guest says that as a result, he has a lot of investors asking where we go from here.

Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, a certified financial planner with ACT Advisors in Greenville and Charleston, SC and frequent market prognosticator on this program.

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Understanding SBA Loans

By Mike Switzer • Apr 13, 2018

Most businesses are aware that loans are available through the US Small Business Administration, but our next guest says there remains a lot of confusion about the actual loan process and the various types of loan programs.

Mike Switzer interviews Frank Anderson, a lender relations specialist with the South Carolina district office of the SBA in Columbia, SC.

Vocation Rehab Partnering with Businesses to Help Students with Jobs

By Mike Switzer • Apr 12, 2018

Most people know our guests' state agency through their efforts to help dislocated employees learn new skills. But you may not know that they also work with our schools to help students be better prepared for the workforce.

Mike Switzer interviews Daniel Broucek, a transition job coach and Jessica Pooser, a counselor, both with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in Columbia, SC.

Lowcountry Firm Using 3D Printing to Help Amputees

By Mike Switzer • Apr 11, 2018

SC Launch, the entrepreneurial program from SCRA, recently decided to invest in our next guest's company because of their unique way of helping lower limb amputees with prosthetics through 3-D printing,

Mike Switzer interviews Barry Hand, co-founder and CEO of Extremiti3D, in John's Island, SC.

The Early Outlook for Our State's Economy

By Mike Switzer • Apr 10, 2018

The US economy continues to experience healthy gains as we move into the 2nd quarter of 2018. Employment and wage growth have been stronger and in South Carolina, GDP growth is currently outpacing the national average. Yet our next guest warns that new tariffs, a volatile stock market, a shortage of skilled workers, and the prospects of higher inflation have the potential to rock the boat. What should we expect for our state and the nation as we head towards the summer months?

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Oyster Conservation Launches New Business

By MIKE SWITZER • APR 6, 2018

As coastal populations increase, a greater strain is put on the marine ecosystem which can cause more habitat and species to be lost each year because of poor water quality. But our next guest says that if we just had more oysters out there, their toxin-filtering ability would be a big help. So he started an oyster knife company with a goal of doing just that.

Mike Switzer interviews Casey Davidson, founder of Toadfish Outfitters in Charleston, SC.

New Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program Begins in SC

By MIKE SWITZER • APR 5, 2018

Agriculture is big business in our state and our next guest's state agency wants to make it even bigger. That's why they've launched a brand new entrepreneurship program.

Mike Switzer interviews Jack Shuler, executive director of the Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship at the SC Department of Agriculture.

Celebrating SC's Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

By MIKE SWITZER • APR 4, 2018

You are probably already aware that we live in a diverse, multicultural state. And once a year, businesses, organizations, and individuals come together in the Midlands to celebrate the music, culture, food and performing arts of the various cultures, nationalities, races and language groups represented in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Raj Aluri, director of the Columbia International Festival coming April 14-15 to the state fairgrounds.

Has the Investment Tide Turned Toward High Risk?

By MIKE SWITZER • APR 3, 2018

One day this past February, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped over 1500 points and has seen some fairly volatile days since then. Our next guest says he believes this is a sign that after many years of growth, the tide has turned and that there currently exists much risk in stocks, bonds, and real estate.

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

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[Students Create Computer Games and Apps at Girls Go for IT Camp](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER & CLAYTON SEARS • JUN 29, 2018

During the last two weeks of June, the University of South Carolina's School of Earth, Ocean and Environment was home to [Girls Go for I.T.](#), a camp for middle school-age girls who are interested in learning about computer science and programming. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger and Clayton Sears went to USC's campus to see what the girls are creating and to talk with the professors who started the program, Dr.

[Columbia Chosen as One of Three Cities for Obama Foundation's Community Leadership Corps](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • JUN 25, 2018

On Saturday, June 16, around 50 young adults, ages 18 to 25, gathered in the [Richland Main Library](#) in Columbia. All of them, in some capacity, were activists, hoping to gain the skills to influence change in their own communities with the training of the Obama Foundation as members of its newly minted [Community Leadership Corps](#), or CLC.

[Recapping the GOP Gubernatorial Runoff Debate](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • JUN 21, 2018

The two remaining Republican gubernatorial candidates faced off Wednesday, June 21 at the Newberry Opera House for a debate co-sponsored by SCETV and the Post and Courier. Governor Henry McMaster and businessman John Warren positioned themselves as the experienced politician and the political outsider throughout the night as the top vote earners from June 12's primary sparred over healthcare, education and statehouse corruption.

[30 Years Later, the Legend of the Lizard Man Lives on in Bishopville](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • JUN 15, 2018

The tale goes something like this: a young man gets a flat tire late one night in 1988 while driving near Scape Ore Swamp, and gets out of his car to change it. Then, from the shadows emerges a creature that's green, wet, seven feet tall, with three fingers, red eyes and scales. As the young man scrambles to drive away, the creature viciously attacks his car.

[Looking Through a Different Lens: Veterans Use Photography to Help Cope with PTSD](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JUN 13, 2018

June is PTSD or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month. The mental health problem can develop after a person has been exposed to one or more traumatic events. For members of the military, PTSD can develop because of combat and missions where soldiers were exposed to horrible and life-threatening experiences. According to the health clinic at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, 22,000 veterans are seen for mental services in general, many of them are referred for PTSD therapy.

[Lowcountry Bridge Reopens Early](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUN 2, 2018

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A major artery connecting coastal communities to Charleston and beyond is back open, one week earlier than expected. South Carolina Department of Transportation officials made the announcement late Thursday and reopened the west bound lanes of I-526 to traffic Saturday. Fortunately, the weather permitted.

"Well it's very welcome news," said Mount Pleasant Mayor Will Haynie. "We have 33,000 cars a day going out of Mount Pleasant over that bridge and there are only nine lanes of traffic leading out of our town and two of them were lost in a moment's notice."

[Passing on the Centuries Old Tradition of the Carlo Colla and Sons Marionette Company](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUN 2, 2018

There's a melancholy to his voice and a sadness in his eyes, as the managing director of the centuries old Carlo Colla and Sons Marionette Company of Milan speaks in his best English to elementary school children at the Emmet Robinson Theater at the College of Charleston prior to the company's Spoleto performance. Peiro Corbella paces the stage as he begins his story, 40 years ago when he became a puppeteer, thanks to the guidance of his mentor and good friend, Eugenio Monti Colla.

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

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 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

[Electric Cars Making Gradual Inroads](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 28, 2018

Traffic can be pretty noisy, but one component of the nation’s traffic is growing quietly. The component is the electric car. Sold by Chevrolet, Nissan, Tesla and other makers, Nissan alone has sold a quarter-million electric vehicles since 2011. Mac Martin, who sells the electric Leaf model by Nissan, says it’s so quiet the manufacturer actually installed a speaker to project artificial speed-up and slow-down noises so that pedestrians will be aware of their presence.

[Where They Stand: Candidates Vying For State's Top Job Debate Ahead of June Primary](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAY 25, 2018

The state’s primary election is June 12. All executive office positions are up for election as well as all seven seats of the US House of Representatives. The eight candidates vying for the state’s top job recently fielded questions on various topics during two, hour-long debates. Republicans debated May 23 and Democrats on May 24. Democratic candidates Phil Nobel, Marguerite Willis and James Smith answered questions on the failed V.C. Summer Nuclear power station, education, legalizing marijuana, protecting students from school shootings and more.

[Snakebites May Be On the Rise in South Carolina](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 25, 2018

With the coming of warm weather, more people are getting outdoors. It’s a great idea – unless you’re bitten by a snake. The number of snakebite calls to the Palmetto Poison Center has increased the past two years, to about 200 per year. It’s probably not because more snakes are out there, but more emergency room doctors are calling the center for advice, because they don’t see that many snakebites, says center Director Dr. Jill Michels.

[Why Does the Turtle Cross the Road?](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • MAY 23, 2018

Now that summer is approaching, it's a common occurrence to see turtles crawling across roadways in South Carolina (and many other states). Ever wondered why that is? In honor of [World Turtle Day](#), I spoke with Cris Hagen, Director of Animal Management at the [Turtle Survival Center](#), a program of the Turtle Survival Alliance, in Charleston.

[Teenage Twins Befriend a World War II Veteran aboard the USS Yorktown](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAY 23, 2018

It's been three years since Carter and Jack Hanson were featured on CBS news for their rare friendship with a World War II veteran who served aboard the USS Yorktown. That's when the network set up a surprise meeting on the ship just outside of Charleston. They had gotten to know Robert Harding through email. It was quite a moment as the three came face to face, and their bond has grown stronger ever since. Now 13 years-old, the twins recently attended the Yorktown's 75th anniversary with their family, celebrating Harding who could not be there.

[FEMA Grants Still Helping Repair Flood-damaged Sewers](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 21, 2018

The aftermath of the October 2015 flood continues to occupy the business of many people and agencies in South Carolina, such as the East Richland County Public Service District (ERCPSD), which operates the sewer system for a section of the county heavily damaged by the flood. ERCPSD Deputy Director Ed Schooler said the flood changed the route of the system's pipes, knocking many right out of the ground.

[For Astronaut Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden Jr., There's No Place like Home](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • MAY 17, 2018

Students from three local Columbia high schools got a rare opportunity Monday—to see real life astronaut and former NASA Administrator Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr. speak about space, science, and the future. For Bolden, who hosted the talk at the University of South Carolina's [Thomas Cooper Library](#) in honor of the gift of his personal archives to the university, it was also an opportunity—to share his journey with students of his own alma mater, C.A Johnson High School.

[South Carolina a Leader in Some Areas of Mental Health Care](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 16, 2018

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and there is much that most people are not aware of about mental health. Just more than 43 million Americans experience a mental illness in a given year, including millions of cases of depression, anxiety disorder and Alzheimer's disease. USC psychiatrist Dr. Meera Narasimhan says many illnesses are caused by the stresses of everyday life, such as unemployment or divorce, or more jarring experiences such as war.

[Mobile Business Class Helps Military Spouses Gain, Maintain Employment](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAY 15, 2018

One of the ways the Small Business Administration (SBA) provides assistance to small businesses is through education. SBA provides free individual face-to-face, and internet counseling for small businesses, and low-cost training to nascent entrepreneurs and established small businesses. In South Carolina, a fairly new education program for military spouses teaches how to start a mobile business. South Carolina Public Radio talks with the creator of the class to learn how a successful small business can help military spouses, their families and the economy.

[Bluegrass Music is a South Carolina Tradition](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 15, 2018

Bluegrass music has always been popular in South Carolina, but Willie Wells thinks it's about to break out to a new, mass popularity. Every Friday night, Wells holds a bluegrass jam at his store, Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor. Fans and musicians enjoy a performance before getting out their guitars, banjos and fiddles to play country, gospel and bluegrass tunes with each other.

[What We Know About the SC National Guard Deployment to Mexican Border](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAY 14, 2018

A month ago, Gov. Henry McMaster offered to send SC National Guard troops to Texas to help fight illegal immigration along the Mexican border. Friday, the Governor officially announced one Army National Guard helicopter and approximately nine Soldiers and crew will leave for the area the week of May 13. Here's what we know.

[Charleston Family Cautiously Optimistic; EPA Announces Action on Paint Stripper Chemical](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAY 11, 2018

His voice sounds excited, yet hesitant. Brian Wynne has just learned the Environmental Protection Agency will take action on a proposed ban from the Obama administration that would keep a potentially deadly chemical from being used in paint strippers commonly found on store shelves. He met with the EPA chief two days ago, sharing the story of his younger brother from Charleston who died after being exposed to that very chemical, methylene chloride.

[South Carolina's Excellent Drinking Water is Product of Diligence, Dedication](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 9, 2018

May 6-12 is national Drinking Water Week, a time to appreciate the high quality water found throughout most of the Palmetto State. Jennifer Satterthwaite, communications coordinator for the Columbia Water Works, says while the city has two excellent sources of water, Lake Murray and the Columbia Canal, many people don't realize that what they use on land, such as use certain fertilizers, automobile oil or pet waste, can find its way via storm water runoff into the water supply. Fortunately, Water Works Superintendent Clint Shealy says the city does more than it's required to keep its

[Future Teachers Reflect on a Year of Challenge in their Chosen Profession](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAY 7, 2018

Professor Anne Gutshall teaches psychology courses to future educators at the College of Charleston. Her students have a lot on their minds. From teacher walkouts nationwide over low pay to deadly mass shootings at schools, it's a wonder they want to teach at all. But they do. They really do.

[Never Seen the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington? You Can, this Weekend, in Camden](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAY 4, 2018

A scaled replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is on display at Historic Camden. It's called the Wall That Heals and features all the names of the 58,318 who served and died in Vietnam. South Carolina Public Radio spoke with students, teachers, veterans and community members during a recent visit to the exhibit.

[Automation is Growing, and Altering South Carolina's Job Market](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAY 1, 2018

Automation has been increasing in the Palmetto State's factories for a long time, bringing with it fears of job losses for people whose jobs are vulnerable to being replaced by machines. But

Roger Varin of Staubli Robotics, which makes robots for industry, says jobs are changing, but not necessarily vanishing. In fact, he asserts, automation creates jobs in some areas.

[The Federal Gov. Granted More Money, Now Richland County Is Helping More Flood Victims](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • APR 30, 2018

For the past two years, South Carolina has been in recovery mode. Long-term recovery for families, business and municipalities, following the historic rain event and flood of October 2015, is seen in almost every county. Recently, during National Community Development Week, Richland County celebrated the first home in its flood recovery program given to a flood survivor. The event marked a major milestone in the County's recovery program and also presented a second chance at recovery for those still living in unsafe and conditions.

[With Hurricane Season a Month Away, How Does SC Measure Up in Disaster Preparedness?](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • APR 30, 2018

It's that time again. Spring is in full swing, and so are preparations for the upcoming Atlantic hurricane season. The National Weather Service is preparing to recognize [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#) in early May, and will partner with the state's Emergency Management Division to sponsor South Carolina Hurricane Preparedness week beginning May 27.

[Elder Law Aims to Protect Senior Citizens, those with Special Needs](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 30, 2018

May is National Elder Law Month, a time lawyers endeavor to spread the word that their specialty provides legal advocacy, guidance, and services to enhance the lives of seniors and people with disabilities. Columbia elder law attorney Lauren Wasson says there are three basic financial documents that should be in place for every senior citizen: a will, a durable power of attorney and a health care power of attorney, which assigns a trusted person to speak for the elderly client if he/she is unable to speak for him/herself.

[Lowcountry Mayors Unite in Fight against Sea Level Rise](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • APR 27, 2018

Both have historic homes, waterfront parks and battery walls, as well as reputations for hospitality. Charleston was named the best southern city this year by Southern Living Magazine. Last year, Beaufort was awarded best small town. But that's not all these two Lowcountry communities have in common.

“We’re sort of like brothers,” said Beaufort Mayor Keyserling. He’s referring to his life-long, family friendship with Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg. Their cities may be 70 miles apart, but the two catch up by phone at least once or twice a week.

[Exiting FCC Commissioner Talks Net Neutrality, Prison Violence and Her Future](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • APR 27, 2018

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

For the past nine years, South Carolina native Mignon Clyburn has served as commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She was sworn into office, on August 3, 2009 at the Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Courthouse in Columbia and since then has become a strong supporter of net neutrality, media ownership reform and lowering prison phone rates. This month, Clyburn announced she was leaving the agency.

[Sexual Assault Fought in S.C. with Education, Reporting](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 26, 2018

U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SGT. ASHLEY BELL

The instance of sexual assault in the United States is growing at a rate that would surprise, even alarm, many people. According to Shannon Nix, associate director of sexual assault and violence intervention and prevention at the University of South Carolina, one in four women - and one in six men – will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives. This high number doesn’t mean more assaults are happening, however. Nix said it seems that way because more people are reporting it.

[Flood Recovery Still Ongoing for Some Midlands Victims](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD & OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • APR 26, 2018

For some, the so-called “thousand-year rain” and the floods that followed it in October 2015 may seem an event long past, but many are still recovering from the storm’s devastation. For some businesses in Richland County, the after effects of the floods continue to pose particular difficulties. Take the [Four Paws Animal Clinic](#), which was forced to operate out of a temporary location for more than two years after the flood, when the business' original building bordering Gills Creek was ruined.

[Fourteen State Corrections Employees Indicted on Federal Charges](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • APR 25, 2018

The United States Attorney's Office announced the arrest of fourteen employees of South Carolina correctional facilities who are now facing Federal charges to bribery and bringing contraband in the state's prisons. U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, Beth Drake, says the charges resulted from an investigation that has been ongoing for years.

[Williamsburg Hospital Looks to a Future Building, Partnership with Lake City](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • APR 24, 2018

For more than a year, the Williamsburg Regional Hospital has been serving patients from a temporary facility located right next to their old building. [The hospital was damaged beyond repair during the thousand-year floods.](#) Eventually, the hospital determined that they had to move out of the old building.

[Earth Day a Reminder to Care for Land, Water, Air](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 18, 2018

Earth Day is held each April to remind people of the importance of caring for our world, according to USC Environmental Health Sciences Professor Joe Jones. He practices what he preaches, as he regularly takes his students outdoors to pick up trash that has washed into a campus creek from Columbia's Five Points area, where many students eat and drink. He tells them that if trash could wash from one part of town to another, it could also get into the Congaree River and thus to the coast, and, ultimately, wash up on the shores of other countries.

[College of Charleston Professor Works to Save Coral Reefs](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 17, 2018

People picture coral reefs as bursting with color and teeming with a variety of undersea life, which many are. But their number is shrinking, says College of Charleston biologist Phil Dustan, because they are hyper-sensitive to temperature changes, and climate change is warming the ocean to intolerable levels for many reefs. In his 40-plus years of studying reefs, Dustan said, the Florida Keys, for example, have probably lost 90 to 95 percent of their living coral reefs.

[Charleston's Tourist Season is in Full Swing in the Spring](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • APR 17, 2018

You know its spring in Charleston when the cars are thick with yellow pollen, as well as a colorful array of out of state license plates. Porta- Potties line the streets, novice runners sport

bright, new shoes and college kids seeking sun and warmth stretch out behind the beach dunes. Typically, the signs appear in April, alongside two annual events; the Cooper River Bridge Run and the Volvo Car Open.

[Williamsburg County School District Now Under Control of State Education Department](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • APR 11, 2018

State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman declared a state of emergency in the Williamsburg County School District and will now take over day-to-day operations. During a press conference in Columbia, Spearman cited financial mismanagement, systemic programmatic issues, and poor student academic performance for her decision.

[Raising Charleston's Historic Homes in Hopes of Saving Them](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • APR 11, 2018

How do you raise a large, historic home? Better yet, how do you put it back down? Should such an old home be raised at all? All are tough questions in a city that until recently had never lifted one before.

“There’s a lot of head scratching going on,” said long-time contractor Gary Walters. He’s been working on a massive home at 42 Rutledge Avenue in Charleston, S.C. since last fall. That’s when its owner, Jack Margolies, finally got approval from the city’s Board of Architectural Review to raise the 1859 structure.

[Daring, WWII "Doolittle Raid" Began in Columbia](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 9, 2018

76 years ago (April 18 1942) 80 brave men did what had never been attempted: they flew army bombers off a U.S. aircraft carrier on their way to bomb Tokyo. The attack, which has become known to history as the Doolittle Raid, was America’s first strike back at Japan after the infamous sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into World War II. In this report, Mount Pleasant author James Scott talks about the significance of the raid to the war, and its great psychological effect both on the American and Japanese publics.

[Services are Available for Autism and other Special Needs, but Planning is Crucial](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 9, 2018

The cost of raising a child to the age of 17 has been estimated to be about \$234,000. But that figure can easily quadruple for children with special needs. Donald Bailey knows. He is a special needs advocate and author whose grown son has autism. He urges families with special

needs members to make a plan for caring for that individual because, as it did with him, the question will eventually come around: what will happen when mom and dad (or other family) are no longer around to care for him/her?

[They Fought in an Unpopular War; 50 Years Later, Vietnam Vets Finally Hear “Thank You”](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • APR 6, 2018

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The last American troops withdrew from South Vietnam in 1975. On March 29, the 50th anniversary of this historic event coincided with the first National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Vietnam War Veterans Day is a new holiday, established when President Trump signed the Vietnam War Recognition Act of 2017. Veterans and supporters across the country gathered to remember their sacrifices and also to finally hear the words "thank you for your service."

[50 Years Later, Congressman Clyburn Reflects on King’s Visits to South Carolina](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • APR 4, 2018

On July 30, 1967 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was in South Carolina. He had tea at [Septima Clark’s](#) house in Charleston and later that day spoke at a meeting at the old county hall building on King Street. It would be his last visit to the Palmetto state. Nine months later, King was gunned down at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

[Singers Vie to Perform National Anthem at Ball Games](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 2, 2018

"The Star Spangled Banner" is one of the most familiar songs in the United States, and rightly so, since our national anthem is sung or played at so many events, particularly sporting events. And with so many ball games and other events, there are many opportunities for people to sing or play the anthem. Each spring, the Columbia Fireflies minor league baseball team holds auditions for people to have a chance to share their musical talents with the public at a Fireflies game during the season. This week we talk with - and listen to – a few of the musicians who tried out for the 60-some

[Cell Phones Smuggled into Prisons Pose a State - and National - Problem](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • APR 2, 2018

Thousands of cell phones are smuggled into South Carolina’s prisons, and those of other states, each year. This is probably the worst kind of contraband to be smuggled in, say officials,

because they are being used to continue some convicts' careers of crime from behind prison walls. Murders, drug deals and all kinds of scams are planned and executed from within prisons with these phones, says state Dept. of Corrections Director Brian Stirling.