

South Carolina Public Radio Community Issues List

Third Quarter 2022 - July, August, September

South Carolina News Stories

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[SC News](#)

[The Holocaust remembered](#)

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September 29, 2022

The Anne Frank Center at USC celebrates its first anniversary, acquires an important collection and praises Ken Burns' new documentary The U.S. and the Holocaust.

[SC News](#)

[Why South Carolina parents of children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders feel isolated, frustrated, and overshadowed](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

September 26, 2022

If you think FASD only occurs from alcoholism, negligence, or heavy drinking during pregnancy, you are in for a surprise. Or maybe an answer you did not know was out there. Note: This story contains sensitive material.

[SC News](#)

[Soon-to-be-acquired York County water utility looking to start new project ... in York County](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

September 22, 2022

Blue Granite Water serves approximately 4,000 households around Lake Wylie, but York County is about to condemn the utility and acquire it for \$36 million in public funds from the utility's customers. Now Blue Granite wants

to start a new project in the area and is asking for permission to not get public input to do so.

[SC News](#)

[Richland County Sheriff's Department breaks up homeless encampment on private property](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

September 16, 2022

Sheriff Leon Lott estimates 50 adults and children have lived at a makeshift encampment in a patch of woods, in 'atrocious' conditions. Lott says the ouster was an effort to get residents to services.

[SC News](#)

[DHEC wants your input on South Carolina's most pressing community health issues](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

September 16, 2022

The agency's five-year State Health Improvement Plan is set to expire in 2023. An update requires input from the public through an online survey. It's anonymous, by the way.

[SC News](#)

[Classical musician releases debut album in prison](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

September 16, 2022

Cellist Claire Bryant released her debut solo album this month entitled, "Whole Heart" at the Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville where she teaches music to prisoners.

[SC News](#)

[Telerehabilitation improves access to specialty stroke care](#)

[Joy Bonala](#)

September 14, 2022

Jack W. Gaddy has come a long way since surviving a stroke that affected the right side of his body. The Myrtle Beach retiree said the disconnect between his brain and his body makes it difficult to do basic things like brushing his teeth or buttoning his shirt. But telerehabilitation occupational therapy, a telehealth service, has helped him gain mobility.

[SC News](#)

[How does the South feel about race, religion, and politics? Winthrop has a poll for that](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

September 14, 2022

Winthrop University's new poll shows a lot of harmony and a lot of party-line differences on the issues of abortion, politics, religion, and the Confederacy in 11 southern states.

[Music](#)

[South Carolina cellist pours whole heart into debut album](#)

[Bradley Fuller](#)

September 9, 2022

Claire Bryant's technical prowess and deeply affecting expressivity as a soloist are on full display in Whole Heart. But the performer and UofSC professor is quick to point out that her first album is as much a collaborative effort as it is a personal labor of love.

[SC News](#)

[South Carolina Public Radio Turns 50](#)

[Tut Underwood](#)

September 8, 2022

South Carolina Public Radio has served the state and the nation with quality programming for a half-century.

[SC News](#)

[Abortion rights advocates brace for tougher ban as lawmakers reconvene](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

August 30, 2022

This week lawmakers will consider outlawing nearly all abortions even as the South Carolina Supreme Court temporarily halts a six week ban.

[SC News](#)

[Webb telescope pictures impress space scientists, future user](#)

[Tut Underwood](#)

August 24, 2022

The possibilities for studies opened by images from the new James Webb Space Telescope are exciting astronomers and space researchers.

[SC News](#)

[Clemson animal health experts confirm SC's first cases of equine infectious anemia in eight years](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

August 22, 2022

The last known case of the potentially fatal equine infectious anemia, or EIA, in South Carolina occurred in a single donkey in 2014. This summer, there are five.

[SC News](#)

[For this Vietnam vet and others with PTSD, it's not actually the fish they're after](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

August 22, 2022

Just weeks before turning 80, U.S. Navy vet John Harrell started a nonprofit to get traumatized military veterans out of their heads by fishing the waters right off his side yard.

[SC News](#)

[Panthers' suit against York County could be heading to Delaware](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

August 19, 2022

The tangled legal fight between the Carolina Panthers and York County could be headed for a civil jury in Delaware, if a bankruptcy court there will hear it.

[SC News](#)

[SC Geologist explains what's known, unknown about recent seismic activity](#)

[Thelisha Eaddy](#)

August 19, 2022

Since December of 2021, earthquakes recorded in Kershaw County have measured between the unnoticeable 1.1 magnitude, to the very noticeable 3.6 magnitude felt on June 29. For the most part, a reason this swarm, or series of low-measuring quakes, continues is unknown. Scientists say getting to an answer will require more time and more earthquakes.

[Music](#)

[Incoming Baltimore Symphony music director living a dream nurtured in Charleston's public schools](#)

[Bradley Fuller](#)

August 18, 2022

Conductor Jonathon Heyward shares how his rise in the world of classical music started with arts education in the South Carolina county where he grew up.

[SC News](#)

[New police standards law in effect](#)

[Russ McKinney](#)

August 16, 2022

The new law will require each police department that is not already accredited to be evaluated at least once every three years by the state's Law Enforcement Training council to insure they are in compliance with a new set of minimum standards concerning use of force.

[SC News](#)

[World cornhole champions crowned in Rock Hill](#)

[Tut Underwood](#)

August 15, 2022

For the third consecutive year, champion cornhole players have gathered in Rock Hill to determine who is the best.

[SC News](#)

[Lowcountry jail offers education to detainees facing court delays](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

August 10, 2022

Charleston County's Sheriff has started an education program at its detention center as people waiting for cases to be heard are detained longer due to a court backlog because of the pandemic.

[SC News](#)

[Lighthouses in your lane: SCDMV grows specialty license plate options](#)

[Caelan Bailey](#)

August 9, 2022

While under 3% of South Carolina cars sport special license plates, Executive Director of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Colonel Kevin Shwedo says the state's almost 500 choices are only growing.

[SC News](#)

[SC Stocks Falter: Higher Tides Ahead?](#)

[Caelan Bailey](#)

August 4, 2022

Regional Management Corporation is a finance company based in Greer. This year its stock has lost over 30% of its value. Fort Mill cleaning product manufacturer Diversey has seen its stock tumble to almost half its January value. Both are South-Carolina-based companies traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and neither are unique. This year, measures of overall stock market values have fallen by more than 20%, a bear market amid inflation worries and economic cooling.

[SC News](#)

[Robots and tech schools and pandemic business recovery in South Carolina \(Oh my!\)](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

August 3, 2022

Two years after a brutal economic haymaker, South Carolina's business and industry sectors are largely back to pre-pandemic norms. But the future is being approached a little differently.

[SC News](#)

[How century-old racist deed covenants echo in present-day Greenville](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 28, 2022

A project launched by researchers at Furman University found thousands of now-toothless racially restrictive deed covenants in the Greenville area. They

say it matters a lot that we hear about them because their effects are still with us.

[SC News](#)

[Writing in books' margins can reveal the feelings, reactions of readers.](#)

[Tut Underwood](#)

July 25, 2022

The practice of writing in the margins of books, or marginalia, goes back centuries.

[SC News](#)

[Is inflation impacting climate change? The answer's not so simple, experts say](#)

[Finn Carlin](#)

July 22, 2022

High prices are hurting the budgets of many Americans, but some local experts think it could help a shift to cleaner energy.

[SC News](#)

[United Way of SC tackles rural lag in pandemic housing assistance](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 22, 2022

The SC Stay Plus program is still open, but in places like Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties, residents often don't know this. Worse, they might know but have limited connectivity to apply. A new initiative is looking to fix that.

[SC News](#)

[I've never tested positive for COVID \(and it's kinda freaking me out\)](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 20, 2022

Infection surges come and go, but some of us have yet to see a double line on a COVID test. It's not as comforting as it seems.

[Music](#)

[Glow Lyric Theatre gives Southeastern premiere of 'Stinney: An American Execution'](#)

[Bradley Fuller](#)

July 15, 2022

Set in Jim Crow South Carolina, Stinney is based on the horrific events leading to the execution of the youngest person sentenced to death in 20th-century America. Glow Lyric Theatre is presenting four performances of the opera—a collaboration between Frances Pollock and Tia Price—through the end of July.

[SC News](#)

[Alex Murdaugh may face murder charges this week](#)

[Victoria Hansen](#)

July 12, 2022

Once prominent attorney Alex Murdaugh may be charged this week in connection with the murders of his wife and son.

[SC News](#)

[Many taxpayers are waiting for refunds in a tough tax year.](#)

[Tut Underwood](#)

July 11, 2022

Millions of paper tax returns piled up while the IRS was out of the office during the worst of COVID, and the agency has yet to catch up.

[SC News](#)

[Health officials find South Carolina's first large infestation of invasive tick, in York County](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 8, 2022

H. longicorn is, the Asian longhorned tick that doesn't need a mate to make hundreds of thousands of babies, has been found, contained, at an undisclosed cattle farm.

[SC News](#)

[South Carolina health officials confirm state's first two monkeypox cases](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 8, 2022

On Friday, DHEC confirmed cases of monkeypox in the Midlands and Low Country; emphasized that public health risk is low.

[SC News](#)

[Black property, changing neighborhoods, and cash offers in Rock Hill](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 8, 2022

Rock Hill's Southside is a place where African Americans hold modest real estate wealth. But with fewer families interested in staying, long-established neighborhoods are slowly disappearing.

[SC News](#)

[Low wages and food insecurity in SC: A perfect storm of inflationary struggle](#)

[Finn Carlin](#)

July 7, 2022

The effects of high inflation on gas and grocery prices is making it tougher for anyone to live, but is hitting low-income workers the hardest.

[SC News](#)

[SC General Assembly begins work on new anti-abortion bill](#)

[Russ McKinney](#)

July 7, 2022

When the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last month it stated that it was time to return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives, meaning state or federal lawmakers. Surveys by news organizations indicate that about half of the states are now expected to restrict or enact laws making abortion illegal. South Carolina is among them, and later today in Columbia the legislative process to do that will begin with a public hearing by a special State House of Representatives Committee.

[SC News](#)

[Georgia Guidestones partially destroyed by explosion](#)

[Scott Morgan](#)

July 6, 2022

Update 7/7/2022: The Georgia Guidestones we're demolished following the explosion.

[SC News](#)

[Green Book of SC Marks Five Years with Print Edition](#)

[Caelan Bailey](#)

July 5, 2022

Over 50 years later, South Carolinians can again stow a physical Green Book in their glove compartments — this time designed to learn about and celebrate African American cultural sites across the state.

South Carolina Business Review

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September 30, 2022

[Pro fishing hits big time in SC](#)

The professional fishing business (and we're talking about real hooks and bait, not the email kind) will soon be bringing some real economic impact to the Midlands of our state when a major tournament with teams from around the world hits the waters of Lake Murray. Mike Switzer interviews Anthony Gagliardi is an angler from Prosperity, SC who will also be one of two coaches for the USA team for the 2022 Black Bass Fishing World Championship coming Oct. 16-22, 2022.

September 29, 2022

[Child labor law violations on the rise](#)

Summer job season for teenagers has come to an end. And once again, our next guest says the number of teenage-related federal employment law violations continued to increase. Mike Switzer interviews Lucyana Roldán, with the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division in Columbia, SC.

Sep 28, 2022

[Inaugural SC craft beer festival comes to Columbia Oct. 15th](#)

Our state's craft breweries have steadily increased in number over the past decade to the point that now they are ready to host their own festival. The South Carolina Brewers Guild will be hosting the largest ever gathering of the state's breweries at the inaugural Best of SC Craft Beer Festival on October 15 in Columbia. Mike Switzer interviews Pearce Fleming, president of the SC Brewer's Guild in Columbia, SC. He also happens to be the owner of Commonhouse Aleworks in North Charleston, SC.

Sep 27, 2022

[Three investor traps to avoid in times like these](#)

2022 has been one of those years where it has been very hard for investors to make money. Stocks are down, bonds are down, and there have been lots of big ups and downs. Our next guest says that times like these can spring a few traps on investors. Mike Switzer interviews Bryan Ballentine, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

Sep 26, 2022

[Being accountably creative - Part 4](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about Artisphere.

Sep 23, 2022

[Workforce symposium is Oct. 4th](#)

With the current tight labor market, our state's annual Workforce Development Symposium on October 4th is expected to address that challenge head on. Mike Switzer interviews Bob Morgan, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Columbia, SC, the co-host of this event with our state's Department of Employment and Workforce and SC Works.

Sep 22, 2022

[EV market attracting new players](#)

Our next guest's Upstate company exhibited at the recent Electrification 2022 conference in Charlotte which we attended, and we were surprised to learn that a traditional mechanical engineering firm like theirs was so interested in the electric vehicle infrastructure market. So we thought you might like to hear that story, as well. Mike Switzer interviews Darren Springer, president of Devita, Inc. in Greenville, SC.

Sep 21, 2022

[Music fest returning to Columbia](#)

For the first time since the pandemic started, our next guest's music festival will be returning to our capital city and bringing with it a boost to the local economy. Mike Switzer interviews Jay Matheson, owner of the Jam Room recording studio and director of the Jam Room Music Festival, coming October 1st.

Sep 20, 2022

[ETFs vs mutual funds](#)

Exchange traded funds or ETFs have gained tremendously in popularity over the past ten years with many investors preferring them over regular mutual funds. So how do either of these fit into your overall financial plan? Mike Switzer interviews Rick Van Der Noord, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

Sep 19, 2022

[Being accountably creative - Part 3](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells the story of Clemson's International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR).

Sep 16, 2022

[SC retailer building more stores](#)

Ever since ecommerce sprang up across the Internet, brick and mortar retailers have had a struggle on their hands. But there are exceptions. Our next guest's Lowcountry company, for example, has expanded over the past 20 years from a family-owned kiosk to 36 stores across six states with plans to open more locations soon. Mike Switzer interviews John Thomas, CEO of Palmetto Moon in North Charleston, SC.

Sep 15, 2022

[SC exporter wins award](#)

Earlier this year, the US Small Business Administration held its annual National Small Business Week Awards program with our next guest's company earning recognition as the South Carolina Small Business Exporter of the Year. Mike Switzer interviews Robert Suber, CEO of MGS, LLC in Columbia, SC.

Sep 14, 2022

[Electrifying forklifts](#)

While at the recent Electrification 2022 conference we attended in Charlotte, we discovered that everyday automobiles aren't the only things being electrified these days. We also saw Indy race cars, bucket trucks, tractors, and our next guest's company which is in the business of electric forklifts. Mike Switzer interviews Robert Bond with Tri-Lift Industries in Greenville, SC.

Sep 13, 2022

[Have the 60/40 portfolio rules changed?](#)

For the past decade, investors searching for a generous return with limited downside risk have relied on the following mix for their portfolios: 60% stocks and 40% bonds. But 2022 has caused many investors to re-evaluate this strategy. A substantial decrease in both stock and bond prices have been a double whammy to this investment approach. Mike Switzer interviews John Cooper, a certified financial planner with Greenwood Capital in Greenwood, SC.

Sep 12, 2022

[Being accountably creative - Part 2](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John relates the story of Earth Fare.

Sep 9, 2022

[Food chain sustainability summit at Clemson coming Sept. 19-21](#)

Three years ago, Clemson University launched its Sonoco FRESH innovation hub in an effort to build partnerships between industry and academia so that sustainability solutions across the food chain might be developed. They will also soon be hosting a summit on this topic Sept. 19-21. Mike Switzer

interviews Anne Barr, executive director of Sonoco FRESH at the Sonoco Institute of Packaging Design and Graphics at Clemson University.

Sep 8, 2022

[Home repair tech platform expanding nationwide from Charleston](#)

A few years ago, our next guest's company was busy providing Lowcountry real estate agents with contractor repair services. Then, maybe during a light bulb replacement, they got the idea to create a nationwide technology platform that would accomplish the same thing while, at the same time, expanding their customer base to include homeowners and investors. Mike Switzer interviews Paul Dorney, chief technology officer at PunchlistUSA in Charleston, SC. The company was recently named by Tech Tribune as one of the 2022 Best Tech Startups in South Carolina.

Sep 7, 2022

[SC economy impacted by national trends](#)

By now, we are all pretty aware of the national economic trends underway of rising interest rates, high inflation, and a tight labor market. How are these currently impacting our state and what is the forecast? Mike Switzer interviews Mark Witte, director of the MBA program at the School of Business at the College of Charleston

Sep 6, 2022

[Being accountably creative - Part 1](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John shares the story of the rise and fall of Kemet Corporation.

Sep 5, 2022

[SC-born compressed natural gas technology wins award](#)

More and more light-duty truck and van fleets are turning to compressed natural gas as a cleaner alternative fuel. But it can be very expensive to start up such an operation which is why our next guest's technology that can dramatically lower that capital investment was a finalist at the most recent Innovision technology awards program. Mike Switzer interviews Erik Versen with Ingevity in North Charleston, SC.

Sep 2, 2022

[Global pinball supplier ships from SC Midlands](#)

Yesterday, we spoke with an entrepreneur who recently opened a pinball-only pub in Columbia's Five Points. He told us that one of the reasons he chose Columbia was because of our next guest's pinball warehouse being located in the area that could quickly supply him with the parts and supplies he needed. Mike Switzer interviews Paul Mandeltort, CEO of Marco Specialties in Lexington, SC.

Sep 1, 2022

[Pinball business making comeback](#)

Back in the day, my day to be more specific, there was a game machine that we all loved to play that didn't have anything to do with mobile apps or computers or virtual reality. I'm speaking of course, of pinball machines, which like so many other things retro, have been making a comeback. In fact, our next guest's entertainment venue is dedicated to these pinball wizard wannabees. Mike Switzer interviews Fred Richardson, owner of the Bang Back Pinball Lounge in Columbia's Five Points.

Aug 31, 2022

[Sustainability industries prepare for new federal climate money](#)

We ran into our next guest's engineering company while attending the Electrification 2022 conference in Charlotte recently. With new federal money soon to be coming down the pipeline to address climate change, their work in the sustainability and nuclear industries should certainly be affected. Mike Switzer interviews Shayn Lasa, with Burns & McDonnell in Greenville, SC.

Aug 30, 2022

[Roth conversions in a bear market](#)

Roth IRAs and Roth 401ks are retirement accounts that not only grow tax free but when it comes time for retirement, the withdrawals are also tax free. So having Roth assets gives you access to retirement money without capital gains or income tax and remember, too much taxable income in retirement can also impact your Medicare premiums. All of this is why our next guest says that if you have not converted a traditional IRA to a Roth yet, the current bear market in stocks may be providing an opportunity to do so. Mike Switzer interviews Thomas Manly, a certified financial planner with Hobbs Group Advisors in Columbia, SC.

Aug 29, 2022

[SC Business News Update from Alan Cooper](#)

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.

Aug 26, 2022

[Turnaround expert hired at local children's museum](#)

Our state's flagship children's museum has seen a 38% decrease in admission revenue at its Columbia location since 2017. And that may explain why they have hired a new leader who has experience turning around the financial situation at a children's museum in Tennessee. Mike Switzer interviews Andy Marquart, CEO at EdVenture in Columbia, SC.

Aug 25, 2022

[Unraveling the complicated visa interview process](#)

Because government visa officers can stay busy interviewing anywhere from 100 - 400 applicants per day, they don't have a lot of time to spend giving much detail when they issue denials. Which is why our next guest and his partners, all ex-visa officers and diplomats in U.S. embassies and consulates around the world, decided to open a visa advisory service. Mike Switzer interviews Chris Richardson, co-founder of Argo Visa in Greenville, SC.

Aug 24, 2022

[SC HBCU partners with flagship university for new Master of Accountancy program](#)

Historically black colleges and universities, known as HBCUs, have often struggled to offer professional master's degrees due to various issues. And that's why our next guest's institution has recently partnered with the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business for a new Master of Accountancy program. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Tracy Dunn, dean of the Benedict College Tyrone Adam Burroughs School of Business and Entrepreneurship in Columbia, SC.

Aug 23, 2022

[Are asset values in a downward spiral for the next 10 years?](#)

While most investment and economic prognosticators we talk to believe that stocks and bonds are in a traditional bear market that may be with us for the next several months, our next guest believes we have entered a super cycle that could deflate stock, bond, and real estate prices for the next 10 years. Mike Switzer interviews Tyson Halsey, a chartered financial analyst and managing member at Income Growth Advisors at Daniel Island, SC.

Aug 22, 2022

[Upcoming SC STEM programs](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about some upcoming STEM events: Computer Science and STEM Summit on September 19, Sonoco Fresh Summit, Great Jobs Forums.

Aug 19, 2022

[How to get into Angel Investing](#)

With the stock market experiencing weakness this year, not to mention the extreme volatility, many investors are turning to private equity investments, hoping to hit a home run with small start-up ventures. One way to do this is through what is known as angel investing. But exactly how does one go about doing this? Mike Switzer interviews David Grisell, general partner at the RollingSouth Fund, co-host of Venture In The South Podcast, co-founder of uMedMarket Inc, and he is what is known as a super angel in Greenville, SC.

Aug 18, 2022

[Upstate pilots develop software for drone awareness](#)

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles also known as UAVs or, more commonly, drones, has grown exponentially in popularity over the past 10 years and as a result, has brought an increase in issues for the aviation industry. And that presented an entrepreneurial opportunity to a group of aviation pilots who have developed software to increase airspace awareness for all involved. Mike Switzer interviews Jason Cansler, co-founder and chief operating officer at UASidekick in Greenville, SC.

Aug 17, 2022

[After 74 years, Upstate company finally achieves independence](#)

Labor and material shortages continue to present a major challenge to the construction industry which itself continues to experience strong growth even through the current slowdown. Last year, our next guest's site services company finally became an independent entity after operating as a division of other companies since 1947. So now they are on their own dealing with these issues. Mike Switzer interviews Gary Bernardez, CEO of AMECO in Greenville, SC.

Aug 16, 2022

[Financial plan success does not equal portfolio success](#)

Everyone seems to be talking about the market these days with both stocks and bonds down so far this year. But while it's natural to focus on your portfolio's returns, our next guest says there is a better metric to track during periods of market turbulence. Mike Switzer interviews Rob DeHollander, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

Aug 15, 2022

[SC Entrepreneurial Insights from John Warner](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about the new autonomous shuttle project at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport.

Aug 12, 2022

[Post-pandemic workplace concerns](#)

During the past couple of years, most businesses stayed very busy just keeping their companies running during the pandemic. That included following new rules about paid sick leave and workplace safety and health—and what they could and couldn't do about requiring employees to be vaccinated. As business has returned to a more "normal" normal, what are the main concerns now in the workplace? Mike Switzer interviews David Dubberly, an employment lawyer with Nexsen Pruet in Columbia, SC.

Aug 11, 2022

[How recruiters are navigating through the labor mine field](#)

After a 15-year career in recruiting, both within an executive search firm as well as in-house at a large public accounting firm, our next guest decided to take the entrepreneurial plunge and start her own recruiting firm...despite the current extremely competitive labor market. Mike Switzer interviews Rhiannon Poore, CEO of Forge Search and Consulting in Greenville, SC.

Aug 10, 2022

[A new process for women's fertility care launches in Lowcountry](#)

Not too long ago, our next guest was reading an article in the Wall Street Journal when he experienced that cliched "light bulb" moment and began chasing and developing an idea that would lead to a new fertility treatment process involving artificial intelligence. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. John Schnorr, founder of Cycle Clarity in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Aug 9, 2022

[Taking advantage of stock market volatility](#)

2022 has been a difficult year for stocks and bonds highlighted by significant volatility. Which our next guest believes may continue and so he wants to share with us a couple of ideas on how to take advantage of volatility. Mike Switzer interviews Wes Johnson, a certified financial planner with ACT Advisors in Charleston, SC.

Aug 8, 2022

[SC innovation proposals accepted by NSF](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about some SC organizations that had concept outlines accepted into the National Science Foundation Regional Innovation Engines program.

Aug 5, 2022

[Growing the culinary instruction business](#)

During the pandemic when restaurants were closed, many people decided to cook more of their own meals than they had been used to. Has that trend continued or at least are there more home chefs than there used to be? Our next guest should know the answer to that. Mike Switzer interviews John Militello, owner, chef and culinary instructor at Let's Cook Culinary studio in Columbia, SC.

Aug 4, 2022

[SC dairy industry suffering continues](#)

The dairy industry has been hit by a double whammy over the past few years with rising costs and lower demand since the number of Americans who drink milk has been steadily dwindling. And it's just these circumstances that Borden attributes to their recent decision to close their North Charleston facility. Our next guest says it's just one more negative thing for our state's

dairy industry because it's one less place South Carolina farmers can take their milk to be processed. Mike Switzer interviews Adam Kantrovich, assistant director of the Clemson Extension Agribusiness Team at the Sandhills Research and Education Center in Columbia, SC.

Aug 3, 2022

[Can better doors help keep schools safer?](#)

Sadly, school shootings continue to happen. After Sandy Hook, our next guest's company decided to use their CEO's military experience to create a product that they hope will help make schools safer. Mike Switzer interviews Kirk Ferguson, chief of staff at R2P Innovations in Goose Creek, SC.

Aug 2, 2022

[Rising inflation and interest rates don't always lead to recession](#)

Since the pandemic started, we have been hearing about ships clogging our ports. While that situation has eased somewhat, our next guest believes it and high rates of inflation will continue for a while due to increased consumer demand fueled by years of the Fed's easy money policy and more recently, pandemic relief money. 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.

Aug 1, 2022

[SmartState chair identifies medication safety protocol through Twitter](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about SmartState endowed chair, Dr. Charles Bennett at the University of South Carolina whose Twitter research may be able to be used for medication safety.

Jul 29, 2022

[Remaking the messy job of oil changing](#)

After graduating in Machine Design and Dynamics of Performance Vehicles at Clemson University, and then receiving an MBA in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, also from Clemson University, our next guest decided to work on a product idea he has had since working as a grease monkey at a local car dealership: a tool that could make the vehicle oil changing process easier, cleaner, and faster. Mike Switzer interviews Steven Owens, founder of Last Drop Wrench in Gaffney, SC.

Jul 28, 2022

[Tax-advantaged savings plans for those with disabilities](#)

For many people with disabilities, saving money can be a difficult task. Yet if they're able to, many then worry about saving too much money because it may cause them to lose their needs-based benefits. Fortunately, there is

help. August is the national observance of ABLE to Save Month. Mike Switzer interviews Curtis Loftis, South Carolina's state treasurer, about the Palmetto ABLE Savings Program.

Jul 27, 2022

[Top entrepreneurship professor invests in SC](#)

After experiencing success as an entrepreneur himself, our next guest turned to teaching and was named one of the top 100 entrepreneurship professors in the world while at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis, where he also led their entrepreneurship program to being ranked #1 in the world by Inc. Magazine in 2019. After retiring from teaching, he is now bringing his expertise to our state. Mike Switzer interviews Cliff Holekamp, a board member at SC Launch and co-founder of Cultivation Capital in Greenville, SC.

Jul 26, 2022

[Cryptocurrency and estate planning](#)

Cryptocurrency has been in the news a lot lately as values have tumbled. Many are still believers though and may continue to be until the day they die. So what does happen to cryptocurrency assets when someone passes away? Allen Gillespie is our resident crypto expert and managing partner at FinTrust Capital Advisors in Greenville, SC.

Jul 25, 2022

[SC Business News Update from SCBiznews](#)

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community. Mike Switzer interviews Jason Thomas, executive editor of SCBizNews, the company that publishes the Columbia Regional Business Report, Charleston Regional Business Journal, GSA Business and SCBizNews magazine.

Jul 22, 2022

[The culinary trail from India to Greenville, SC](#)

After obtaining a college degree in hospitality in India, our next guest struggled to find the job she wanted so she headed to the US and enrolled as a graduate student at the renowned culinary school, Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI which also employed her for the next 22 years. Since then, she and her husband decided to open an Oil and Vinegar franchise in the Upstate where she promotes healthy eating, education, and community involvement. Mike Switzer interviews Chef Veera Gaul in Greenville, SC.

Jul 21, 2022

[Old navy base continues to attract investment](#)

After the navy base closed in Charleston, its prime location real estate has become home to many companies. One of those is a modern blacksmithing

company that recently announced a \$2.9 million expansion accompanied by increasing hiring plans. Mike Switzer interviews Robert Thomas, founder of Robert Thomas Iron Design in North Charleston, SC.

Jul 20, 2022

[With a little help from the village...](#)

Already a successful entrepreneur with a thriving embroidery business, our next guest decided to start a new business when she saw the need for cleaner mats, beds, and seats at daycare centers and homeless shelters during the pandemic. After some help from local start-up programs and seed money from a cosmetics industry billionaire, her new business took off. Mike Switzer interviews Dionne Sandiford, owner of Cozy Covers and her original business Corporate Stitch in Greenville, SC.

Jul 19, 2022

[History and financial planning](#)

A few weeks ago, our next guest received a birthday card loaded with information about what was going on in his birth year of 1961. You've probably seen these types of cards, posters, and even t-shirts. Anyway, he found his to be so interesting that he decided to do some additional research comparing then to now and we thought you might enjoy hearing about his findings. Mike Switzer interviews Jeff Wildes, a certified financial planner in Georgetown, SC.

Jul 18, 2022

[SC grad students heading north for jobs](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John talks about an endowed chair research professor, John Ballato at Clemson University, whose optical fiber research program is feeding students to a firm based in Connecticut instead of SC, and how a SmartState 2.0 program might be able to change that direction. Listen here to our interview with Professor Ballato which aired 1-24-2022.

Jul 15, 2022

[NOMA and the Trestle District making economic strides in Columbia](#)

Many cities across America have been busy reinventing and reinvigorating some of their long-neglected areas. Columbia has been working on one for several years and it appears that its time might be nigh. Mike Switzer interviews Sabrina Odom Edwards, executive director of the North Columbia Business Association.

Jul 13, 2022

[Supporting the employment of the deaf and hard of hearing](#)

It probably wouldn't surprise you to learn that people who are deaf or hard of hearing have lower rates of college-level education, which means lower paying jobs and higher rates of unemployment. Which is why our next

guest's organization is working to alleviate this situation. Mike Switzer interviews Mary Reaves, the director of programs at BeginningsSC in West Columbia, SC.

Jul 12, 2022

[The family business perspective](#)

Most business owners know that they need certain documents and policies to help them attain success and sustainability. But our next guest says that if you run a family business, you may want to look at these documents from a different perspective. Mike Switzer interviews Jon Robertson, a certified financial planner with Abacus Planning Group in Columbia, SC.

Jul 11, 2022

[SmartState 2.0 discussion gaining momentum](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John discusses recent feedback he's received regarding our ongoing discussion of the possibility of new legislation to reinvigorate our state's SmartState program. The discussion is leading to entrepreneurs and professors connecting for potential economic activity.

Jul 8, 2022

[Loan options for SC farmers](#)

Agriculture is a major economic driver in our state, and our next guest's government agency is working hard to keep it that way. Mike Switzer interviews William Shelley, farm loan chief for the SC Farm Service Agency state office, part of the US Dept. of Agriculture, in Columbia, SC.

Jul 8, 2022

[Farming and brewing works in Lancaster, SC](#)

On a recent visit to Lancaster County during our annual trek through our state's Ag and Art tour, we stumbled upon what is purported to be South Carolina's only production brewery located on a working farm. But what came first, the beer or the beef? Mike Switzer interviews Bryan O'Neal, owner of Benford Brewing in Lancaster, SC.

Jul 7, 2022

[FBI partnering with business to fight cyber crime](#)

The level of cyber-induced headaches Americans feel in their daily lives has certainly increased over the past several years with the never-ending attacks from cyber criminals. Our next guest says that the private sector is an important part of the solution to this issue which is why her government agency is working hard to develop new partnerships. Mike Switzer interviews Susan Ferensic, special agent in charge at the Columbia field office of the FBI.

Jul 6, 2022

[2022 advances into 2nd half with many economic uncertainties](#)

With so many economic surprises in the first half of this year, how can economists make any kind of reliable predictions for the 2nd half? Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, chief economist at the Darla Moore School of Business at USC in Columbia, SC.

Jul 5, 2022

[MUSC researcher building therapeutic drug company](#)

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, a serial entrepreneur and founder of Innoventure in Greenville, S.C. John tells us about a research endowed chair at MUSC, Dr. Mark Hamman, who has started a company to further develop cancer and infectious disease drugs and how his efforts might fit into a new version of our state's Centers for Economic Excellence (COEE), also known as the SmartState program.

Jul 4, 2022

[Bettering the lives of disadvantaged women](#)

John Warner introduced us to our next guest during one of our regular Monday morning discussions back in January. He told us about a social enterprise lunch cafe designed to provide employment to abused women in the Upstate. It's part of a two-year residential program for adult women survivors of human trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Mike Switzer interviews Beth Messick, executive director of Jasmine Road in Greenville, SC.

Jul 1, 2022

[Marine and forestry research dreamland thrives in SC](#)

Our next guest's 16,000-acre coastal nature preserve is home to four permanent research institutes each operated by the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University and Francis Marion University. The property also hosts researchers from over fifty colleges, universities and research organizations around the world. And it all began in 1964 with a bequest from one woman's will. Mike Switzer interviews George Chastain, executive director of Hobcaw Barony-The Belle W. Baruch Foundation.

Health Focus

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[Health](#)

[Increase in hepatitis C infections in young adults](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 27, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Morgan Lange about increasing hepatitis C infections in young adults and effective treatments for this condition. Dr. Lange is a clinical pharmacist at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Brain health and sleep](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 26, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Christine Cooper about how good quality sleep (and also sleep deficiency) can impact brain health. Dr. Cooper is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and she's a neurologist specializing in movement disorders at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Prediabetes](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 20, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Aundrea Loftley about the diagnosis of prediabetes and lifestyle changes to help prevent diabetes. Dr. Loftley is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and an endocrinologist at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Lifestyle changes to help manage atrial fibrillation](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 19, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Anne Kroman about lifestyle changes and choices to help manage atrial fibrillation. Dr. Kroman is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and she is a cardiac electrophysiologist at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[Skin cancer screening](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 13, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Andrea Abbott about skin cancer screening and finding cancer in its earlier stages when it's easier to treat. Dr. Abbott is a surgical oncologist and Medical Director of the Melanoma and Advanced Skin Cancer Program at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[Helping children deal with stress](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 12, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Christine San Giovanni about helping children learn healthy ways to deal with stress. Dr. San Giovanni is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a pediatrician at MUSC Children's Health.

[Health](#)
[Pregnancy & dental health](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 6, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Joni Nelson about the importance of taking good care of your mouth, teeth and gums during pregnancy. Dr. Nelson is an Associate Professor in the College of Dental Medicine and she's Deputy Director of the Division of Population Oral Health at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[Lung cancer screening update](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

September 5, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Nichole Tanner about lung cancer screening for people at increased risk for this disease. Dr. Tanner is a Professor in the College of Medicine and she is Co-Director of the Lung Cancer Screening Program at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[High cholesterol](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 30, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Sean Haley about lowering high cholesterol with lifestyle changes and/or medication. Dr. Haley is Medical Director for Population Health and he's a family medicine physician at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Healthy ways to manage stress](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 29, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Christopher Sege about finding healthy ways to deal with stress. Dr. Sege is a psychologist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

[Coronary artery disease](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 23, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Arasi Maran about the diagnosis and treatment of coronary artery disease. Dr. Maran is an Associate Professor of Medicine and she's an interventional cardiologist at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Lifestyle medicine](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 22, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Erika Blank about treating certain chronic conditions with lifestyle changes. Dr. Blank is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and a primary care physician, specializing in lifestyle medicine at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Reducing risk of cancer returning for breast cancer survivors](#)

August 16, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Denise Kepecs about breast cancer survivors and actions and lifestyle choices to help reduce the risk of cancer returning. Denise is a Breast Cancer Nurse Navigator at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Managing diabetes & lowering the risk of diabetic eye disease](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 15, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Aundrea Loftley about what people with diabetes can do to help lower their risk of diabetic eye disease. Dr. Loftley is an Associate Professor of Medicine and she is an Endocrinologist at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Discussing weight & health in the health care setting](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 8, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Janet Carter about the challenges of discussing weight and health in the health care setting. Janet is a registered dietician and she's the Program Manager for the Heart Health Program at MUSC Children's Health.

[Health](#)

[Healthy sleep routines for children returning to school](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 8, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Maria Riva about the importance of healthy sleep for children as they transition back to school. Dr. Riva is a Professor of Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine and she's Director of the Pediatric Sleep Program at MUSC Children's Health.

[Health](#)

[Increasing HPV vaccination in SC](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 2, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Marvella Ford about a statewide project to increase HPV vaccination in children in underserved communities of South Carolina. Dr. Ford is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and she's the Associate Director of Population Sciences and Cancer Disparities at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Research about cancer survivorship](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

August 1, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Evan Graboyes about understanding and addressing the challenges and needs of cancer survivors, and the importance of related research. Dr. Graboyes is a head and neck surgical oncologist and he's the Director of Survivorship and Cancer Outcomes Research at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

[Health](#)

[Strategies to reduce risk of birth defects](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 26, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Christopher Goodier about strategies and tips to help prevent modifiable birth defects. Dr. Christopher Goodier is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a maternal fetal medicine specialist at MUSC Women's Health.

[Health](#)
[Shingles vaccine](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 25, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Elisha Brownfield about the symptoms and diagnosis of shingles, as well as preventing this condition with the shingles vaccine. Dr. Brownfield is a Professor of Internal Medicine and a general internist at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[Oncology nurse navigators](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 19, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Claudia Miller about the role of oncology nurse navigators. Claudia is a thoracic oncology nurse navigator at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

[Health](#)
[Emotional wellness for youth with obesity](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 18, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Lillian Christon about emotional wellness for youth with obesity. Dr. Christon is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC and she's a clinical health psychologist who works with youth and adults who have chronic health conditions.

[Health](#)
[Words matter when discussing alcohol problems](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 12, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Sarah Book about why words matter, when discussing alcohol use problems. Dr. Book is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Medical Director of the Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs at MUSC.

[Health](#)
[Treatment of knee osteoarthritis](#)
[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 11, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Louis Gerena about managing symptoms and treatment for knee osteoarthritis. Dr. Gerena is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and Physical Medicine and he's a non-surgical orthopaedic and sport medicine physician at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Exercise for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 5, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Charlie Strange about specific exercise that can help patients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Dr. Strange is a Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at MUSC.

[Health](#)

[Physical therapy to help with cancer related fatigue](#)

[Bobbi Conner](#)

July 4, 2022

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Katie Schmitt about physical therapy and occupational therapy to help with cancer related fatigue. Dr. Schmitt is a physical therapist at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center.

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Sep 30, 2022

[Into the light: the electrification of rural South Carolina](#)

Early in the twentieth century, for-profit companies such as Duke Power and South Carolina Electric and Gas brought electricity to populous cities and towns across South Carolina, while rural areas remained in the dark. It was not until the advent of publicly owned electric cooperatives in the 1930s that the South Carolina countryside was gradually introduced to the conveniences of life with electricity. Today, electric cooperatives serve more than a quarter of South Carolina's citizens and more than seventy percent of the state's land area. In his book, *Empowering Communities: How Electric Cooperatives Transformed Rural South Carolina* (USC Press, 2022), Dr. Lacy K. Ford and co-author Jared Bailey tell the story of the rise of "public" power – electricity serviced by member-owned cooperatives and sanctioned by federal and state legislation. It is a complicated saga, encompassing politics, law, finance, and rural economic development, of how the cooperatives helped bring fundamental and transformational change to the lives of rural people in South Carolina, from light to broadband. Ford talks with Dr. Edgar about how rural electrification, combined with the paving of roads, and funding of public schools, helped transform bring the Palmetto State into the modern world.

Sep 23, 2022

[Brookgreen Gardens - its history and its expanding mission](#)

In 2022, USC Press published *Brookgreen Gardens: Ever Changing*. Simply Amazing. More than just a beautiful coffee table book highlighting the art and fauna of Brookgreen, the volume tells the story of the creation and growth of Brookgreen Gardens, as well as stories of the peoples who lived on and worked the land in the past. Walter Edgar talks with President and CEO

Page Kiniry and Ron Daise, VP of Creative Education about the history and mission of Brookgreen Gardens.

Sep 16, 2022

[The growth and value of "public history"](#)

Dr. Constance Schulz, Distinguished Professor Emerita of the University of South Carolina's Public History Program, joins Walter Edgar this week to talk about the importance of "public history" and how it has evolved as a field of study over the last 50 years. Schulz is the winner of the Robert Kelley Memorial Award from the National Council on Public History. She is currently at work on The Pinckney Papers Project – based on two digital documentary editions: The Papers of Eliza Lucas Pinckney and Harriott Pinckney Horry and The Papers of the Revolutionary Era Pinckney Statesmen – which explores one of our South Carolina's most prominent families, specifically examining the importance of women's social connections and relationships during that time.

Sep 9, 2022

[Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Charleston Renaissance Artist](#)

Alice Ravenel Huger Smith (1876–1958), a leader of the Charleston Renaissance, immortalized the beauty and history of the Carolina Lowcountry and helped propel the region into an important destination for cultural tourism. In the book Alice: Alice Ravenel Huger Smith, Charleston Renaissance Artist, Dwight McInvill and his co-authors draw on unpublished papers, letters, and interviews to create a personal account of the artist's life and work. The book is enriched by over 200 illustrations of paintings, prints, sketches, and photographs, many shared for the first time. McInvaill and internationally renowned South Carolina Artist Jonathan Green join Walter Edgar in conversation about Alice Ravenel Huger Smith and her work.

Sep 2, 2022

[Shrimp Tales](#)

Shrimp, one of our most delicious food sources, was once only considered worthy of bait. In her new book, Shrimp Tales: Small Bites of History (2022, Primedia eLaunch), author Beverly Bowers Jennings tells the fascinating story of the shrimp industry, from the shrimp boats and their captains to fishing family lore, tasty recipes and more. Jennings talks with Walter Edgar about what she learned in a decade spent interviewing shrimpers and others associated with commercial shrimping to produce permanent exhibits for the Port Royal Sound Maritime Center and the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head. That work served as the basis of Shrimp Tales, a book that reveals the old ways of shrimping and celebrates today's awakening about the foods we eat and the people who make it all happen.

Aug 26, 2022

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – 150 years](#)

In 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding. The Corps' Charleston District has a unique and varied program that grows larger every year. The Civil Works, Navigation, Regulatory, Emergency Management, Military, and Interagency and International Services programs serve a diverse group of customers that span not only South Carolina, but also globally, which keeps the staff of more than 240 quite busy. Lt Colonel Andrew Johannes, Charleston District Commander; and Brian Williams, the District's Civil Works Chief, join Walter Edgar for a conversation on the Corps' history, its missions, and the many ways its work impacts South Carolina, including the deepening of Charleston Harbor.

Aug 19, 2022

[Black snow: SC author chronicles desperate measures taken to end WWII fighting in the Pacific](#)

Seven minutes past midnight on March 10, 1945, nearly 300 American B-29s thundered into the skies over Tokyo. Their payloads of incendiaries ignited a firestorm that reached up to 2,800 degrees, liquefying asphalt and vaporizing thousands; sixteen square miles of the city were flattened, and more than 100,000 men, women, and children were killed. In his book, *Black Snow - Curtis LeMay, the Firebombing of Tokyo, and the Road to the Atomic Bomb*, Charleston author James M. Scott tells the story of this devastating operation, orchestrated by Major General Curtis LeMay, who famously remarked: "If we lose the war, we'll be tried as war criminals." James Scott talks with Walter Edgar about the development of the B-29, the capture of the Marianas for use as airfields, and the change in strategy from high-altitude daylight "precision" bombing to low-altitude nighttime incendiary bombing. Most importantly, the raid represented a significant moral shift for America, marking the first-time commanders deliberately targeted civilians which helped pave the way for the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki five months later.

Aug 12, 2022

[Stephen A. Swails - a forgotten Black freedom fighter in the Civil War & Reconstruction](#)

Stephen Atkins Swails is a forgotten American hero. A free Black in the North before the Civil War began, Swails exhibited such exemplary service in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry that he became the first African American commissioned as a combat officer in the United States military. After the war, Swails remained in South Carolina, where he held important positions in the Freedmen's Bureau, helped draft a progressive state constitution, served in the state senate, and secured legislation benefiting newly liberated Black citizens. Swails remained active in South Carolina politics after Reconstruction until violent Redeemers drove him from the state. Gordon C. Rhea tells Swails' story in his new biography, *Stephen A. Swails: Black Freedom Fighter in the Civil War and Reconstruction* (2021, LSU Press). Rhea

talks with Walter Edgar about the saga of this indomitable human being who confronted deep-seated racial prejudice in various institutions but nevertheless reached significant milestones in the fight for racial equality.

Aug 5, 2022

[History and horticulture at Historic Columbia's Hampton-Preston Mansion site](#)

Historic Columbia's Boyd Foundation Horticultural Center located on the grounds of the Hampton-Preston Mansion & Gardens on Blanding Street opened this year. Its greenhouse allows the historic site to serve as a hub for horticultural research and plant propagation, alongside ongoing interpretation, and programming. The greenhouse and gatehouse constructions are based on historic structures that once stood on the property. And the greenhouse facility serves as a space to interpret the role that an extensive workforce of gardeners and horticulturists – Black, white, enslaved, and free – have played in shaping this site for over 200 years. John Sherrer, Director of Cultural Resources for Historic Columbia, and Keith Mearns, Director of Grounds, talk with Walter Edgar about planning and building the Horticultural Center and about the ways it enriches the mansion's grounds.

Jul 29, 2022

[Drayton Hall stories: A place and its people](#)

George McDaniel served as the Executive Director of Drayton Hall; a mid-18th-century plantation located on the Ashley River near Charleston for more than 25 years. His new book, Drayton Hall Stories: A Place and Its People (2022, Evening Post Books) focuses on this historic site's recent history, using interviews with descendants (both White and Black), board members, staff, donors, architects, historians, preservationists, tourism leaders, and more to create an engaging picture of this one place. McDaniel talks with Walter Edgar about the never-before-shared family moments, major decisions in preservation and site stewardship, and pioneering efforts to transform a Southern plantation into a site for racial conciliation.

Jul 22, 2022

[The Liberty Trail: The trail to independence](#)

America's independence was secured in South Carolina, across its swamps, fields, woods and mountains. These events of 1779-1782 directly led to victory in the Revolutionary War. The Liberty Trail – developed through a partnership between the American Battlefield Trust and the South Carolina Battleground Trust – connects battlefields across South Carolina and tells the stories of this transformative chapter of American history. On this week's episode of Walter Edgar's Journal Dr. Edgar talks with Doug Bostick, Exec. Dir and CEO of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust, and Catherine Noyes, Liberty Trail Program Director for the American Battlefield Trust, about their vision for The Liberty Trail: to permanently protect more than 2,500 acres of battlefield land and ultimately link nearly 80 sites.

Jul 15, 2022

[Justice deferred - race and the Supreme Court](#)

In their book, *Justice Deferred - Race and the Supreme Court* (2021, Belknap Press), historian Orville Vernon Burton and civil rights lawyer Armand Derfner shine a powerful light on the Court's race record—a legacy at times uplifting, but more often distressing and sometimes disgraceful. *Justice Deferred* is the first book that comprehensively charts the Court's race jurisprudence. The Supreme Court is usually seen as protector of our liberties: it ended segregation, was a guarantor of fair trials, and safeguarded free speech and the vote. But this narrative derives mostly from a short period, from the 1930s to the early 1970s. Before then, the Court spent a century largely ignoring or suppressing basic rights, while the fifty years since 1970 have witnessed a mostly accelerating retreat from racial justice.

Jul 8, 2022

[The Promise of the Pelican](#)

At once a literary crime novel and an intergenerational family drama, Roy Hoffman's novel, *The Promise of the Pelican* (2022, Arcade Crimewise) is set in the multicultural South, where justice might depend on the color of your skin and your immigration status. Author Roy Hoffman joins Walter Edgar to talk about the novel, its resonance with the South of the past as well as the South of today, and about his career.

July 1, 2022

[Enabling Veterans in South Carolina to live their best lives](#)

In 2020, Maj. General (Ret.) William F. Grimsley became South Carolina's first Secretary of Veterans' Affairs. From the beginning, Grimsley and his staff have defined the purpose of the new Department of Veterans' Affairs as leading and enabling "a state-wide coalition of partners to create and sustain an environment in which Veterans and their families can thrive as valued and contributing members of the South Carolina community and the Nation. "Grimsley talks with Walter Edgar about how the Department strives to achieve that purpose and the way it is expanding and building partnerships to do so.