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Dec 27, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 7](#)

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Dec 26, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 6](#)

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Dec 25, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 5](#)

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Dec 22, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 4](#)

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Dec 21, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 3](#)

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Dec 20, 2023

[2023 USC Economic Outlook Conference - Excerpt 2](#)

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Dec 19, 2023

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Dec 15, 2023

### [Upstate business finding success on old rail line](#)

One of the first former railroad tracks in our state to be converted to a trail, known as rails-to-trails, was the Swamp Rabbit Trail creating a shared-use bike and pedestrian trail from Greenville to Travelers Rest. One of the first businesses to take the plunge and open up on that trail was a small restaurant and market founded by two women entrepreneurs. Twelve years later it's still going strong. Mike Switzer interviews Mary Walsh, co-founder of Swamp Rabbit Cafe & Grocery in Greenville, SC.

Dec 14, 2023

### [Lancaster County SC attracting new business](#)

In case you didn't know, Lancaster County is one of the fastest-growing counties in our state, probably in part, because it is in the Charlotte metro area. Our next guest's digital marketing company has decided to tap into some of that growth by opening a new office there. Mike Switzer interviews Tom Sliker, president and CEO of Broadstreet.net headquartered in Camden, SC.

Dec 13, 2023

### [R&D firm expands in Upstate SC](#)

Most of the time when we hear of a new company expanding its operations in our state, we expect it to involve manufacturing because, quite honestly, we do have a reputation as a manufacturing state. But then we heard about our next guest's national research and engineering company announcing a significant expansion of its Upstate operations. Mike Switzer interviews Matthew Fordham, with Applied Research Associates in Greenville, SC.

Dec 12, 2023

### [New option available for excess 529-plan funds](#)

Imagine that you have saved diligently over the years to fund your child's 529 education savings plan, but instead of the expensive private college originally planned for, your daughter chose to enroll at a public university. So now that you have money left over in that 529 plan, what can be

done with it? Our next guest says that the good news is that a new option is available now that could help build a retirement fund for your daughter. Mike Switzer interviews Laird Green, a certified financial planner with Abacus Planning Group in Greenville, SC.

Dec 11, 2023

### [Inflation still a top concern for business](#)

Even though inflation continues to be on everybody's minds these days, the American Farm Bureau Federation's recent annual survey showed that the average cost of your recent family Thanksgiving dinner should have actually dropped by about 4.5% from last year. But our next guest also completed a recent survey of business leaders in our state and found that while inflation is not number one on their list of concerns, it's very close. Mike Switzer interviews Bob Morgan, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Columbia, SC.

Dec 8, 2023

### [Recycling in SC is still happening and growing](#)

Ever since China stopped importing recyclable materials from the US several years ago, we have been hearing from people who say they believe recycling doesn't matter anymore, and that everything is just going to the landfill anyway, so why bother? But the facts are that our state is home to over 300 recycling companies, a number which actually grew last year, bringing with them over \$4 billion in capital investments, and over 1,800 new jobs. Mike Switzer interviews Anna DeLage, recycling market development manager at the SC Dept. of Commerce.

Dec 7, 2023

### [I-77 busy in SC](#)

Correction: the December 7, 2023 version of this story stated that the 90-mile corridor between Columbia and Charlotte sees more than 145 million people passing through each day; that statement was incorrect, and has been updated as of December 11, 2023 and should read as follows: "In case you didn't know, 145 million people live within an 11-hour drive of the 90-mile corridor between Columbia and Charlotte. It's an area that encompasses five South Carolina counties and two metropolitan areas. That's a lot of potential commerce and economic development which is why our next guest's organization was formed. Mike Switzer interviews Chris Finn, the current president and CEO of the I-77 Alliance. "We apologize for this error and thank our listeners for bringing it to our attention.

Dec 6, 2023

### [SC builds on relationship with NASA](#)

Last year, our next guest's organization was awarded a grant of \$1 million with more coming this year, all with the mission of funding collaborative projects benefiting our state's citizens and NASA.

Mike Switzer interviews Catherine Hayes, executive director of CORE SC and an industry manager with the South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) in Charleston, SC.

Dec 5, 2023

### [Setting up a virtual family office](#)

Many people who solicit the assistance of a financial advisor have preconceived notions of what to expect involving investment management, tax planning, estate planning, etc. However, our next guest says there is often a disconnect between those client expectations and the actual services provided by financial advisors. He says the solution may be a virtual family office. Mike Switzer interviews Jeremy Finger, a certified financial planner with Riverbend Wealth Management in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Dec 4, 2023

### [SC education challenges continue](#)

Alan tells us about the current challenges to bettering education levels in our state and the recent task force survey from the SC Dept. of Education. Our prior interviews with teacher groups in SC: Teacher Shortage Continues Unabated in SC and Recruiting teachers is a priority in SC. Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: MidlandsBiz, UpstateBizSC, and LowCountryBizSC. Disclaimer: Alan Cooper's company has a business relationship with Voterheads.com, an affiliate of Magnolia Media, which is the producer of the South Carolina Business Review.

Dec 1, 2023

### [Local paint company celebrates 50 years of brothers in business](#)

Our state is home to a family-owned paint manufacturer that has been in business for over 100 years and we just learned that they are celebrating another milestone as the two brothers leading the company have now reached fifty years in that business together. They are Pope and Bobby Walker, who run the Rose Talbert Paint Company in Cayce, SC and today, we have Pope on the phone.

Nov 30, 2023

### [Reinventing headphones](#)

If you've ever worn earbuds or the mini earphones that fit into your ears, you have probably experienced the hassle of them falling out or not being comfortable in your ears. Our next guest thinks his Upstate company has found the solution using 3D printing and as a result has spurred the South Carolina Research Authority's investment affiliate, SC Launch, to invest a quarter million dollars into the company. Mike Switzer interviews Ric Hoke, founder and CEO of WAVS Custom, in Greenville, SC.

Nov 29, 2023

[Another niche market unveiled](#)

Although we've been doing this show for over 23 years, we continue to learn about niche segments of the business world that we hadn't heard of before. And so it goes with our next guest's company, owner of a local franchise that specializes in paving and maintaining parking lots. Mike Switzer interviews Charlie Mimms, who along with his wife, Melissa, own and operate Everline Coatings in Columbia, SC

Nov 28, 2023

[Giftng as an estate planning tool](#)

As the year winds down, a lot of financial reviews start to take place. And one of those can involve estate planning. Mike Switzer interviews Chris Cabri, a certified financial planner with Wells Fargo Advisors in Greenwood, SC.

Nov 27, 2023

[SC's charity "Angel List" released for 2023](#)

It's that time of year when many people take a look at making year-end charitable donations. But before you make that donation, you might want to review their financial information and check to see if that charity is even registered to solicit in our state. And that's where our next guest comes in. Mark Hammond is the Secretary of State for South Carolina and his office is not only in charge of that information, but they also release their charity "Angel List" each year.

Nov 24, 2023

[Native American art project documentary winning awards](#)

Our next guest and her husband are filmmakers who recently relocated to our state's Lowcountry. Their documentary about a Native American youth art project and its role in revitalizing their language and culture has won multiple awards across the country, most recently the Susan A. K. Shaffer Humanitarian Award at the Beaufort International Film Festival. Mike Switzer interviews Heather Steinberger, producer of Waniyetu Wowapi: Winter Count.

Nov 23, 2023

[Helping small companies find research grant money](#)

You may have heard us interview companies who have received SBIR or STTR grants to help them fund the research that their young companies depend on to continue to grow and validate their business models. However, applying for these grants or practically any grant can be a daunting process. And that's why the SC Department of Commerce is now making available free services to

companies and entrepreneurs in our state to help them with these grant programs. Kyle Salazar is with the department's 3PhaseSC program in Columbia.

Nov 22, 2023

### [Transforming Clemson's business school](#)

Three years ago, Clemson University received its largest ever gift: \$60 million from Wilbur and Ann Powers in an effort to transform the university's business school, which now bears their names. What has happened since then? Mike Switzer interviews Wendy York, dean of the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business at Clemson University.

Nov 21, 2023

### [USC's 2023 Economic Outlook Conference preview](#)

When the end of the year rolls around, it seems like there is always a lot to talk about when it comes to the economy and what the experts believe will be coming next year. And that's why our next guest's business school always hosts an economic outlook conference at this time of year. Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, chief economist at the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business, whose annual conference is coming December 5th.

Nov 20, 2023

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Nov 17, 2023

### [USC launches new advanced manufacturing leadership program](#)

For a very long time, our state has been known as a manufacturing state. And during that time, a lot has happened with technology, enough so that a new segment has emerged known as advanced manufacturing. The recent announcements of several large, new such factories coming to our state has brought to the forefront the need not just for the specialized workforce training but also leadership training specifically tailored to advanced manufacturing. And that's where our next guest comes in. Mike Switzer interviews Mark Cecchini, associate dean for Executive Education at the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business in Columbia, host of the South Carolina Manufacturing Leadership Program.

Nov 16, 2023

### [New recruiting tool unveiled for nonprofit boards](#)

Nonprofit organizations are an integral part of the business community. In fact, board members of nonprofits are often local business leaders. Yet nonprofits also often struggle to recruit new board members which is why our next guest's organization recently launched a new tool to help with that process. Mike Switzer interviews Madeleine McGee, president of TogetherSC in Columbia.

Nov 15, 2023

### [Midlands tech startup raises \\$750k - mostly from outside SC](#)

It's not often we hear of a local start-up raising big money from outside the state, but that is what has happened with our next guest's socially minded e-commerce company, which has received \$750,000 so far this year, most of which has come from a Cleveland-based venture capital firm. Mike Switzer interviews Jeff Spencer, CEO and co-founder of Playfora, in the Boyd Innovation Center in Columbia, S.C.

Nov 14, 2023

### [What's in store for investors in 2024?](#)

Hard to believe but true, 2023 is winding down and 2024 is right around the corner. For investors, this is the time of the year for retrospection and prognostication. So let's check in with one of our experts on these issues. Mike Switzer interviews Wes Johnson, a certified financial planner with ACT Advisors in Charleston, S.C.

Nov 13, 2023

### [The business implications of AI](#)

If the tight labor market, inflation, and rising interest rates weren't enough for the business community to worry about in 2023, then came artificial intelligence. Suddenly, it's all companies can talk about...how can we use AI to grow our business and protect our business from competition? Our next guest's business school has put together a conference to address these issues. Mike Switzer interviews Dirk Brown, director of the McNair Institute for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise at the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina, host of the upcoming Carolina Connect AI conference on December 1st.

Nov 10, 2023

### [Sustainability within the supply chain](#)

Our state has long been a proponent of sustainability, and our next guest's North Carolina company has long been a part of that, with three of its nationwide locations in South Carolina. Wes Carter is president of Atlantic Packaging in Summerville, S.C.

Nov 9, 2023

[Upstate healthcare tech firm receives \\$250k from SC Launch](#)

Our next guest's company recently received a \$250,000 investment from the South Carolina Research Authority's investment affiliate, SC Launch. An investment he says will help them scale up their services for independent pharmacies. Darren Schaupp is CEO of SiteLabs, at the Duke Energy Innovation Center in the Clemson Research Park.

Nov 8, 2023

[SC building construction program ranks high in national competition](#)

If you heard our recent interview with Laura Hutchinson who runs the Advanced Manufacturing and Skills Trade school at Midlands Technical College, you might remember her mentioning that the building construction class won the 2022 national championship and placed second in the nation this year. And so today, we have on the phone the director of that program. Mike Switzer interviews Robbie Sharpe, the Building Construction Program Director at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, S.C.

Nov 7, 2023

[Is crypto a legitimate investment?](#)

A lot has happened in the cryptocurrency market over the past several months so we thought it might be a good time to check in with our resident crypto expert to get his thoughts. Mike Switzer interviews Allen Gillespie, chief investment officer at FinTrust Capital Advisors in Greenville, S.C.

Nov 6, 2023

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Nov 3, 2023

[Growing social entrepreneurs](#)

Many people are familiar with the term social entrepreneurship which involves creating companies that strive to solve social problems, such as poverty, education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Our next guest's college has initiated a program to attract like-minded students. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Ben Bailey, a political science professor at Presbyterian College and the director of the college's Service Entrepreneurship Program.

Nov 2, 2023

### [Employing technology to attract workers](#)

The current unemployment rate in our state is about 3%, with companies continuing to struggle to find qualified workers, especially because so many are already employed and not actively seeking work. However, our next guest says that many underemployed people can be exposed to job opportunities that are a better fit for their skilled qualifications by using a technology known as programmatic advertising. Mike Switzer interviews Holly Rollins, CEO of 10X Digital, a marketing firm in Greenville, S.C.

Nov 1, 2023

### [Columbia, SC airport updating dining and shopping choices](#)

With 26+ daily, nonstop flights to nine major cities, our next guest's airport has decided that they will soon update the restaurant and shopping opportunities available to the one million+ passengers that use this airport. Mike Switzer interviews Mike Gula, president and CEO of the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

Oct 31, 2023

### [Time to add energy and metals to portfolios?](#)

Rising interest rates and more global conflict continue to put pressure on financial markets so we thought now might be a good time to check in with one of our resident investment analysts to get his take on the current situation. Mike Switzer interviews Tyson Halsey, a chartered financial analyst with Income Growth Advisors in Daniel Island, SC.

Oct 30, 2023

### [Many variables affecting economy](#)

Low unemployment, an aging population, higher interest rates and inflation, and global conflict are all factors our next guest says are weighing on our economy. Mike Switzer interviews Bruce Yandle, Dean Emeritus at the College of Business & Behavioral Science and Alumni Professor of Economics Emeritus, both at Clemson University. He is also the Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University's Mercatus Center which publishes his Economic Situation Report.

Oct 27, 2023

### [New streaming channel dedicated to S.C. creatives](#)

Our next guest has discovered that there are a lot of interesting and talented people in our state who need help connecting with others and showcasing those talents across the state, the nation, and even the world. Mike Switzer interviews Neal Kinard, founder of The Palmetto Network in Charleston, S.C.

Oct 26, 2023

[Music festival returns to Columbia, SC November 4th](#)

It's that time of year again when a popular music festival returns to the streets of our capital city, bringing with it a significant economic impact. Mike Switzer interviews Jay Matheson, owner of the Jam Room Recording Studio and founder of the Jam Room Music Festival coming November 4th to Columbia, S.C.

Oct 25, 2023

[Advanced mfg workforce development in full swing in S.C.](#)

Our state has definitely built up a solid reputation as a manufacturing state over the past several decades, and that reputation has been built on the success of our technical school system and its workforce development programs. That's something our next guest is thick in the middle of. Mike Switzer interviews Laura Hutchinson Davis, chair of the School of Advanced Manufacturing and Skilled Trades at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, S.C.

Oct 24, 2023

[Year-end tax strategies](#)

As we approach the end of the year, opportunities to optimize your tax situation begin to diminish. But our next guest says that there are still several strategies that you have time to employ. Mike Switzer interviews Beth Jeter Hrubala, a certified financial planner in Spartanburg, S.C.

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Oct 20, 2023

[Midlands, S.C. recruiting company named best place to work](#)

SCBizNews recently announced their annual Best Places to Work list in our state, and our next guest's recruiting company came in at number one in the small company category. Mike Switzer interviews Steve Bryant, CEO of SystemTec in Columbia, S.C.

Oct 19, 2023

[Camden, S.C. experiencing significant economic resurgence](#)

After their population had been shrinking for four decades, our state's oldest inland city has reversed its fortunes over the past 15 years, and that has resulted in more commercial investment over the past five years than in each of the prior 25. Mike Switzer interviews Shawn Putnam, planning and development director for the City of Camden, S.C.

Oct 18, 2023

### [SC basketball star continues philanthropic efforts for families in need](#)

Successful careers often lead to successful philanthropy. And that's the case with our next guest who, over three decades ago, used his basketball success to create a charity that raises funds for children and families in need with the ultimate goal of fostering civic engagement and leadership, and driving economic growth. Mike Switzer interviews Alex English, co-founder of the Let's Share Foundation in Columbia, S.C., host of the 3rd annual Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament happening at the end of this month.

Oct 17, 2023

### [Preparing for retirement plan auto-enrollment](#)

We're almost a year away now when employers will be required to automatically enroll eligible employees in retirement savings plans, such as a 401(k) or 403(b) plan. That all starts December 31, 2024, and our next guest says "You know how time flies, best to get prepared as soon as you can." Mike Switzer interviews Scotty Scott, a certified financial planner with Abacus Planning Group in Columbia, S.C.

Oct 16, 2023

### [Fastest growing companies in S.C. named recently at event in Columbia](#)

Each year, our next guest's investment banking firm names their top 50 fastest growing companies in our state which were recently announced for 2023 at a celebration in Columbia, SC. Dan Adams is president and CEO of The Capital Corporation in Greenville, S.C.

Oct 13, 2023

### [Non-English speaking populations present challenges for city governments](#)

Several years ago, we interviewed our next guest about a chatbot service his company had developed to help residents communicate with their local governments about various issues, such as potholes. Now they have added a multilingual version because many cities are finding that their non-English speaking population is on the rise. Mike Switzer interviews Bratton Riley, cofounder and CEO of Citibot in Charleston, S.C.

Oct 12, 2023

### [Managing super-cargo loads from Upstate SC](#)

Ten years ago, our next guest and his partner decided to leave their leadership positions at GE in the Upstate and start their own company because they believed they could develop a better way to manage the transportation of large cargo loads. Will Stephan is co-founder of Logisticus in Greenville, S.C.

Oct 11, 2023

### [Entrepreneurial resources available to SC veterans](#)

Most people are aware that there are many services available to our community of veterans to help them succeed after their military service is finished. But not even many veterans themselves are aware of our next guest's resource that can help them start or grow a business. Mike Switzer interviews CJ Williams, director of the South Carolina Veterans Business Outreach Center at the Citadel in Charleston, SC.

Oct 10, 2023

### [Generating extra cash in your portfolio while waiting for stocks to buy](#)

If you've got your eye on some stocks but want to wait to buy because you think the market may be heading a little lower, then our next guest has a portfolio strategy that will pay you while you wait. Mike Switzer interviews Ashton Lawrence with Mariner Wealth Advisors in Greenville, S.C.

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Oct 6, 2023

### ["Best place to work" award lands in Columbia](#)

By now, most of us have heard the phrase "call before you dig," which is an effort to prevent underground cables, wires, and pipes from being damaged. It's actually a law in our state and part of a nationwide network. Our next guest runs the company responsible for these efforts in South Carolina and was recently named by SCBizNews as one of the best places to work in our state. Mike Switzer interviews Misty Wise, executive director of SC811 in Columbia, SC.

Oct 5, 2023

### [Trends in senior living](#)

In case you haven't noticed, the number of senior living communities has been increasing dramatically over the past decade. Which means it's a fast-growing business to be in, which is right where our next guest is. Danny Sanford is CEO of Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community in West Columbia, SC.

Oct 4, 2023

[USC has new business school dean](#)

In case you haven't heard, there is a new dean at our state's flagship university business school. And we have him on the phone. Mike Switzer interviews Rohit Verma, dean of the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Oct 3, 2023

[SC economy chugging along](#)

Our state's economy continues to move forward regardless of the recent rise in inflation and interest rates. How long can this scenario continue? Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, chief economist at the Darla Moore School of Business at USC in Columbia, SC.

Oct 2, 2023

[Building opportunities for college students to stay in SC](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John shares an update from the recent Innoventure Futures Festival and about the upcoming Upstate Talent Forum.

## South Carolina News Stories

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### [SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh's pursuit of a new murder trial is set for an evidentiary hearing next month  
James Pollard/Associated Press/Report for America](#)

December 29, 2023

The judge handling the fallout over Alex Murdaugh's murder convictions plans to hold an evidentiary hearing next month. According to a tentative schedule shared by a media liaison for former South Carolina Supreme Court Justice Jean Toal, a three-day hearing is expected to begin Jan. 29.

### [SC News](#)

[Virtual mentoring and partnership create support network for nurses  
Joy Bonala](#)

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In Sumter, the surgical inpatient floor at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital bustle with activity for Registered Nurse Sarah Richardson who moves from room to room assessing patients, administering medications, and tending wounds.

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### [SC News](#)

[A unique partnership connects Lowcountry fishermen with people who don't have enough to eat  
Victoria Hansen](#)

December 22, 2023

South Carolina boasts nearly 200 miles of ocean coastline. Yet, it has one of the highest rates of households without enough to eat. Now struggling fishermen are teaming up to help feed those in need.

[SC News](#)

[Where does South Carolina rank for consumer protections? Actually ... pretty high](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 21, 2023

Despite being one of the worst states for debt, South Carolina is one of the best states for consumer protection, according to a new report.

[SC News](#)

[Learn how SC forensic nurse examiners empower survivors of sexual assault](#)

[Joy Bonala](#)

December 21, 2023

Using a secure digital forensic imaging system, a team of nurses at McLeod Health provides specialized, trauma-informed care to victims of sexual assault. Located in Florence, the forensic nurse examiner program is the only program of its kind in the area. Unfortunately, these services are in high demand.

[SC News](#)

[Georgia sees one of the highest drops in child Medicaid enrollments since the unwinding](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 19, 2023

Soon after pandemic Medicaid protections began unwinding in May, South Carolina posted some of the highest rates of disenrollment. By September, South Carolina's numbers leveled off, but Georgia saw big disenrollment totals.

[SC News](#)

[A boost for grocers in Columbia's food-insecure neighborhoods has echoes of Greenville](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 19, 2023

The City of Columbia is in the process of rolling out incentives for grocery stores to open in food-insecure neighborhoods. The effort is modeled on a program by the City of Greenville (that, so far, hasn't landed a grocer with it).

[SC News](#)

[A supermarket dies in a food desert in Spartanburg](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 18, 2023

A Piggly Wiggly store meant to buoy a food desert in Southside Spartanburg closed barely a year after it opened, despite all expectations that it would succeed. Its closure is a case study on the perils of simplistic solutions to complicated problems.

[SC News](#)

[Talking about Holocaust education in SC amid rise in antisemitism](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

December 15, 2023

Families of Holocaust survivors, authors, educators and the executive director of the Anne Frank Center in Columbia talk about the importance of Holocaust education amid a rise in antisemitism.

[SC News](#)

[16-year-old teen dies after suicide attempt at SC's detention facility for juveniles](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

December 7, 2023

"DJJ is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all youth entrusted to our care, and we will continue to fully investigate this tragic incident," DJJ Executive Director Eden Hendrick said in a statement.

[SC News](#)

[Deadline looms for Daufuskie Island's ferry service to move](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

December 6, 2023

Details of the Daufuskie Island ferry service's new embarkment point on Hilton Head Island are still being worked out, even as it faces a deadline to move from Bluffton by year's end.

[SC News](#)

[A friend, a guide through nature: How South Carolinians are remembering Rudy Mancke](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

December 6, 2023

Beloved South Carolina naturalist Rudy Mancke died Nov. 7, 2023, at age 78 after battling liver disease.

[SC News](#)

[Greenville County Council punts resolution to revoke abortion clinic's business license](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 4, 2023

Updated: The council sent a resolution to consider revoking the Greenville Women's Clinic's business license to committee Tuesday, with little fanfare.

[SC News](#)

[Some victims of Alex Murdaugh struggle with betrayal, others forgive](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

December 1, 2023

Victims of Alex Murdaugh, who watched and waited while the once powerful attorney stood trial for murdering his wife and son finally got their day in court this week. They faced the towering man who'd promised help in their darkest hours, and then, betrayed them.

[SC News](#)

[October numbers show home price escalation no longer driven by the South](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

December 1, 2023

House are getting more expensive in the South. They're just not getting there as quickly as they used to.

[SC News](#)

[Childcare affordability, accessibility is a problem. SC lawmakers say they want to change that](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

December 1, 2023

"The regulations are going to be key to meet family needs and child safety, along with quality," said S.C. House Education Committee Chairwoman Shannon Erickson.

[SC News](#)

[Stories of Service: Jacquelyn Stokes and Quenton Stokes-Brown](#)

November 30, 2023

Each Thursday this November, South Carolina Public Radio presents Stories of Service highlighting conversations between veterans, active service members, and their loved ones from across the state. In this edition, Jacquelyn Stokes speaks with her son Quenton Stokes-Brown about her cousin, Charles "Sonny" Couch, his experiences in the Vietnam War, and the challenges he faced in a segregated south.

[SC News](#)

[Lowcountry religious leaders seek protection for houses of worship amid growing threats of violence](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 29, 2023

Charleston County religious leaders met with officials from the Department of Homeland Security earlier this month as the feds warn of an increased risk of attacks on houses of worship.

[SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh faces financial crimes victims, people who trusted him, during sentencing](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 29, 2023

Victims of Alex Murdaugh expressed anger and forgiveness as they confronted the disbarred attorney who stole millions from them.

[SC News](#)

[A conversation on how recruiting nurses from rural areas can help improve healthcare in SC](#)

[Thelisha Eaddy](#)

November 29, 2023

According to the South Carolina Office of Rural Health, 27% of South Carolinians live in rural areas. When it comes to access and affordability of healthcare in these areas, experts say needed services and resources are often hard to come by.

[SC News](#)

[Upstate to get new area code](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 28, 2023

The state Public Service Commission expects that by 2025, phone numbers assigned to the 864 area code will max out.

[SC News](#)

[Rock Hill finalizes big changes to the city's short-term rental rules](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 28, 2023

City officials dropped most limits it had had on the books regarding short-term rentals. But all new permits will be limited to commercial zones.

[SC News](#)

[Stories of Service: Linda Hanley-Thomas and Howard Thomas](#)

November 23, 2023

Each Thursday this November, South Carolina Public Radio presents Stories of Service highlighting conversations between veterans, active service members, and their loved ones from across the state. In this edition, we hear from Linda Hanley-Thomas and Howard Thomas of Traveler's Rest, SC. Howard talks about his career in the U.S. Marine Corps and his job as a dog handler when he was deployed to Vietnam.

[SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh strikes a deal, pleading guilty in state's financial fraud cases](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 17, 2023

Alex Murdaugh agrees to plead guilty to stealing millions from former clients, colleagues and friends in exchange for a 27-year state prison sentence.

[SC News](#)

[Judge who sentenced Alex Murdaugh steps aside, won't hear motion for new trial](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 16, 2023

The Judge who sentenced Alex Murdaugh to life in prison will not hear motions in the convicted killer's fight for a new trial. An order issued Thursday by the state Supreme Court reveals Judge Clifton Newman has asked that "a new judge be assigned."

[SC News](#)

[Stories of Service: Gary Shafer and Michaela Shafer](#)

November 16, 2023

Each Thursday this November, South Carolina Public Radio presents Stories of Service highlighting conversations between veterans, active service members, and their loved ones from across the state. In this edition, Michaela Shafer speaks with her husband Gary about his career in the U.S. Air Force, what it was like serving during Hurricane Katrina, and what he would like his children to know about his time in the military.

[SC News](#)

[SC leaders, utility chiefs eye South Carolina's energy future](#)

[Russ McKinney](#)

November 15, 2023

Hundreds of Civil War relics were unearthed during the cleanup of a South Carolina river where Union troops dumped Confederate military equipment to deliver a demoralizing blow for rebel forces in the birthplace of the secessionist movement.

[SC News](#)

[Greenville County asks a tough First Amendment question about protests](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 14, 2023

Just before the turn from White Horse Road onto Highway 25, a billboard urges passersby to not choose abortion. It's a sentinel of sorts; a marker signaling motorists that they are close to both the Greenville Women's Clinic and the Greenville Women's Center.

[SC News](#)

[A conversation about SC veterans and the healthcare services they need](#)

[Thelisha Eaddy](#)

November 10, 2023

As the nation places extra focus on veterans, USC's Dr. Wooten tells South Carolina Public Radio now is a good time to remember time to remember that there are many who struggle to find the health care resources they require.

[SC News](#)

[SC lawmakers tackle judicial election changes, with help from Supreme Court justice](#)

[Russ McKinney](#)

November 10, 2023

Will the S.C. Legislature change the way most judges are vetted and elected in South Carolina? A debate is raging in the Statehouse over how much influence legislators should have in who becomes a state judge.

[SC News](#)

[Stories of Service: Debra Cho and Saul Batista](#)

November 9, 2023

Each Thursday this November, South Carolina Public Radio presents Stories of Service highlighting conversations between veterans, active service members, and their loved ones from across the state. In this edition, Debra Cho speaks with her friend Saul Batista about their time in the service, their transitions back to civilian life, and the impact Saul's medical experience in the military has had on his life.

[SC News](#)

[Rudy Mancke, host of SC Public Radio's NatureNotes and SCETV's NatureScene, dies at 78](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

November 8, 2023

Rudy Mancke, the popular host of SC Public Radio's NatureNotes, died Nov. 7, 2023, at age 78.

[SC News](#)

[Knox White survives challenger, wins eighth term as Greenville mayor](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 8, 2023

White survived a rare challenge in the general election, defeating Democrat Michelle Shain to retain the seat he's held since 1995. White says this will be his last term in the office.

[SC News](#)

[Clerk of court breaks silence in jury tampering allegations in Alex Murdaugh murder trial](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 7, 2023

Colleton County Clerk of Court Becky Hill denies improper conversations with jurors as part of the state's response to Alex Murdaugh's motion for a new trial.

[SC News](#)

[Myrtle Beach woman remembers cousin killed in Hamas attack on Israel one month ago](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 7, 2023

Irene Zohar remembers her 20-year-old cousin Itay Glisko killed last month by Hamas. She fears for the safety of her family in Israel and America.

[SC News](#)

[Police arrest man in Oconee Nuclear Station incident](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 3, 2023

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office said Friday afternoon that 66-year-old Doyle Whisenhunt, of Arkansas, who reportedly crashed through a fence fleeing the nuclear station Thursday night, has been charged with attempted murder and other charges.

[SC News](#)

[U.S. Justice Department investigates two SC jails](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 2, 2023

The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating two South Carolina jails for possible civil rights violations following a string of deaths in Charleston and Richland Counties.

[SC News](#)

[Nearly half of South Carolina households are financially burdened, according to ALICE](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

November 2, 2023

ALICE — an acronym for Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed — is a metric that shows how much more goes into what qualifies as income burdened than the federal poverty line.

[SC News](#)

[Stories of Service: Michael Richardson and Jacqueline Richardson Lawton](#)

November 2, 2023

Each Thursday this November, South Carolina Public Radio presents Stories of Service highlighting conversations between veterans, active service members, and their loved ones from across the state. In this edition, Jacqueline Richardson Lawton speaks with her father Michael Richardson of Beaufort, SC. Originally from Jacksonville, FL, Michael reflects on the new experiences — and weather — he encountered while attending basic training.

[SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh wants judge who sentenced him removed from future proceedings](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

November 1, 2023

Attorneys for Alex Murdaugh have asked the state Supreme Court to remove Judge Clifton Newman from the convicted murderer's case as they fight for a new trial. They argue Murdaugh has a right to an impartial judge.

[SC News](#)

[Who filed to be on SC GOP's presidential primary ballot? Here's the list](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

November 1, 2023

Ten Republican candidates for president have filed to be on South Carolina's Feb. 24 primary ballot.

[SC News](#)

[Nikki Haley 5th Republican to file for SC GOP's presidential primary as deadline nears](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 30, 2023

Former S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, became the fifth Republican presidential candidate to file for South Carolina's Feb. 24 GOP primary.

[SC News](#)

[100 days out: SC Dems aim to boost voter engagement before 1st in nation primary](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 27, 2023

The South Carolina Democratic presidential primary will be held Feb. 3, 2024.

[SC News](#)

[Lowcountry school superintendent is out, months after being hired](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

October 27, 2023

Four months after Dr. Eric Gallien was named Charleston County's new school superintendent, the district board has accepted a settlement agreement releasing him from his duties. The unanimous decision was made after board members revealed an investigation into a complaint Gallien had created a hostile work environment showed he did nothing wrong.

[SC News](#)

[SC man pleads guilty to obstructing investigation in killing of Black transgender woman](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 27, 2023

A South Carolina man will be sentenced after he pleaded guilty to obstructing an investigation in the 2019 death of a Black transgender woman, the U.S. Attorney's Office of South Carolina said Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023.

[SC News](#)

[SC's House Republicans back Mike Johnson for speaker after weeks of GOP infighting](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 25, 2023

After 22 days without a permanent U.S. House speaker, Republicans elected Rep. Mike Johnson on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, to succeed former Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

[SC News](#)

[Ex-Columbia city councilwoman wins Democratic vote for Richland County SC Senate seat](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 25, 2023

The special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. John Scott's District 19 Richland County seat was held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023.

[SC News](#)

[Local elections have consequences \(and not just in Greenville\)](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 24, 2023

While Greenville gears up for the first contested mayor's race in a lot of Novembers, politicos right, left, and neutral weigh in on why you really need to care about what happens downtown.

[SC News](#)

[Mace says anti-McCarthy Republicans will take punishment if it means Jordan is speaker](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 20, 2023

Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, lost the third vote this week to be speaker and succeed former Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

[SC News](#)

[Authorities renew calls for help finding missing mother and son](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

October 20, 2023

Multiple law enforcement agencies are once again asking for help finding a missing Sumter mother and her 2-year-old son. Sophia and Matteo Van Dam disappeared from their home in June.

[SC News](#)

[Charleston matriarch and disabled rights advocate Louise Ravenel Dougherty dies at 94](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

October 19, 2023

Louise Ravenel Dougherty was a longtime Charlestonian who fought for the rights of physically and mentally disabled people well before there was a national push to do so. She died Oct. 15 at the age of 94.

[SC News](#)

[York County city to be the first in SC with Google highspeed internet choice](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 18, 2023

Tega Cay will step into a frontier other South Carolinians do not get when Google Fiber launches its highspeed internet project.

[SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh granted hearing on jury tampering allegations in bid for new trial](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

October 17, 2023

Seven months after his double murder conviction, Alex Murdaugh has a chance to present evidence for a new trial. The South Carolina Court of Appeals ordered a lower court Tuesday to hear allegations of jury tampering by the Colleton County clerk of court.

[SC News](#)

[Record heat in Fort Mill! Pepper grower breaks his own world record](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 17, 2023

Smokin' Ed's Carolina Reaper ruled the world of hot peppers for about a decade. On Monday, the Guinness Book of World Records crowned a new hottest pepper.

[SC News](#)

[Lowcountry officer shares 'miracle' of saving child](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

October 16, 2023

A North Charleston police officer who seems to have a knack for being in the right place at the right time is sharing his story of helping save a toddler who fell from a moving car last week and severed her arm.

[SC News](#)

[Tim Scott 4th presidential candidate to file for SC's GOP primary](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 16, 2023

Sen. Tim Scott on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, filed his candidacy paperwork to run for South Carolina's Republican presidential primary on Feb. 24, 2024.

[SC News](#)

[SC's Graham says Trump's swipes at Netanyahu amid Israel-Hamas war 'not helpful'](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 13, 2023

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham.

[SC News](#)

['No one paints Nancy in a corner': What is Mace's political future after vote to boot McCarthy?](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 10, 2023

U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina has endorsed Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan for House speaker.

[SC News](#)

[Young-adult data show that SC is still one of the worst places for debt in the U.S.](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 10, 2023

Urban Institute broke out debt numbers focused on South Carolinians ages 18 to 24. They're not good.

[SC News](#)

[Ramaswamy officially adds his name to the SC ballot](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 10, 2023

GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy visited South Carolina this week, formally adding his name to the state ballot for the 2024 Republican primary.

[SC News](#)

[To increase its talent pipeline, Sumter treats students to annual STEM festival](#)

[Thelisha Eaddy](#)

October 6, 2023

The annual eSTEAM Sumter festival is a showcase of STEM and STEAM careers. The one-day event allows grade-school students to interact with vendors from Continental, Caterpillar, Eaton and other companies from the area's industrial portfolio.

[SC News](#)

[Is employer-provided childcare the right fit for South Carolina?](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 6, 2023

Providing employees with space or subsidies for childcare programs solves a few key problems working parents often face. But as the idea catches on in South Carolina, what else should employers be thinking about?

[SC News](#)

[SC's Nancy Mace says 'we are not' traitors after 8 Republicans vote to boot McCarthy](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 4, 2023

U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace spoke to South Carolina reporters Oct. 4, 2023, a day after she voted to oust Rep. Kevin McCarthy as House speaker.

[SC News](#)

[Poll: Nikki Haley passes Ron DeSantis among South Carolina voters for the 2024 GOP nomination](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

October 4, 2023

Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is now the second-place choice among the state's GOP voters, according to the latest Winthrop Poll. Haley still trails party frontrunner Donald Trump, who remains the favored candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2024.

[SC News](#)

[SC Republican Mace, joined by Clyburn, votes to fire McCarthy as House speaker](#)

[Maayan Schechter](#)

October 3, 2023

In a historic move, Kevin McCarthy was removed on Tuesday as U.S. House speaker — a vote backed by a bipartisan pair in South Carolina's congressional delegation. House Reps. Nancy Mace, a Republican, and Jim Clyburn, a Democrat, joined the chamber's McCarthy critics to remove the gavel from the California Republican. Mace was one of eight Republicans to oust McCarthy in a 216-210 vote.

## Health Focus

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### [Healthcare](#)

[Preventing golf cart injuries in children and teens](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 26, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Mary Beth Vassy about preventing golf cart injuries in children and teens. Mary Beth is the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator at MUSC Children's Health.

### [Healthcare](#)

[Managing hypertension and monitoring blood pressure at home](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 25, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Daniel Lackland about managing hypertension and monitoring blood pressure at home. Dr. Lackland is a Professor of Epidemiology and the Director of the Stroke Research and Education Center at MUSC.

### [Healthcare](#)

[Health benefits of plant sterols and plant-based foods](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 19, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Janet Carter about the health benefits of plant sterols and plant-based foods. Janet is a clinical lipid specialist and the Program Manager and Lead Dietician at the MUSC Children's Health Wellness Works program.

### [Healthcare](#)

[Preventing overuse injuries in young athletes](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 18, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Shelli Dills about preventing overuse injuries in young athletes. Dr. Dills is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Physical Medicine and she's a non-surgical sports medicine physician at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Managing medication in the older adult years](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 12, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Kelly Graves about managing medication in the older adult years. Dr. Graves is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and a geriatrician at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Is it flu, COVID, or RSV in young children?](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 11, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Elizabeth Mack about overlapping symptoms of flu, COVID, & RSV in young children. Dr. Mack is a pediatric critical care physician at MUSC Children's Health and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[Healthcare](#)

[Reducing risk of ACL tears in young athletes](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 5, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Alec DeCastro about reducing risk of ACL tears in young athletes. Dr. DeCastro is an Associate Professor and Chief of Primary Care Sports Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Tips for healthy weight management over the holidays](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

December 4, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Tonya Turner about tips for healthy weight management over the holidays. Tonya is the Associate Director for Clinical Services and a registered dietician and nutrition specialist at the Weight Management Center at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Early detection and treatment of mouth cancer](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 28, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. William Albergotti about the early detection and treatment of mouth cancer. Dr. Albergotti is an Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology and a head and neck surgical oncologist at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Healthcare visits using telehealth](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 27, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. James McElligott about the many types of healthcare visits now being done in SC using telehealth. Dr. McElligott is the Executive Medical Director for the Center for Telehealth at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Healthy vegetarian eating tips](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 21, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Rhiannon Shelbourne about healthy vegetarian eating tips. Rhiannon is a registered dietician at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Health benefits of strong social connections](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 20, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Erika Blank about loneliness and isolation, and on the flip side, the health benefits of strong social connections. Dr. Blank is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and a primary care physician, specializing in lifestyle medicine at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Managing diabetes during pregnancy](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 14, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Maegan Manson about managing diabetes during pregnancy and preconceptions. Maegan is a nurse practitioner who works with pregnant women in the Management of Maternal Diabetes (MOMS) program at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Myths & misconceptions about breast cancer risk](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 13, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Andrea Abbott about common myths and misconceptions about breast cancer risk. Dr. Abbott is a surgical oncologist and Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Program at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Colon cancer screening throughout the adult years](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 7, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Brenda Hoffman about colon cancer screening in the adult years (and older adult years). Dr. Hoffman is a Professor of Medicine and a gastroenterologist at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Depression in older adults](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

November 6, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Mary Hart Bryan about depression in the older adult years. Dr. Bryan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and a geriatric psychiatrist at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Benefits of breastfeeding](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 31, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Adina Garner about the benefits of breastfeeding for mom and baby. Adina Garner is a nursing professional development specialist in Labor and Delivery and she is the coordinator of Childbirth Education, Newborn Basics and Breastfeeding classes at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Brief family involved therapy for veterans with alcohol use disorder](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 30, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Julianne Flanagan about research to study brief, family involved therapy for veterans with alcohol use disorder. Dr. Flanagan is an Assistant Professor in the Addiction Sciences Division of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC and a staff psychologist at the Charleston VA Medical Center.

[Healthcare](#)

[Diagnosis and treatment of stomach ulcers](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 24, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Ryan Beyer about the causes, diagnosis and treatment of stomach ulcers. Dr. Beyer is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and a gastroenterologist at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Preventing diabetes complications](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 23, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Aundrea Loftley about careful and consistent management of diabetes and a healthy lifestyle, to help prevent complications of this condition. Dr. Loftley is an Associate Professor of Medicine and an endocrinologist at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Conjunctivitis in children](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 17, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Terry Dixon about conjunctivitis (or pinkeye) in children. Dr. Dixon is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and a pediatric infectious disease specialist at MUSC Children's Health.

[Health](#)

[Reducing risk of breast cancer](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 16, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Andrea Abbott about reducing the risk of breast cancer. Dr. Abbott is a surgical oncologist and Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Program at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Healthcare](#)

[Research to detect liver cancer](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 10, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Anand Mehta about research underway to detect liver cancer. Dr. Mehta is a researcher at Hollings Cancer Center and the SmartState Endowed Chair of Proteomic Biomarkers at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Newborn screening update](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 9, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Neena Champaigne about newborn screening in S.C., which now tests for 54 disorders shortly after birth. Dr. Champaigne is an Associate Professor in the College of Medicine and Division Chief of Pediatric Genetics at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Reducing the risk of birth defects](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 3, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Christopher Goodier about strategies to reduce the risk of birth defects. Dr. Goodier is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist at MUSC Women's Health.

[Health](#)

[How to help a friend who has cancer](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

October 2, 2023

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Stacey Maurer about being a friend and offering support to someone who has cancer. Dr. Maurer is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and a Clinical Psychologist at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.