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### [Increase in HPV Vaccination Rates in SC](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 29, 2020

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This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kathleen Cartmell](#) about HPV vaccination to help prevent HPV related cancers, and an update in HPV vaccination rates in S.C. Dr. Cartmell leads the Statewide HPV Vaccine Initiative at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC, and she is an Associate Professor of Public Health Sciences at Clemson University.

### [Managing Hypertension During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 28, 2020

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This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Daniel Lackland](#) about the importance of managing hypertension during the pandemic and also monitoring blood pressure at home. Dr. Lackland is a Professor of Epidemiology and Director of Translational Neurosciences and Population Studies at MUSC.

### [Tele-Mental Health Services and Therapy During the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 22, 2020

Bobbi Conner/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christopher Pelic](#) about the availability and use of tele-mental health services and therapy during the COVID-19 crisis. Dr. Pelic is a Professor of Psychiatry and the Medical Director of Telepsychiatry at MUSC.

### [Using Mobile Apps to Help with Smoking Cessation](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 21, 2020

MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jennifer Dahne](#) about the development of mobile apps to help with smoking cessation. Dr. Dahne is an Assistant Professor in the Addiction Sciences Division of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and she is a research member of Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Healthy Lifestyle to Prevent Stroke, Type 2 Diabetes and Heart Disease in Women](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 15, 2020

Bobbi Conner/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Aundrea Loftley](#) about a healthy lifestyle to help prevent stroke, type 2 diabetes and heart disease in women. Dr. Loftley is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and an Endocrinologist at MUSC.

### [Yoga for Children & Teens](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 15, 2020

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This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christine San Giovanni](#) about the health and wellness benefits of Yoga for children and teens. Dr. San Giovanni is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatrician at MUSC Children's Health.

### [Active Playtime for Healthy Kids](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 9, 2020

Bobbi Connor/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about making physical activity and active playtime a healthy way of life for children. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### [Colon Cancer Screening during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 7, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Brenda Hoffman](#) about colon cancer screening options during the pandemic, and why early detection and treatment of colon cancer is important. Dr. Hoffman is the Chief of the Integrated Center of Clinical Excellence of Digestive Health, Endocrinology and Metabolism at MUSC.

### [Face Coverings or Masks for Children during the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Sep 1, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about recommendations for children two years of age and older, to wear face coverings (or masks) under certain scenarios during the pandemic. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### [Health Literacy during the Pandemic](#)

By Alfred Turner • Aug 31, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Marvella Ford](#) about how to stay informed and make good health decisions during the pandemic. Dr. Ford is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and she is the Associate Director of the Populations Sciences and Cancer Disparities Program at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Tips for a Good Night's Sleep during Stressful Times](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 25, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Rinn](#) about practical tips to get a good night's sleep during stressful times. Dr. Rinn is a physician in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at MUSC.

## [Headaches in Children and Teens](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 24, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Thomas Koch](#) about headaches (including migraines and stress headaches) in children and teens. Dr. Koch is a Pediatric Neurologist and Director of Pediatric Neurology Education at MUSC.

## [Coping with Caution Fatigue During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 20, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Wendy Balliet](#) about coping with caution fatigue as the coronavirus crisis continues. Dr. Balliet is a psychologist who works with patients who have chronic health problems through the Division of Bio-behavioral Medicine and Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

## [Social Isolation in Older Adults During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 20, 2020

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This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Mark Newbrough](#) about the problem of social isolation in older adults during the pandemic. Dr. Newbrough is an Associate Professor of Geriatric medicine and the Director of the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program MUSC.

## [Walking for Fitness during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 18, 2020

MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Erika Blank](#) about walking for fitness and to promote good health and wellbeing during the pandemic. Dr. Blank is an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine and she is a primary care physician specializing in Lifestyle Medicine at MUSC.

[Transcript \(PDF\) available upon request.](#)

## [COVID-19 Antibody Research Involving Health Care Workers in SC](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 11, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Eric Meissner](#) about research related to COVID-19 antibody testing involving a group of health care workers in South Carolina. Dr. Meissner is an Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases and he is the Principal Investigator on this COVID-19 antibody testing study at MUSC.

### [Protecting Cancer Patients during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 10, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David Mahvi](#) about extra protection and health concerns for cancer patients during the pandemic. Dr. Mahvi is the Chief of Oncology at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Efforts to Reduce Preterm Births](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Aug 4, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Scott Sullivan](#) about the some of the causes of preterm births and efforts that can help reduce premature births. Dr. Sullivan is a Professor of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and he is the Vice-Chair of the Department of OB/GYN at MUSC.

[Transcript \(PDF\) available upon request.](#)

### [Skin Cancer Prevention & Screening During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 28, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Dirk Elston](#) about skin cancer prevention and screening during the pandemic. Dr. Elston is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery at MUSC.

### [Heart Health for Women](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 27, 2020

Including Heart Health Tips during the Pandemic

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Arasi Maran](#) about heart health for women, including actions to take now, to reduce risk of coronary heart disease. Dr. Maran is an Interventional Cardiologist and Director of the Coronary CTO (Chronic Total Occlusions) Program at MUSC.

### [Pediatric and Adult Organ Transplantation during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 21, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Satish Nadig](#) about pediatric and adult organ transplantation during the pandemic. Dr. Nadig is an adult and pediatric multi-organ transplant surgeon and he is the PK Baliga MD Endowed Chair in solid organ transplantation at MUSC.

### [Virtual \(or Telehealth\) Visits with Health Care Providers during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 20, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. James McElligott](#) about virtual appointments (or telehealth visits), which have become part of the new normal during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. McElligott is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the Center for Telehealth at MUSC.

### [Coping With Uncertainty & Protecting Our Mental Health During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 14, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rochelle Hanson](#) about coping with uncertainty and protecting our mental health during the pandemic. Dr. Hanson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of trauma, and she is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at The National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

### [Reducing the Spread of COVID-19 in Our Communities](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 13, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michael Schmidt](#) about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Dr. Schmidt is a Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at MUSC and he is the past Chair of the Council of Microbial Sciences at the American Society for Microbiology

### [Helping Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Adjust to Changes during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 7, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Laura Carpenter](#) about helping children with autism spectrum disorder adjust to changes during the

pandemic, including creating new routines for kids and tips to help parents. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[Request a transcript.](#)

### [Managing High Blood Pressure & Diabetes during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jul 6, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Aundrea Loftley](#) about the importance of managing high blood pressure and diabetes during the pandemic, including virtual visits with care providers to help accomplish this goal. Dr. Loftley is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and an Endocrinologist at MUSC.

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[USC's Annual Econ Outlook Conference Changes](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 30, 2020

This is the time of year when our next guest is busy preparing for his institution's annual economic outlook conference but as with all events this year, it is just not business as usual.

Mike Switzer interviews [Joey Von Nessen, chief economist at the Darla Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC.

[New 401k Statement Rules Coming Soon](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 29, 2020

In case you have not heard, changes are coming to your 401k statements. It's taken ten years since this idea was first presented but beginning next year the US Department of Labor will require your 401k administrator to not only show you your account balance but also what it could generate in monthly income.

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

[SC Business News Update from SCBiznews](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 28, 2020

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

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

[Which Countries Could Provide Best Investment Returns?](#)



By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 25, 2020

According to our next guest, real portfolio yields for the average investor have actually been negative over the past eight years. However, his analysis is also showing that the next eight years should be incredibly positive, if you pick the right countries to invest in.

Mike Switzer interviews Sailesh Radha, president and chief investment strategist at [Borealis Global Advisory](#) in Blythewood, SC.

### [New Entrepreneurial Resource in Columbia, SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 24, 2020

You may have heard John “Swampfox” Warner recently talk on this program about a new resource in our state for entrepreneurs, one that is, itself, working to build more such resources in the Midlands.

Mike Switzer interviews Erin Curtis, program manager at [GrowCo](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [South Carolina Labs Staying Busy](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 23, 2020

For a small state, South Carolina is certainly doing its part to alleviate the wait times caused by the high demand for COVID-19 testing, as we highlighted in an interview with a Lowcountry company last week. Today, we are going to tell you about an Upstate company doing the same.

Mike Switzer interviews Nate Wilbourne, founder and CEO of [Precision Genetics](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [Demographic Shifts Favor "Apartment Building" Investing](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 22, 2020

The National Apartment Association recently reported that the U.S. needs about 4.6 million new multifamily units over the next 10 years just to keep up with demand. That is about 328,000 new units per year. What is driving this demand and how can investors take advantage of it?

Mike Switzer interviews Karen Oeser, a chartered financial analyst with [East Light Investments](#) in Simpsonville, SC. She’s also a member of the [South Carolina Chapter of the CFA Society](#).

## [SC Entrepreneurial Update from "The Swampfox"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 21, 2020

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

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics ([Vet-Tabs](#)) and the Swamp Fox Success page, based in Greenville, S.C.

## [Expanding Broadband Access in S.C.](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 18, 2020

Back in May, we interviewed [Nephron Pharmaceuticals](#)' CEO, Lou Kennedy, about the work she is doing with [AccelerateSC](#), the governor's task force assigned to help our state's economy restart after the onslaught of the pandemic. During the interview, she mentioned the need for more broadband Internet connectivity across South Carolina, especially in the rural areas, and especially with so much working and learning going on at home. Our next guest is going to give us an update.

## [Managing the Chronically Ill During the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 17, 2020

Individuals with pre-existing, chronic health conditions are probably the highest-risk group during this pandemic. Couple that with the need for telehealth and other technology solutions and you can see why our next guest's company has been very busy.

Mike Switzer interviews Jon-Michial Carter, CEO and co-founder of [Chartspan](#) in Greenville, SC.

## [S.C. Company Busy with COVID Testing](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 16, 2020

Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist, Bill Gates, recently said that the US Covid testing situation is a mess. Some of the criticism is pointing out that rapid tests may be proving to be unreliable. One South Carolina company is right in the middle of all this controversy.

Mike Switzer interviews Scotty Branch, co-founder of [Vikor Scientific](#) in Charleston, SC.

## [Is There a Correlation Between the Stock Market and the Federal Reserve Balance Sheet?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 15, 2020

Ever since the Great Recession of 2008-09, the total amount of our national debt has skyrocketed. And trillions more are being added due to the pandemic. Interestingly, the stock market does not seem to be bothered by the level of federal debt anymore, only by recessions. But our next guest says that there is a correlation here of which investors should be aware.

Mike Switzer interviews Ashton Lawrence, a certified financial planner with [DeHollander & Janse Financial Group](#) in Greenville, SC.

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## [Are Land Development Trends Changing Permanently?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 11, 2020

All across our country, even throughout this pandemic, land continues to be developed into shopping centers, housing subdivisions, and more. But are those plans changing as trends for shopping and living have changed and may become permanent?

Mike Switzer interviews Gore Bolton, CEO of [Land Intelligence](#) in Columbia, SC.

## [Corporate Health and Wellness During the Time of COVID](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 10, 2020

The pandemic has certainly changed the workplace, bringing employees' health and wellness concerns to the forefront. Our next guest says that the wellness part of that equation is not getting enough attention.

Mike Switzer interviews Lisa Burbage, CEO and founder of [Wellness Five](#) in Charleston, SC.

## [Reducing Smog One Bucket Truck at a Time](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 9, 2020

Have you ever noticed a utility company bucket truck lifting a worker into the air and wondered why the engine was running? Many of these vehicles need the engine to power the hydraulic lift. This can significantly increase the cost to operate the vehicle, not to mention the environmental effect of the engine exhaust. Our next guest's company decided to tackle that issue and, in the process, has been awarded a grant from SC Launch.

Mike Switzer interviews Mark Ferri, president and CEO of [Viatec, Inc.](#) in Greenville, SC.

## [Family History and Your Finances](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 8, 2020

Most of, at one time or another, have had an interest in our family history; what are our roots and how have they helped make us who we are today. Our next guest says documenting and sharing your family history can also help you understand your finances and your relationship with money.

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

## [SC Picked for Land Rover Customization](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 7, 2020

The Palmetto state recently added another company to its fast-growing automotive manufacturing sector, this time a UK company in the niche market of customizing Land Rover Defenders.

Mike Switzer interviews Becky Ford, managing director of [Arkonik, Ltd.](#) in Charleston, SC.

## [Connecting the Hemp Supply Chain](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 4, 2020

With industrial hemp now legal to grow and process in 46 states, our next guest says the domestic marketplace confronts one vexing challenge: a broken (or often non-existent) supply chain connecting the hemp fields to the end-users. So, his company decided to do something about it.

Mike Switzer interviews Arte Perry, managing member of [Hempgrid](#) in Charleston, SC.

### [SC Distillery Gets Creative](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 3, 2020

Back in February, our state's oldest working distillery made the move to a greatly expanded location to accommodate growing demand. Then COVID hit. And like many other distilleries and breweries, they moved to outside bottle sales, started producing hand sanitizer, and have now started producing a socially-distanced concert series.

Mike Switzer interviews Scott Newitt, co-founder of [Firefly Distillery](#) in North Charleston, SC.

### [Will the 4th Quarter Show a Significant Economic Rebound?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 2, 2020

Now that we are six months into the economic crisis caused by the pandemic, are our national and state economies responding as expected?

Mike Switzer interviews [Frank Hefner, Director Office of Economic Analysis](#) and Professor of Economics at the [College of Charleston](#).

### ["What Do I Do with My Old Retirement Plan?"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Sep 1, 2020

With so many people losing their jobs due to this pandemic, and many finding new jobs with different companies, a common question our next guest has been hearing is "What do I do with my old retirement plan?"

Mike Switzer interviews Thomas Manly, an associate advisor with [The Hobbs Group](#) in Columbia, SC.

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

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 31, 2020

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

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

Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: [MidlandsBiz](#), [UpstateBizSC](#), and [LowCountryBizSC](#). Disclaimer: Alan Cooper's company has a business relationship with Voterheads.com, a wholly-owned company of Magnolia Media, which is the producer of the South Carolina Business Review.

### [Networking for Manufacturers](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 28, 2020

From automobiles to tires to airplanes and more, our state is predominantly a manufacturing state. Which is why our next guest's organization is working hard to support the health and longevity of South Carolina's manufacturing environment through a collaborative, peer-to-peer network.

Mike Switzer interviews Brady Umberger, a board member at the [OpExChange](#), and he joins us now by phone from his office at [BOMAG Americas](#) where he is the director of operations in Ridgeway, SC.

### [Local Farms Hurt by Restaurant Closures](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 27, 2020

By now, we are all familiar with the challenges being faced by restaurants during this pandemic. But we may not have thought about how the restaurants' challenges have trickled down the supply chain to include local farmers.

Mike Switzer interviews [Jeremy Storey, an egg, chicken, and pork farmer](#) in John's Island, SC whose situation was [featured recently by CNN](#).

### [Is COVID Affecting Land Design, Too?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 26, 2020

Recently on this show, we have looked into factory and equipment design changes that companies are facing in a post-COVID world in an effort to keep employees safe. But are there any new trends in land design that are also being affected? Isn't everything outside already inherently safe?

Mike Switzer interviews Gary Collins with [Seamon Whiteside](#), a civil engineering and landscape architecture firm with offices throughout the Carolinas, and he joins us now by phone from his office in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

### [The Importance of Cash Flow After a Divorce](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 25, 2020

Divorce, like marriage, is an emotional affair. Which is why our next guest says that it is important to know all the financial implications involved in a divorce before the final settlement. And one of the most important, she says, is an in-depth look at the resulting cash flows.

Mike Switzer interviews Stephanie Vokral, a certified financial planner, certified divorce financial analyst, and managing principal at [The Financial Knot](#) in Columbia, SC.

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### [The Pandemic and Trade Shows](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 21, 2020

One of the industries we have discussed on this show recently as having been dramatically affected by COVID-19 is the trade show business. Our next guest is right in the middle of this situation and as we have noticed frequently during this pandemic, has been fortunate enough to have pivoted successfully to another line of business.

Mike Switzer interviews Steve Hoffman, president of [Skyline Exhibits and Design](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [New Virus Testing Swabs Designed in Upstate SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 20, 2020

The last time we interviewed our next guest was about ten years ago when his company was in early stage development. They were working on a micro coating that could adhere to surfaces; one possible example of its use was to help prevent ice from forming on power lines. Fast forward to today and the

company's micro surface technology is now being applied to a new design for swabs used in COVID-19 testing.

Mike Switzer interviews Ralph Hulseman, president of [Hoowaki](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [SC Fight for Clean Energy Continues](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 19, 2020

A clean energy organization in our state recently decided to end its operations and turn its efforts and its leaders, our next guests, over to a regional organization with a South Carolina task force.

Mike Switzer interviews Bonnie Loomis, former executive director of the South Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance (SCCEBA), and now the South Carolina managing director for [E4 Carolinas](#), while Weston Adams is the former chair of SCCEBA's board and is now an E4 Carolinas Board of Directors member and the co-chair of its SC task force.

### [Is the Stock Market Predicting a Good Economy Ahead?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 18, 2020

You have probably noticed that since the pandemic hit and drove the stock market into a steep decline, it has rebounded significantly. The tech-heavy NASDAQ, in particular. Yet the economy is far from where it was pre-COVID. The stock market has a history of being a leading economic indicator. Is that what we are seeing now?

Mike Switzer interviews Wes Johnson, a certified financial planner with [ACT Advisors](#) in Charleston.

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### [US Ed Dept Supporting Upstate SC High Risk Students](#)



By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 14, 2020

If there is anything our high school students need right now, it is assistance that will help them graduate in 2021. Which seems like a long way away, but after what our 2020 graduates had to go through, time will almost certainly fly for these kids, as well.

### [Municipal Finances Suffering from COVID-19](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 13, 2020

We are all very aware of the issues companies have been facing through this pandemic, but what about the cities, towns, and counties across our state. With many of them relying on hospitality and accommodations taxes, their finances have been hit hard as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Lawrence Flynn, a public finance attorney with [Pope Flynn](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Top-Rated Chef Returns to SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 12, 2020

After beginning his search for a career as a chef with his enrollment many years ago at the Johnson and Wales culinary school in Charleston, SC (before it moved to Charlotte), our next guest went on to experience success at restaurants in Savannah, New York City, and Hong Kong. Now he is back in the Lowcountry running the kitchen of one of the area's top-rated restaurants in its new location.

Mike Switzer interviews Wes Long, the executive chef at the [Harbour Club at Westedge](#).

### [Tech Stocks and Your Portfolio](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 11, 2020

Investors in technology stocks have been pretty happy since the pandemic broke out as these companies' revenues have been, for the most part, not only COVID-proof but COVID beneficiaries. Is this proof that tech stocks should be a permanent part of your portfolio?

Mike Switzer interviews Paul Meeks, a chartered financial analyst and portfolio manager with [Independent Solutions Wealth Management](#) in Charleston, SC, and a member of the [SC CFA Society](#).

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## [SC Econ Dev Leaders Add Tools for Virus Planning](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 7, 2020

Even though we are still in the midst of the virus crisis, our state's economic development organizations have not stopped their efforts to bring in new business and to support existing companies. For example, in response to the pandemic, our next guest's organization has created an impact report for its 5-county alliance to assist its area businesses in their efforts to succeed.

## [The Balancing Act Between Retirement and Education Funding](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 6, 2020

For parents, deciding how much to save for retirement versus what to set aside for a child's education can be a difficult balancing act. Our next guest says that while saving for your future should be a priority, that does not mean you cannot include funding your child's education at the same time.

Mike Switzer interviews [Rob DeHollander, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC](#).

## [Today's Main Street Business Environment Under Pressure](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 5, 2020

Almost 20 years ago our next guest's organization was formed to manage our capital city's downtown Main Street district. Since that time, especially in the last several years, that district has undergone a noticeably positive transformation. But now we are in more challenging times with the pandemic and concerns over police actions and race relations. How are our downtown businesses coping?

Mike Switzer interviews Matt Kennell, president and CEO of the [City Center Partnership](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Struggling to Re-Open Economy](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Aug 4, 2020

With the re-opening of the economy and the resurgence of the virus this summer, hopes for better times ahead have been delayed. Is restarting the economy becoming more and more reliant on a vaccine?

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### [Three Reasons to Talk about Managing Capital Gains](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 31, 2020

According to Goldman Sachs, the combined market values of Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Google, and Facebook — now account for over 20% of the value of the S&P 500 Index. That exceeds the 18% concentration level that occurred in the famous tech bubble of 2000. Our next guest says that this is just one reason why investors need to take a serious look at their unrealized capital gains.

### [The Importance of Digital Tools During the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 30, 2020

A recent study conducted by our next guest’s organization found that, during this pandemic, one in three small businesses would have had to close all or part of their business if they had not had any digital tools as a part of their business model, while those empowered by digital tools were four and a half times more likely to project revenue gains.

Mike Switzer interviews Jake Ward, president of the [Connected Commerce Council](#) in Charleston, SC.

## [Outdoor Employment Gaining in Popularity](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 29, 2020

Outdoor jobs have taken on a new level of importance and security in this post-COVID world. Which is why our next guest's organization has just launched a new online certification program for landscape management professionals.

Mike Switzer interviews Drew Jeffers, a horticulture and natural resource agent with the [Clemson University Cooperative Extension in Spartanburg, SC](#). Landscape Program:  
<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/scclp/index.html>

## [The Balancing Act Between Retirement and Education Funding](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 28, 2020

For parents, deciding how much to save for retirement versus what to set aside for a child's education can be a difficult balancing act. Our next guest says that while saving for your future should be a priority, that does not mean you cannot include funding your child's education at the same time.

Mike Switzer interviews [Rob DeHollander, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC](#).

## [SC Business News Update from SCBiznews](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 27, 2020

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

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

## [Processing Food During a Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 24, 2020

We have heard about the issues facing the meat packing industry during this pandemic. But what about the multitude of other food processing and distribution facilities across the country and our state?

Mike Switzer interviews Brian King, president of [A M King](#) in Greenville, SC.

## [State Business Leaders Promoting Workforce Awareness Among Kids](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 23, 2020

We interviewed our next guest back in March when the pandemic was just beginning it's havoc creation across the country and our state and he reported that our state's business community was committed to do what was necessary to halt the spread of Covid-19 and to help companies survive its wrath. And now, in the face of record unemployment, they are helping to bring a workforce development and awareness program to our state's school children.

## [Small Business Financial Aid in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 22, 2020

Not long after the pandemic started forcing businesses to shut down, Congress came to the rescue with financial aid programs, including grants and low-interest loans. To what degree have our state's small companies been able to take advantage of this assistance?

Mike Switzer interviews Savannah Wilburn, a lender relations specialist & public information officer for the [South Carolina District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration](#) in Columbia, SC.

## [A Change in Market Direction Can Change Your Risk Tolerance](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 21, 2020

Have you ever noticed that your tolerance for risk may be at one level when you're setting your goals with your financial planner, but then along comes a market downturn and suddenly you find that you might be a little more risk-averse than you thought.

Mike Switzer interviews Peter Pigeon, a certified financial planner with [Hobbs Group Advisors](#) in Columbia, SC.

## [SC Entrepreneurial Update from "The Swampfox"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 20, 2020

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

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

### [Changes in Consumer Behavior Post-Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 17, 2020

There is no doubt that the pandemic and resulting quarantines have caused some perhaps permanent shifts in consumer attitudes and behavior. Which is why our next guest's company has begun conducting studies to discover how consumers in our area (North and South Carolina) are making decisions about their health and safety, travel, personal finances, buying and shopping habits, and work situations. What are they discovering?

Mike Switzer interviews Fenton Overdyke, director of research at [Chernoff Newman](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Exploring Franchising](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 16, 2020

An activity that always increases during times of high unemployment is that of looking into starting your own business. Oftentimes, when someone loses their job, they begin to think that maybe being their own boss would be better. But should you start from scratch, buy an existing business, or explore available franchises? Or maybe none of the above?

Mike Switzer interviews [Cathey Petkash, a small business and franchising consultant with FRANNET in Charleston, SC.](#)

### [Lowcountry Chef Wins Award for Crab Boil](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 15, 2020

After growing up in a rural Gullah community outside Charleston, SC, and finishing college in Sumter, our next guest moved to Atlanta and eventually started a catering business based on the Gullah cuisine she loved as a child. Her business became very successful, culminating not only in winning the [food category in Garden and Gun magazine's 2019 Made in the South Awards](#), but also in her decision to move back home to support the preservation of the Gullah-Geechee culture in our state.

### [Investors are Looking for Crisis-Proof Companies](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 14, 2020

With the disruptions that occurred in the stock market due to the pandemic, many investors are now focusing on companies that can endure crises like these.

Mike Switzer interviews Joseph Costigan, a chartered financial analyst with [Apricus Wealth](#) in Beaufort, SC, and a member of the [South Carolina chapter of the CFA Society](#).

### [Taking Full Advantage of Small Business Pandemic Assistance](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 10, 2020

The small business community has been severely impacted by the pandemic. The financial assistance from the various levels of government has certainly helped but our next guest says that his experience working with small business owners through all of this has highlighted the importance of having a strong and supportive network already in place.

Mike Switzer interviews Dominik Mjartan, president and CEO of [Optus Bank](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Event Marketing When There Are No Events](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 9, 2020

We are all well aware of the effect the pandemic has had on charities and other organizations, such as universities, concert venues, etc. that depend heavily on events for revenue. So, you can imagine what has also happened to our next guest's company which specializes in event marketing and sponsorships.

Mike Switzer interviews Rick Jones, CEO of [Fishbait Marketing](#) in Charleston, SC.

### [Workforce Preparedness in the Time of COVID-19](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 8, 2020

The not-too-long-ago tight labor market has quickly shifted to an overabundance of available workers, thanks to the global pandemic. How are our state's technical colleges responding?

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Kyle Wagner, president of [Northeastern Technical College](#) in Cheraw, SC.

## [Financial Planning Opportunities During the Pandemic: Part 2](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 7, 2020

We recently reviewed some financial planning opportunities on this program, such as taking advantage of the current low interest rate situation for some refinancing possibilities. But because we are only a five-minute show, we could not cover everything, so today is part two of that discussion.

Mike Switzer interviews Melissa Bane, a certified financial planner and CPA with [Greenwood Capital](#) in Greenwood, SC.

## [SC Entrepreneurial Update from "The Swampfox"](#)

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## [Upstate Endodontist Wins Technology Award](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 3, 2020

Severe allergic reactions are normally dealt with through an injection of epinephrine, which in many cases can be expensive and difficult to administer. Our next guest has designed a medical auto-injector to alleviate those issues and as a result was awarded the 2019 Innovision Technology Development Award.

Mike Switzer interviews [Dr. Chalbourne Brasington, an endodontist in Greenville, SC](#).

## [Business Booming for Local Food Products](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 2, 2020

One upside to the pandemic has been the surge in demand for local food products. While our next guest had already been successfully selling her apple products for the past five years, she has also certainly benefited from this trend.

Mike Switzer interviews Theresa Adams, founder of the [Adams Apple Company](#) in Lexington, SC.



## [Testing Our Healthcare System](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jul 1, 2020

Our healthcare system represents the front line in the battle against Covid-19. How is it holding up here in South Carolina?

Mike Switzer interviews Craig Self with [Roper St. Francis Healthcare](#) in Charleston, SC. \*Please note that the statistics mentioned by Mr. Self during this interview were as of the date of the recording of the interview: June 11, 2020.

### **Walter Edgar's Journal**

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## [Country Music](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • September 25, 2020

Courtesy of Jared Ames

Since its first publication in 1968, Bill C. Malone's Country Music USA has won universal acclaim as the definitive history of American country music. Starting with the music's folk roots in the rural South, it traces country music from the early days of radio into the twenty-first century. In the 2019, fiftieth-anniversary edition, Malone, the featured historian in Ken Burns' 2019 documentary on country music, revised every chapter to offer new information and fresh insights.

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

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Sep 18, 2020

## The Johnson Collection

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

### [Southern Women](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Sep 11, 2020

SC Public Radio

The Southern woman has long been synonymous with the Southern belle, a “moonlight and magnolias” myth that gets nowhere close to describing the strong, richly diverse women who have thrived because of—and in some cases, despite—the South.

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

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Sep 4, 2020

(Originally broadcast 10/26/18) - In 1968 state troopers gunned down black students protesting the segregation of a South Carolina bowling alley, killing three and injuring 28. The Orangeburg Massacre was one of the most violent moments of the Southern civil rights movement, and only one person served prison time in its aftermath: a young black man by the name of Cleveland Sellers Jr. Many years later, the state would recognize that Sellers was a scapegoat in that college campus tragedy and would issue a full pardon.

### [The Journey of Catholicism in South Carolina](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • August 28, 2020

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Charleston by Pope Pius VII. This makes it the seventh oldest Roman Catholic diocese in the United States. At that time, the diocese comprised the states of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. In spite of a ban on Catholicism in the Colonial era, it arrived in Carolina much earlier than 1820 via both colonists and enslaved persons.

### [The Glories of Grits](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • August 21, 2020

Grits. If you grew up in the South, you have likely eaten them. If you buy yours from the grocery store, though, you may never have really tasted the goodness of stone ground grits.

### [South Carolina Between World Wars: The Beginnings of Black Activism](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Aug 14, 2020

Black South Carolinians, despite poverty and discrimination, began to organize and lay the basis for the civil rights movement that would occur after World War II. Dr. Bobby Donaldson of the University of South Carolina talks about the efforts by black South Carolinians to obtain justice and civil rights during a time of economic collapse and political change. - Originally broadcast 01/31/20 -

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### [South Carolina Between World Wars: The Great Depression](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Aug 7, 2020

Following World War I, South Carolina's economy collapsed. The post-World-War-I drop in demand for textiles, the subsequent collapse in cotton prices, the exhaustion of farmland through poor farming practices, and the decimation of cotton crops by the boll weevil hit South Carolinians hard. Then came the stock market crash on Black Thursday in 1929 and the nation's plunge into the Great Depression. People were starving, businesses were failing, farms were being repossessed, and sharecroppers were squeezed between the need to grow their own food and their landlords' demands.

### [South Carolina Between World Wars: The Impact of the New Deal](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • July 31, 2020

When the stock market crashed in 1929, ushering in the Great Depression, South Carolina was already in dire financial straits. Cotton prices had plummeted, even before the boll weevil had decimated the crop. Years of non-sustainable practices in cotton farming had ruined thousands of acres of farmland. And the textile industry had crashed.

### [Ups and Downs: South Carolina's Economy During World War I](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) & Mark Smith • July 24, 2020

South Carolina in 1918 was still struggling with the changes to its economic and social systems brought about by the Civil War and Reconstruction. The United States' entry into World War I affected the daily work life of South Carolinians and the state's economy in a way that was unique to our state.

### [South Carolina Progressives During World War I](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jul 17, 2020

(Originally broadcast 03/02/18) - There were progressives in South Carolina in 1918. And the progressive movement in this state was different from the movement in the Northeast. However, the United States' entrance into World War I provided an extra momentum to the movement that led to some fundamental changes the interaction between state and federal authority that lasted through the 20th century.

### [Fighting on Two Fronts: Black South Carolinians in World War I](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • July 10, 2020

Upon the United States' entrance into World War I, President Woodrow Wilson told the nation that the war was being fought to "make the world safe for democracy." For many African-American South Carolinians, the chance to fight in this war was a way to prove their citizenship, in hopes of changing things for the better at home.

### [South Carolina in WWI: The Military](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • July 3, 2020

With the United States' entrance into World War I, three Army training bases were set up in South Carolina. The social and economic impact on a state still suffering from the devastation of the Civil War was dramatic. Three infantry divisions, including support personnel, swelled the Upstate and Midlands population by 90,000. On the coast, recruits flocked to Charleston's Navy base. And some of those trainees were African Americans, which caused political turmoil and civil strife in a Jim Crow state.

## SC Lede

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[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Can I Get A Witness?!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 29, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 29, 2020, features: the latest on absentee voting by mail; what the Supreme Court fight could mean for the future; a look at the economic impact the pandemic is having on families; and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Special Session Tea Report](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 26, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 22, 2020, features: a look at what South Carolina state lawmakers did during their recent special two-week session; an economic update from Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond President Tom Barkin; South Carolina's rankings in a report released by this week by the White House Coronavirus Task Force; and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Judge Dread](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 22, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 22, 2020, features: a look at how you can vote absentee in the November 3 election; the latest from Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) on the future of the Supreme Court nomination process he will oversee; comments from U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams from his recent visit to Columbia; and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Duwve, Or Not Duwve, That Is The Question](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 12, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 12, 2020, features: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) on how the offshore drilling moratorium including South Carolina came about; Gov. Henry McMaster outlines how he would like to spend phase II CARES Act money that the state legislature will decide next week; state health officials project how a COVID-19 vaccine would be implemented in South Carolina; and more.

### [SC Lede: Datacasting — Reaching The Unreachable](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 10, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 10, 2020, we look at datacasting to help keep students in South Carolina connected remotely to school even without broadband, hear about how the pandemic could affect the future of land development, get an update on telehealth advancements, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Don't Anti Vaxx Me, Bro!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 5, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 5, 2020, we examine Facebook's approach to limiting the spread of disinformation ahead of the November 3 election, discuss whether the stock market is indicative of the greater economy, speak with medical professionals about public trust of a potential coronavirus vaccine, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — One-Time Dolla Dolla Bills, Y'all](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 3, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 3, 2020, we look at how state lawmakers are working to safeguard the November 3 election, hear from state budget officials about how much money is available and how that funding may be used, break down new visitation guidelines announced by Gov. Henry McMaster this week for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — September 1st, AKA March 185th](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 1, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 1, 2020, we discuss the Palmetto State's current economic situation, break down the

additional money lawmakers will have for upcoming budget negotiations, continue our look at the mental health of medical professionals on the frontline, and more.

### [SC Lede: Mental Health — The Hidden Pandemic](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 29, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 29, 2020, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard to recap speeches by prominent South Carolinian political leaders at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. Also, on this episode: the latest unemployment data; new CDC guidance on asymptomatic testing; a look at the mental health challenges faced by frontline medical workers; and more.

### [SC Lede: RNC — South Carolina In Prime Time](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 27, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 27, 2020, features remarks from Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley at the Republican National Convention, new information on how mask mandates are reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the Palmetto State, Gov. Henry McMaster tells us about the latest federal effort to expand unemployment benefits, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Going Postal](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 25, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 25, 2020, we hear comments from South Carolina Congressional delegation on the issues facing the U.S. Postal Service, speak with state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, look at Gov. Henry McMaster's role in the Republican National Convention, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Caution! Fatigue!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 22, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 22, 2020, we discuss what needs to be done to safeguard the vote in November, get an update from the South Carolina Ports Authority on the massive dredging project, speak with an MUSC psychologist about caution fatigue, and much more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — DNC Chat Roulette](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 20, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 20, 2020, we take you to the virtual Democratic National Convention to hear from some prominent South Carolina lawmakers, continue to explore concerns over the postal service, hear from a financial advisor on how to handle the current market, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Overwhelmed & Overrun](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 18, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 18, 2020, we speak with MUSC Health CEO Dr. Patrick Cawley about testing, look at the absentee voting situation for the November 3 elections and what state lawmakers' plans are, hear about the financial pressures facing counties and municipalities, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Alone Together](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 15, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 15, 2020, features a look at spending for personal protection equipment for school districts, more on mask data from DHEC and which masks protect you better than others, a closer look at how you can cope with mental health issues during this pandemic, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Need For Speed](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 13, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 12, 2020, we bring you updates on broadband expansion efforts in the state, remarks from Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Gov. Henry McMaster about state and federal response efforts, a health report on the benefits of walking, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Dr. Linda Bell Spills The Tea](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 11, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 11, 2020, we discuss The State's recent report on emails from State Epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell



showing that [she regretted not taking a stronger stance during press conferences with Gov. Henry McMaster](#). In the emails, Bell says the governor's staff misled people into thinking she also supported the reopening of close contact services in May. Also, on this episode: a look at recent polling on how Gov. McMaster is handling the crisis; a detailed analysis on what is now forecasted to be an extremely active hurricane season; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 From The Frontlines — A Relentless Assault](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 8, 2020

On this special edition of the South Carolina Lede, host Gavin Jackson takes you to Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital in Georgetown County to speak with healthcare workers at the frontlines of the COVID-19 surge in South Carolina.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Conjunction Junction, Back-To-School Dysfunction](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 6, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 6, 2020, we bring you updates from State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman on school reopening's, virtual classrooms, truancy, and more. Also, on this episode: a look at how Americans feel about the November election; the state of minority owned small businesses; when high school sports could resume; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Sen. Lindsey Graham, AKA 'Dr. TikTok'](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 4, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 4, 2020, features: Remarks from Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) about his plans for broadband expansion, election security, and the future of TikTok; Details about what digital tools small businesses are using to navigate the pandemic; Comments from Dr. Anthony Fauci before Rep. Jim Clyburn's (D-SC) coronavirus committee; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Six Feet, Isaias! Social Distance!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 1, 2020

This episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 1, 2020, features: details on the economic outlook of our country amidst the worst quarterly GDP rate in the post-war era; insight on DHEC's pandemic response; the latest South Carolina forecast for Hurricane Isaias; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — North Charleston, We Have A Problem](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 30, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 30, 2020, we bring you the latest on Gov. Henry McMaster's new orders regarding masks in restaurants and the reopening of movie theaters, sports stadiums, and other businesses. Also, in this episode: The struggles facing the state when it comes to COVID-19 testing and medical staffing needs at hospitals; Boeing's announcement that it will cut the production rates at its facility in North Charleston; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — An UnTENTable Situation](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 28, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 28, 2020, we bring you the latest data from DHEC about COVID-19 infection rates in the Palmetto State, look at encouraging numbers for the state, hear what one South Carolina hospital is doing to combat the coronavirus surge it's facing, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Miseducation Of Molly Spearman](#)

By [Sean Birch](#) • Jul 25, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 25, 2020, we bring you an in-depth look at the politics surrounding the reopening of schools, including Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman's thoughts on how different in-person and online learning will look this fall. Plus, Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) speaks with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about the state of the federal coronavirus relief bill, State Epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell voices support for a statewide mask ordinance, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — 'It Will Probably Get Worse Before It Gets Better'](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 23, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 23, 2020, we take a look at Vice President Mike Pence's recent visit to the Palmetto State, find out the latest on the federal COVID-19 relief bill, speak with SC Ports Authority CEO Jim Newsome, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Breaking Point On The Horizon](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 21, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 21, 2020, we bring you COVID-19 warnings from medical professionals in the Upstate, recent comments from Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) on his police reform bill and the state of play on it in Congress, Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC) remembrance of the late civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — A Year In Four Months](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 18, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 18, 2020, we bring you the latest on Sen. Lindsey Graham's (R-SC) attempts to reshore medical manufacturing jobs to the US, recent polling on how South Carolinians feel about masks and working from home, and updates on what parents can do about the COVID-linked MIS-C syndrome affecting children.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Schoolhouse Bully Pulpit](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 16, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 16, 2020, host Gavin Jackson looks at Gov. Henry McMaster's push to have schools open five days a week this fall, despite pushback from Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman. Also, in this episode: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) backs Dr. Anthony Fauci while calling attention to medical staffing shortages in the Palmetto State; a look at the markets from a local financial analyst; the latest COVID-19 data; and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — You Can Do It, Put Your Mask Into It](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 14, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 14, 2020, we bring you recent comments by Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman on the reopening of schools this fall, excerpts of Sen. Tim Scott's (R-SC)

conversation with FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn about the future of a COVID-19 vaccine and current treatments, news from the pediatric front of the pandemic, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Smiling Faces, 52,000 Cases](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 11, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 11, 2020, host Gavin Jackson examines the latest attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Palmetto State through Gov. Henry McMaster's new "last call" executive order. We also look at the hit the tourism industry's recovery is taking, what changes in worldwide trade and manufacturing could happen in the future, and other insights on the latest COVID-19 data.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Third Worst In The World](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 9, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 9, 2020, we bring you comments from US Attorney General William Barr and Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) about police reform, the latest on the shooting at the Lavish Lounge nightclub in Greenville, and a new report listing [South Carolina as the third worst place in the world](#) when it comes to new COVID-19 cases per million residents over the past week.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — A Mass Shooting During A Pandemic](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 7, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 7, 2020, we bring you discussion about a new book on the Mother Emanuel AME Church shooting, the latest on a Upstate shooting this weekend which killed two people and injured eight others, the challenges facing South Carolina hospitals, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Too Close Encounters Of The July 4th Kind](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 4, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 4, 2020, host Gavin Jackson examines the Palmetto State's unemployment situation, including improvements inside the state's unemployment agency as it faces stagnating claims numbers. We also look at the dozens of municipalities with mask ordinances, hear from officials concerned about just how bad things may become after this holiday weekend, listen to your voicemails, and more!

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — I'll Take 'Masks' For One Trillion, Alex](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jul 2, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for July 2, 2020, host Gavin Jackson brings you the latest data on the Palmetto State's growing number of COVID-19 cases, what the second half of the year may look like economically, thoughts from Gov. Henry McMaster concerning masks, and more.

## South Carolina Focus

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#### [State Lawmakers Opt Not to Move Ahead With New Budget](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Sep 25, 2020

Last Year's Operating Budget to Remain In Effect

It now appears that South Carolina's state government will operate for the first half of its' current fiscal year using last year's budget. A lack of action by the General Assembly this week left last year's budget in place as lawmakers face continued uncertainty about the state's economy.

#### [USC Library Acquires Major Comic Book Collection](#)

By Tut Underwood • Sep 25, 2020

Superman, Batman, Donald Duck, Tarzan of the Apes and many more characters that help define American popular culture have been seen in comic books and other media for many years. The adventures of hundreds of such characters are now gathered in one place at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library, thanks to the gift of a major collection of more than 180,000 comics, pulp magazines and related items from an Ohio collector.

#### [Program Opens South Carolina's Rural Housing Market to First \(and Second\) Time Buyers](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Sep 24, 2020

Isn't it interesting how differently the following two phrases sound:

A little house in the country.

Affordable rural housing.

They are the same thing, really. But perceptions about life in the country depend almost entirely on whether someone with choices opts to buy a house there or someone without choices tries to buy in.

### [Women Won the Right to Vote a Century Ago; This Organization Works to Protect That Right](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Sep 22, 2020

In February of 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified, the League of Women Voters was founded by Suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in Chicago, Illinois. The nonpartisan organization has been referred to as a "mighty political experiment," designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

### [Coastal Flooding and Rough Surf to Continue Early This Week](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Sep 21, 2020

Widespread coastal flooding may cause road closures Monday and Tuesday before conditions begin improving toward the middle of the week.

### [Rough Surf and Coastal Flooding Expected Along Palmetto State Beaches This Weekend](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Sep 18, 2020

Weather conditions are forecast to improve this weekend over most of the Palmetto State; however, coastal flooding and rip currents are forecast for residents and visitors along the coast.

### [Flooding and Tornadoes Likely Thursday from the Remnant of Sally](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Sep 17, 2020

Update as of 10:30 AM:

A Tornado Watch has been issued until 6 PM for the Central Savannah River Area, the Midlands, Pee Dee, and Grand Strand areas.

Original Story from 7:45 AM:

Torrential rain from what is now Tropical Depression Sally is spreading into the Palmetto State, where the threat of widespread flash flooding is expected to increase Thursday.

## [Flash Flood Watches Issued for Midlands and Upstate Ahead of Hurricane Sally](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Sep 16, 2020

Hurricane Sally is expected to make a turn toward South Carolina and dump heavy rainfall over portions of the state on Thursday with an increasing risk of flash flooding.

As of early Wednesday morning, Sally is nearing landfall near the Alabama Gulf coast as a category 2 hurricane, with the eyewall extending into the western Florida Panhandle. Sally's winds are forecast to weaken as it moves farther inland Wednesday afternoon; however, torrential rain is expected to make it into South Carolina on Thursday.

## [Flash Flood Risk Increasing over South Carolina from Sally Later This Week](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Sep 15, 2020

The threat of flash flooding is likely to increase over parts of the Palmetto State late Wednesday and Thursday as slow-moving Hurricane Sally makes a move toward the state.

## [Shortage of Coins Brought On by COVID Pandemic](#)

By Tut Underwood • Sep 15, 2020

COVID-19 has caused many disruptions in people's daily lives, and one of the unexpected obstacles facing businesses around the state and country - as if there were not enough - is a shortage of coins.

## [For Black Women, the 19th Amendment was the Beginning of a Long Fight for Voting Rights](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Sep 14, 2020

The 19th amendment promised women the right to vote would not be denied because of gender. But it was an empty promise for women with dark skin.

"It's an historical legacy that can't be ignored because it's inconvenient," says Sandra Slater. She's an associate history professor at the College of Charleston and the director of the school's [Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program](#).



Slater has been talking a lot about the suffragist movement this year as part of the centennial celebration of the passage of the 19th amendment.

### [South Carolina May Feel Sally's Effects Later This Week](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Sep 14, 2020

Tropical Storm Sally, which is expected to become a hurricane and soak the Gulf coast Tuesday, is forecast to turn toward the Palmetto State later this week after it makes landfall.

As of the National Hurricane Center's mid-morning update on Monday, maximum sustained winds were near 65 mph. It is moving slowly toward the west-northwest at 8 mph. Rain bands from the storm were moving ashore the Florida Panhandle Monday morning, where Tropical Storm Warnings and Watches are in effect.

### [Army Identifies Soldier Found Dead at Fort Jackson](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Sep 14, 2020

Sunday, Army officials identified the basic combat training soldier who was found dead in his barracks at Fort Jackson on September 12.

29-year old Pvt. Michael Wise from Wisconsin was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment.

Saturday, officials announced a 48-hour training stand down.

"This is a difficult time for everyone who knew Michael and we continue to provide comfort to his teammates," said Fort Jackson Commander Brig. Gen. Milford H. Beagle, Jr. "Chaplains and other medical professionals are helping those in need."

### [Uncertainty Remains Around S.C. State Budget](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Sep 11, 2020

The state legislature will return to Columbia next week to once again consider what to do about next year's operating budget. Uncertainty about the economy and how much state tax revenue it will generate has lawmakers in a quandary.

Florence Senator Hugh Leatherman, the veteran chairman of the powerful Senate Finance committee said this week that when it comes to the

economic uncertainty being caused by the pandemic it is the most uncertain of times he has ever seen.

### [An Upstate Collaborative Chronicles Moral Distress in 'Non-Essential' Healthcare Workers](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Sep 11, 2020

The mental health crisis among healthcare workers in the pandemic is, in large part, one of moral crisis.

We've [reported on the emotional toll COVID-19 can take on frontline healthcare workers](#). But what about the toll it is taking on professionals at the further reaches of the healthcare continuum?

### [Tropical Disturbance Could Bring Unsettled Weather to Pee Dee Region Thursday and Friday](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Sep 9, 2020

A low pressure system that might gradually acquire tropical characteristics as it approaches the Carolinas later this week could bring unsettled weather to coastal areas of the Palmetto State.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center have noted that shower and thunderstorm activity associated with the system remained disorganized, and chances of tropical development remain low at this time.

### [Two New Tropical Storms Form, but Neither are a Likely U.S. Threat](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Sep 7, 2020

Two new tropical storms formed in the central and eastern Atlantic Monday, but neither are expected to be a threat to the United States at this time.

### [COVID Took Abused Kids Off the Radar. Reopened Schools Are Letting SCDSS Caseworkers Catch Back Up](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Sep 4, 2020

One of the upsides to having children back in a physical classroom is that the state's child protective services workers can talk to kids again. A lot of them are dealing with abuse or neglect and it is easier to catch up with several of them when they are in one place, away from the people abusing and neglecting them.

## [When a COVID Vaccine is Developed, Will People Take It?](#)

By Tut Underwood • Sep 2, 2020

Drug companies have been working furiously to produce a vaccine for COVID-19, with hopes for one late this year or early 2021. As development gets nearer, an important question has arisen among some medical professionals: once the vaccine has been produced, will people trust it enough to take it?

## [Florida Historically Becomes More Vulnerable to Hurricanes in September and October](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Sep 1, 2020

Fifteen tropical storms or hurricanes have already come and gone in 2020, all before the traditional peak of hurricane season even arrives. Florida has escaped a direct hit so far but is historically more vulnerable to one during the months of September and October.

## [Tropical Storm Nana Forms in Caribbean](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Sep 1, 2020

Tropical Storm Nana formed Tuesday afternoon in the Caribbean south of Jamaica. This system poses no risk to the United States but could bring some impacts to Central America and the Yucatán in the coming days.

## [A Counter Protest from History and the Rebirth of a Fabled Rock Hill Restaurant](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Sep 1, 2020

One could make much of the timing of Chef Rob Masone's next big food venture, seeing that it just happens to intersect with a moment that's brought us both a pandemic and a major conversation about the meaning and breadth of race and racism in the United States.

## [Beaufort Suffragist Shared Gullah Folklore and Educated Black Children](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Sep 1, 2020

Anne Christensen Pollitzer lives at the end of a dirt road on Saint Helena Island. The view from her back porch is as stunning as her story.

White egrets wade along the marsh as Anne unfolds two large, cardboard displays beside her, spreading them out like wings. Each is filled with old photographs.

The retired schoolteacher is prepared to talk about her great-great grandmother [Abbie Holmes Christensen](#), a celebrated suffragist, folklorist and educator.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — September 1st, AKA March 185th](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Sep 1, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for September 1, 2020, we discuss the Palmetto State's current economic situation, break down the additional money lawmakers will have for upcoming budget negotiations, continue our look at the mental health of medical professionals on the frontline, and more.

### [Tropical Depression Fifteen Forms off Southeast U.S. Coast](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Aug 31, 2020

The National Hurricane Center began issuing advisories on Tropical Depression Fifteen late Monday afternoon, located 190 miles to the south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Aside from high surf and strong rip currents along the Atlantic Coast, this system poses no direct threat to the United States and is expected to continue out to sea.

### [Multiple Developments Possible in the Tropics This Week](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Aug 30, 2020

Multiple tropical waves are being monitored for possible development this week in the tropical Atlantic basin, as the traditional peak of hurricane season nears. There are no immediate threats to the Sunshine State, but residents are encouraged to stay informed of future updates all week.

### [Sports Proving a Valuable Buoy For Rock Hill in the Pandemic](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 28, 2020

Rock Hill's shiny new Sports & Event Center was all set to be a big deal. It was just slated to open at a colossally unfortunate time - March 2020.

To be fair, it did open, briefly. There was a soft launch; a few events happened. But the city's newest economic driver, a facility humming with revenue-raking sports and contests, ringed by businesses and restaurants poised to make a killing, never got its hoopla-launch. COVID-19 shut the center's doors for two months, before it even had a chance to prop them open.

### [Laura's Remnant Likely to Bring Gusty Storms Saturday](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Aug 28, 2020

Laura is not expected to produce anywhere near the widespread damage over the Palmetto State that it did over Louisiana, but gusty showers and thunderstorms are likely over parts of the state on Saturday.

### [Laura's Remnant May Bring A Few Stronger Storms to South Carolina on Saturday](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Aug 27, 2020

Laura's devastating winds are expected to weaken as it moves northeastward across the Mid-South late this week, but it is likely to alter the wind pattern enough to bring a chance of stronger storms to parts of the state on Saturday.

### [It's Not About Superheroes: The Very Human Toll COVID Takes on Frontline Healthcare Workers](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 27, 2020

Scott Morgan / South Carolina Public Radio

A lot of people see frontline healthcare workers as heroes in the coronavirus pandemic.

That might actually be kind of a problem.

### [Laura Rapidly Intensifies into Season's First Major Hurricane](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Aug 26, 2020

Update as of 11:30 AM:

Laura has strengthened further and has top sustained winds of 125 mph as of the 11 AM ET / 10 AM CT advisory from the National Hurricane Center. A surge of 15 to 20 feet is possible over parts of southwest Louisiana, and the

surge could extend as far as 30 miles inland in places in southwest Louisiana.

Original story as of 8:15 AM:

### [What an Ebola Nurse's Experiences Can Teach Us About Healthcare Workers' Mental Health in a Pandemic](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 26, 2020

Cheedy Jaja

Cheedy Jaja grew up in Sierra Leone. He came to the United States to study medicine and became a nurse practitioner.

So, it is not much of a stretch to see what drew him back to Sierra Leone when the Ebola crisis broke out in 2014. He felt a call to go home and help.

He was not prepared for the things he saw.

### [Charleston Suffragist Helped Save Historic Architecture](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Aug 25, 2020

Susan Pringle Frost was born to a prominent Charleston family and seemed destined for a life of leisure until her father's fertilizer business fell apart after the Civil War. She left boarding school to help her family, first by working as a secretary for an architect and then as a stenographer for the U.S. District Court.

"It seems presumptuous to say I understand Miss Sue, but I sort of get some things about her and I just admire her deeply," says Betsy Kirkland Cahill.

### [Laura Intensifies into Season's Fourth Hurricane over Gulf of Mexico](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 25, 2020

Update as of 11:15 AM:

A Hurricane Warning has been issued from San Luis Pass, Texas to Intracoastal City, Louisiana. The warning includes Galveston, Beaumont, and Lake Charles areas. Storm Surge Warnings are now in effect from San Luis Pass to the mouth of the Mississippi River. Peak surges of 9 to 13 feet are forecast from near the Texas/Louisiana line to near Intracoastal City, with a 3 to 5 foot peak surge possible in Galveston Bay. Surges of 2 to 5 feet above

normally dry ground are possible as far east as Lake Ponchartrain and the Mississippi Gulf coast.

### [State GOP Leaders: It's All About the Issues](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Aug 25, 2020

[www.sc.gop](http://www.sc.gop)

Day one of the Republican National Convention was full of the expected, the party officially nominating Donald Trump and Mike Pence as President and Vice President for its presidential ticket, and the unexpected, surprise visits from both Pence and Trump.

State party Chairman Drew McKissick said, despite the significantly-scaled back production, members are still extremely engaged and excited.

“They are excited because of the things the President has done and the things that he will be able to do in another four years.”

### [COVID Inspires Lowcountry Chefs to Get Personal](#)

By Tut Underwood • Aug 25, 2020

COVID-19 has caused many a business to adapt to changing circumstances in order to survive. Such is the condition of many chefs in the Charleston area. Since the advent of COVID has shut or slowed many restaurants, some chefs in the Lowcountry - and elsewhere - have found work doing private cooking for small groups or families right in their homes.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Going Postal](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Aug 25, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 25, 2020, we hear comments from South Carolina Congressional delegation on the issues facing the U.S. Postal Service, speak with state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, look at Gov. Henry McMaster's role in the Republican National Convention, and more.

### [Tropical Storms Marco and Laura threatening the Gulf Coast](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 24, 2020

Rain from Tropical Storm Marco is likely to bring areas of flash flooding to the Florida Panhandle Monday and Monday night, while the Florida Keys get

brushed from Tropical Storm Laura as it enters the Gulf of Mexico. Both storms are expected to avoid South Carolina.

### [Tropical Depression 14 Forecast to Enter Central or Western Gulf Early Next Week](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 21, 2020

Tropical Depression 14 is nearing tropical storm status as it passes near the coast of Nicaragua and Honduras. It poses a direct threat to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula this weekend, and likely the central or western Gulf coast of the United States during the middle of next week.

### [Tropical Storm Laura Forms in the Eastern Caribbean Sea](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 21, 2020

Updated as of 9:30 AM Friday:

Reconnaissance aircraft found that Tropical Depression 13 strengthened to Tropical Storm Laura in the eastern Caribbean Sea about 230 miles east-southeast of the Leeward Islands. The tropical storm is disorganized but is expected to bring squally weather to the islands today. There have been no changes to the forecast track or anticipated intensity of the storm, but an update will be issued around 11 AM Friday with possible adjustments.

Original Story from 8:00 AM Friday:

### [Two Tropical Depressions Form and Forecast to Strengthen](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 20, 2020

Update as of 11 AM

### [SC's Voters with Disabilities May Face a Dire Choice \(And Not Just Who To Vote For\)](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 19, 2020

Voters with disabilities have always faced a lot of obstacles, but they have also always had a choice - voting absentee.

### [Two Tropical Storms are Likely to Develop by Thursday](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Aug 18, 2020



Two tropical depressions or storms are likely to form in the tropical Atlantic basin within the next two days, but it is too soon to make a credible forecast on whether they will impact the United States.

### [An Unexpected Advantage of a Virtual Convention](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Aug 18, 2020

In 1988, Catherine Bruce's father attended the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia; she still has his program booklet. This Year, Bruce is following in her dad's footsteps as she attends the DNC's virtual convention that was supposed to take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bruce, a delegate for former Vice President Joe Biden, has attended the party's national conventions before; first in 2012 in Charlotte North Carolina and again in 2016 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. But this year, as a delegate, things were supposed to be different.

### ['It's Time to Change the Trajectory.' SC Senator to Speak Tuesday During Virtual DNC](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Aug 18, 2020

The second night of the National Democratic Convention will feature South Carolina Senator Marlon Kimpson as one of 17 "rising stars" within the party. They will deliver a joint speech on why leadership matters.

Kimpson, who represents Charleston and Dorchester counties, was an early supporter of Joe Biden. His endorsement of the former vice president came almost two months before the state's Democratic Presidential Primary, this past February.

"I thought he was the best positioned Democrat to lead this country in a totally different direction."

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for August 18, 2020, we speak with MUSC Health CEO Dr. Patrick Cawley about testing, look at the absentee voting situation for the November 3 elections and what state lawmakers' plans are, hear about the financial pressures facing counties and municipalities, and more.

### [The Power of the Pollitzer Sisters; Education, Equality and Persuasion](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Aug 17, 2020

A pale, pink home with contrasting, black shutters sits along 5 Pitt Street in Charleston. Its window boxes overflow with colorful flowers, vibrant like the women who once lived there. An historical marker tells their story.

"Hello, we are the Pollitzer sisters," the recording says. "Carrie, Mabel and Anita."

It goes on to describe how the sisters grew up in Charleston during the end of the 19th century when women had no voice, no vote and no equal rights. But that did not stop them.

### [Two Tropical Developments are Possible This Week](#)

By Jeff Huffman • Aug 17, 2020

The traditionally busier weeks of the Atlantic hurricane season are upon us, and two new tropical storms may develop this week.

### [Ladies - And Now Gentlemen - Take Their Seats at Converse College](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 14, 2020

The coronavirus sent everyone at Converse College in Spartanburg packing early in the spring. Graduating seniors barely had time to say their good-byes before the campus shut down and restructured.

As the college reopens to residents this week, it brings a few changes, and not just in the COVID-19 protocols. For the first time, male freshmen are moving in as well. Converse, one of the last all-female colleges in South Carolina, decided that the fall of 2021 would be when it would go coed. But, as it has for a lot of things, the coronavirus pandemic has moved a few things around.

### [Biden and Harris Give First Joint Remarks as Running Mates](#)

By Alfred Turner • Aug 12, 2020

Joe Biden announced on Tuesday that California Sen. Kamala Harris would be his vice presidential running mate. They are giving remarks together today at 4:30 p.m. Watch live, here...

### [Tropical Depression Eleven Forms; Not Expected to Be a Threat](#)

By Athena Masson • Aug 11, 2020

Tropical Depression Eleven has formed in the central Atlantic, but it poses no immediate threat to the Sunshine State.

A more organized center of circulation was noted on satellite data Tuesday afternoon around a tropical wave located 900 miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands, and this prompted the National Hurricane Center to begin advisories on Tropical Depression Eleven.

### [When an Unlikely Ally of Women's Suffrage Emerged In Edgefield, Support for the Cause Grew](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Aug 11, 2020

Emily Anderson Dunovantfield lived in Edgefield, South Carolina. She was well-educated and what many called a traditional woman. But during the early 1900's, Dunovant used a radical voice to help elevate the women's suffrage cause in South Carolina.

### [A New Tropical Storm Could Form in the Central Atlantic This Week](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Aug 10, 2020

The tropics have been quiet since Hurricane Isaias hit the East Coast a week ago, but a new tropical wave could develop this week in the central Atlantic.

On this special edition of the South Carolina Lede, host Gavin Jackson takes you to Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital in Georgetown County to speak with healthcare workers at the frontlines of the COVID-19 surge in South Carolina.

### [Isaias Spares Charleston, but Damages Parts of the Pee Dee Region](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Aug 5, 2020

The city of Charleston may have been spared, but many residents of Myrtle Beach area are beginning cleanup efforts from Hurricane Isaias, which came ashore late Tuesday night near the border of North Carolina.

### [Are Female Cops the Answer We're Looking For?](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Aug 5, 2020

Scott Morgan / South Carolina Public Radio

Right now, around the country, communities are asking hard questions about the role of police - does policing need an overhaul? How can officers better

serve communities? And how can departments ratchet down tensions that can lead to aggression by and against police officers?

Well before the flashpoint that was the George Floyd incident, [scholars and social reformers were posing an answer](#) to questions like these: female officers.

### [Red Cross Deals with the Effects of Coronavirus](#)

By Tut Underwood • Aug 4, 2020

Even though the nation is in the midst of the COVID pandemic, other needs go on. A big one is the need for blood. According to Red Cross spokesman Ben Williamson, hundreds of blood drives have been cancelled or rescheduled by the pandemic in the last few months. As a result, thousands of pints of blood have been lost to hospitals.

### [Tropical Storm Isaias Expected to Strengthen; Hurricane Warnings Issued](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 3, 2020

Isaias is on approach to the Palmetto State and there is a good chance it will be a hurricane when it makes landfall late Monday evening.

The National Hurricane Center posted Hurricane Warnings from South Santee River northward in anticipation of hurricane force winds. Tropical Storm Warnings continued farther south and include Charleston, Beaufort, and Hilton Head. Tropical Storm Warnings were also posted inland as far as Florence and Orangeburg.

### [Tropical Storm Watches and Warnings Issued for the South Carolina Coastline Ahead of Isaías](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson & Ray Hawthorne • Aug 1, 2020

National Hurricane Center

Update as of 9:30 AM Sunday

Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect from South Santee River southward, including Charleston, Beaufort, and Hilton Head Island ahead of the likely arrival of Tropical Storm Isaias. Tropical Storm Watches are now posted for the Grand Strand.

### [Isaias drawing closer to the Southeast U.S. coast](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Aug 1, 2020

Hurricane Isaias is moving northwestward putting it on a course to draw very near or over the east coast of Florida Saturday night through Sunday before turning northward to near the South Carolina coast Monday afternoon and evening.

As of the mid-morning Saturday advisory from the National Hurricane Center, top sustained winds were near 85 mph as it moved near the eastern portion of Andros Island in the Bahamas. Isaias is moving steadily toward the northwest near 12 mph, which is somewhat slower than its forward motion on Friday.

[Special Coverage: Governor Henry McMaster's Briefing on Hurricane Isaias](#)

By Alfred Turner • Jul 31, 2020

At 4:00 p.m. South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster will give an update on the state's response to Hurricane Isaias. S.C. Public Radio will broadcast the briefing on all stations. Watch a live stream of the event here...

[Isaias Strengthens into a Hurricane; Uncertainty Remains on Track Near South Carolina](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Jeff Huffman & Megan Borowski • Jul 31, 2020

11 AM Update: Isaias is still a Category 1 hurricane, although maximum sustained winds have weakened slightly, to 75 mph. The center of Isaias is about 300 miles southeast of Nassau, and storm motion has slowed a bit, to 16 mph. Isaias is expected to continue slowing down over the next few days, but should remain a Category 1 hurricane as it tracks near Florida on Saturday and Sunday. In Florida, a Hurricane Watch has been issued for the Gold Coast from southern Palm Beach to northern Brevard county. A Tropical Storm Warning has been issued from the northern Florida Keys to Sebastien.

[Spoleto Backstage: Beethoven Bonus Round](#)

By [Bradley Fuller](#) • Jul 31, 2020

In this final episode of Spoleto Backstage for 2020, cohosts Geoff Nuttall and Bradley Fuller mark the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth by taking a tour through the German composer's three stylistic periods — early, middle, and late — with commentary and a listen to representative performances from the past twelve years of the Spoleto Festival chamber

music series. After discussing Beethoven's musical beginnings, Geoff and Bradley hear his Piano Trio Op. 1, No. 3, followed by the second and third movements of his Septet in E-flat major, Op. 20. The conversation then moves to Beethoven's middle or "heroic" period, with performances of the haunting second movement of the composer's "Ghost" Trio and the passionate opening movement of his "Kreutzer" sonata to illustrate this stylistic phase at the start of the Romantic era. A discussion of late-period Beethoven serves to introduce two pieces for string quartet by the composer, both from the final years of his life: the achingly beautiful fifth-movement Cavatina from his String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat major, op. 130, and the monumental Grosse Fuge, Op. 133.

### [Isaias Strengthens and May Affect South Carolina This Weekend](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Jul 30, 2020

Update Thursday 11 am: Tropical Storm Isaias is just offshore the southeastern shores of the Dominican Republic as of the latest advisory from the National Hurricane Center.

Isaias continues to maintain maximum sustained wind speeds of 60 mph (97 km/h) with no change in intensity as of the latest advisory with a forward motion to the northwest at 20 mph.

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### [Tropical Storm Isaiás Forms; Could Affect South Carolina by Monday](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Jul 29, 2020

Update Wednesday 11 pm: Tropical Storm Isaias has formed late Wednesday night in the Caribbean Sea south of Puerto Rico.

### [128 Years Into a 50-Year Lifespan - The Saga of Lake Conestee Dam](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jul 29, 2020

The walk out to the dam at Lake Conestee is a short downhill/uphill, past the remains of an old mill that died decades ago. That mill is the reason this dam – 585 feet across, 28 feet tall, and up to 10 feet thick – exists in the first place. It was a power generation system for an Industrial Age business that, like thousands of other dams in the United States, still stands, far beyond its intended lifespan.

What worries Dave Hargett, a retired engineer and co-founder of the Conestee Foundation, is not just that this 128-year-old dam sitting six miles south of Downtown Greenville might break and send a lot of water rushing down the Reedy River. What bothers him most is what is piled up on the north side of the dam's wall.

### [A Tropical Storm Could Impact Florida by the Weekend -- but Uncertainty is High](#)

By Athena Masson & Ray Hawthorne • Jul 28, 2020

Update as of 8 AM Wednesday:

Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine is not yet a tropical storm, but squally weather is moving through the Lesser Antilles this morning.

### ['Inspired To Use Her Voice For Women's Rights,' Eulalie Salley Followed Her Mind, Broke Barriers](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Jul 28, 2020

Eulalie was born in Georgia on December 11, 1883. She grew up on a plantation near Augusta, was privately educated and attended both,

Virginia's Mary Baldwin College and Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. In 1906, she married attorney Julian Salley (later mayor of Aiken) and together they had two children. But it was the court case of another woman's fight to regain custody of her own children that prompted Salley to join the fight for suffrage.

### [Hurricane Hanna Hits Texas; New Wave to Watch in the Atlantic](#)

By Jeff Huffman • Jul 25, 2020

While the season's first hurricane makes landfall in South Texas this weekend, a new tropical wave in the Central Atlantic could be one South Carolinians need to watch.

The area of interest, referred to by meteorologists as Invest 92, was located several hundred miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands Saturday evening. In his 8 pm update, National Hurricane Center Branch Chief Michael Brennan said conditions appear "conducive for development" in the coming days and a tropical depression or storm was "likely to form" early next week.

### [Hanna Headed for Texas; Gonzalo Approaches Caribbean](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Jul 24, 2020

Tropical Storm Hanna — the earliest recorded “H” storm — developed late Thursday evening in the western Gulf of Mexico. Tropical Storm Warnings are in effect ahead of Hanna’s expected arrival on the Texas Gulf coast Saturday. Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Gonzalo continues to churn westward toward the Windward Islands and the eastern Caribbean with little change in its strength.

### [Spoleto Backstage: Bach Bonus Round](#)

By [Bradley Fuller](#) • Jul 24, 2020

This episode of Spoleto Backstage highlights the music of Johann Sebastian Bach with Spoleto chamber music series performances of two works representative of the German baroque composer’s prolific and wide-ranging output: his Concerto in C minor for violin and oboe, BWV 1060, and his cantata Ich habe genug, BWV 82. Before listening to these works as performed in the festival’s 2017 and 2011 seasons, hosts Geoff Nuttall and Bradley Fuller talk about Bach’s career and legacy, considering what his music means to them and the qualities that have ensured its appeal across centuries and cultures.



## [Reopening of SC Schools Fully Embroiled in Politics](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Jul 24, 2020

Like some other aspects of the ongoing pandemic, how public schools in South Carolina should open is now fully embroiled in politics.

Despite the continuing spread of the coronavirus, President Trump is urging the nation's schools to open this fall, and to provide full-time face-to-face instruction. Last week GOP Gov. Henry McMaster, an ardent supporter of the President, adopted the same position, and called for the state schools to provide in-class instruction for five days each week if parents make that choice.

## [Auto Dealers Adjusting to COVID-19 World](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jul 24, 2020

As an essential business, automobile service has continued to operate relatively normally even as other facets of the car business have been changed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Like other businesses, auto dealers have made numerous adjustments to keep their employees and clients safe and retain the confidence of their customers. Some of these adjustments were outlined by Sims Floyd, executive vice president of the South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association:

## [Depression Forms in the Gulf; Gonzalo Strengthens](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski • Jul 23, 2020

Tropical Storm Watches are in effect for the Texas Gulf coast ahead of the likely arrival and strengthening of the season's eighth tropical depression.

As of 11 am Thursday, the National Hurricane Center said Tropical Depression Eight was located 380 miles east-southeast of Port O'Conner Texas and had top sustained winds of 35 mph. It is moving toward the west-northwest at around 9 mph and is likely to become Tropical Storm Hanna by Friday.

## [Tropical System in the Gulf Becoming Better Organized](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Jul 22, 2020

National Hurricane Center

The tropical wave that has been depositing soaking downpours over parts of South Florida, the Keys, and the western half of the Florida peninsula may be the next system to organize into a tropical depression this week. As of the National Hurricane Center's early afternoon update, the disturbance has an 80 percent chance of achieving depression classification Thursday or Friday. If the system is able to reach tropical storm status, its name would be Hanna. Regardless of its development, higher-than-usual shower activity is forecast over Florida for another day.

### [The Tropics are Coming Alive, but There are No Current Threats to South Carolina](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Jul 21, 2020

The National Hurricane Center is monitoring two tropical waves for potential development, but neither are a significant or direct threat to Florida over the next five days.

### [White House Briefings on the Battle Against COVID-19](#)

By Alfred Turner • Jul 21, 2020

President Trump will hold daily briefings as coronavirus infections surge in hot spots around the U.S. Briefings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. but start times may vary. Watch the live video here...

### [Mid-Summer Heatwave Likely to Continue This Week](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Jul 20, 2020

Widespread temperatures in the mid to upper 90s and high humidity will boost heat indices to dangerous levels for some across the Palmetto State this week.

### [Gov. McMaster and GOP Leaders Demand Schools Open for Face-To-Face Teaching](#)

By [Vince Kolb-Lugo](#) • Jul 17, 2020

Education Superintendent Spearman, District Superintendents, and Democrats Criticize as Premature and Unsafe

While there appears to be overwhelming support to re-open South Carolina's public schools this fall, the question of how to open them safely has become a contentious and highly political issue. Republican Gov. Henry McMaster this

week said despite the growing pandemic in the state, schools must open, and that parents must be given the option of sending their children to school five days a week.

### [Spoleto Backstage: Paganini And Schubert](#)

By [Bradley Fuller](#) • Jul 17, 2020

This episode of Spoleto Backstage rounds out Geoff Nuttall's list of top Spoleto Festival chamber performances from the past decade with a 2011 program featuring Franz Schubert's Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667—better known as the “Trout” Quintet. As Geoff shares with Bradley Fuller in a conversation before the music begins, this sparkling chamber work gets both its nickname and the musical material for its theme-and-variations fourth movement from a catchy lied or art song Schubert wrote two years prior: “Die Forelle” (“The Trout”), op. 32, D. 550. Baritone Tyler Duncan performs this lied just before pianist Pedja Muzijevic joins string players Hsin-Yun Huang, Christopher Costanza, Anthony Manzo, and Geoff himself for the quintet it inspired. The concert opens with Niccolò Paganini's fiendishly-difficult Moses Fantasy for cello and piano, a work based on an operatic aria by Gioachino Rossini and allegedly shaped by its composer's prison sentence.

### [Contact Tracing Finds People Possibly Exposed to Virus](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jul 17, 2020

The coronavirus has generated a lot of phone calls. Many are from friends and family checking on each other. Many are to restaurants to place a take-out order. And thousands in South Carolina are made by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

### [A Tale of Two Citizen Review Boards Upstate](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jul 15, 2020

The weekend after George Floyd's death, a thousand-or-so people took to the streets of Rock Hill. At the heart of their march was a call to develop a citizen's review board – a mechanism that allows residents to weigh in on claims of police misconduct. By the end of the march it was announced, to booming applause, that the city would start to develop one.

A few days later, a couple hundred people bowed their heads at a prayer vigil in Chester. The city's mayor, Wanda Stringfellow, helped pull the vigil

together with Chester County Sheriff Max Dorsey. During the vigil, Stringfellow said she would personally shepherd a citizen's review board to the City Council.

By June 22, the ordinance for such a board passed its first of two hearings with the council.

It might be tempting to end the story there.

### [The Fall of Reconstruction, Rise of Jim Crow Created Missed Opportunities for Women's Suffrage](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Jul 14, 2020

The women's suffrage movement was a decades-long fight that most historians place starting with the 1848 [Seneca Falls Convention](#). But there are some who place the nearly 100-year struggle starting, in earnest, decades before the civil war with the proliferation of reform groups like temperance leagues, religious movements and antislavery organizations.

### [Spoleto Backstage: Schubert, Beethoven, Vivaldi, Donizetti, And Gounod](#)

By [Bradley Fuller](#) • Jul 10, 2020

This episode of Spoleto Backstage highlights one of Geoff Nuttall's all-time favorite programs from the Spoleto Festival USA Chamber Music Series: the eleventh and final concert from the 2018 season. As Geoff discusses with Bradley Fuller before the music begins, the wide-ranging, variety-packed lineup of this program is emblematic of the chamber series as a whole. To start, the men of the Westminster Choir join the regular chamber musicians for a performance of Franz Schubert's sublime choral setting of Goethe's "Gesang der Geister über den Wassern." Cellist Joshua Roman and pianist Gilles Vonsattel then perform Ludwig van Beethoven's Cello Sonata in C major, Op. 102. Following the late Beethoven work is Antonio Vivaldi's stormy "Summer" concerto from The Four Seasons. For the final two pieces of the program, tenor Paul Groves takes center stage with a performance of two hit arias: Gaetano Donizetti's "Una furtiva lagrima" (from L'elisir d'amore) and Charles Gounod's "Salut! Demeure chaste et pure" (from Faust).

### [Researcher Finds Possible COVID Warning in Sewage](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jul 9, 2020

Testing for the coronavirus is ongoing throughout the country but testing individually takes a lot of time. University of South Carolina public health Professor Sean Norman is taking a different approach. Viruses are not only carried in the body, but some are also shed in human waste, and coronavirus is one of them. So Norman is analyzing sewage to determine the presence and amount of the virus in large populations. He said the application is new, but the technique has been around for a while.

### [Of Small Business, Big Bucks, and PPP in South Carolina](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jul 7, 2020

Scott Morgan / South Carolina Public Radio

South Carolina small businesses received \$1.87 billion through the federal Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP, and were able to revive 280,000 jobs by accessing the loans, [according to newly released data from the U.S. Small Business Association](#).

The SBA's public database identifies businesses that received \$150,000 or less in PPP loans. The money went to 55,554 businesses in the state.

### [HBCUs are Havens for Young Black Minds. And COVID Is In the Way](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jul 7, 2020

Attending a Historically Black College/University (HBCU) is not quite the same as attending college elsewhere. There is a lot of history and culture that goes with the HBCU experience - and that can be surprisingly intimidating for young African-American intellectuals.

The only thing scarier is the prospect of not being on campus.

And that is what students at Clinton College in Rock Hill are facing, thanks to the coronavirus. Juwan Williams is one of them.

### [Tropical Moisture to Bring Heavy Rain to South Carolina This Week](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Jul 6, 2020

Update Tuesday afternoon: A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect through Tuesday evening for southeastern parts of the Upstate and southwestern Midlands region. A band of moderate to heavy rainfall, associated with Invest 98L, will continue to remain near stationary over the region delivering rainfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour. A total of 1 to 3 inches of rain has already

fallen around the region with an additional 2 to 4 inches possible through Tuesday evening. The heavy rainfall rates accumulating on saturated soils could produce a rapid rise in stream levels.

### [Spoleto Backstage: Kreisler, Golijov, Tchaikovsky, And Alisa Weilerstein](#)

By [Bradley Fuller](#) • Jul 4, 2020

In this episode of Spoleto Backstage, Geoff Nuttall and Bradley Fuller revisit another unforgettable program from the past decade of the Spoleto Festival USA Chamber Music Series. Before moving to the music, itself, the two hosts talk about what makes this 2016 concert a top-pick performance. Opening the program are two dazzling violin showpieces by Fritz Kreisler—his Praeludium and Allegro, as well as the Caprice Viennois, Op. 2. Violinist Benjamin Beilman performs both, accompanied by pianist Pedja Muzijevic. Composer Osvaldo Golijov then introduces his “Drag Down the Sky” (an aria from the opera Iphigenia), performed by baritone Tyler Duncan and the St. Lawrence String Quartet. The concert concludes with Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s captivating String Sextet in D minor, “Souvenir de Florence,” Op. 70. After the music, Geoff is joined by star cellist Alisa Weilerstein for a conversation covering everything from her current projects to a memorable interaction with pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim.

unemployment agency as it faces stagnating claims numbers. We also look at the dozens of municipalities with mask ordinances, hear from officials concerned about just how bad things may become after this holiday weekend, listen to your voicemails, and more!

### [SC Officials Fear COVID-19 Spike Over July 4th Holiday](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Jul 3, 2020

As South Carolina enters the July 4th weekend, public health officials are bracing for what they term as a possible unimaginable number of new cases of the coronavirus. Gov. McMaster said this week the state is facing a test.

### [Charleston Authors Hold onto Hope for Racial Reconciliation](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Jul 2, 2020

Jack Alterman

In the months following the unimaginable church massacre at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, a poet, a journalist and an historian

came together to write a book. They wanted to explain to a nation not only what happened, but why.

Why were nine Black parishioners gunned down by a white stranger?

Five years later, the authors of "We Are Charleston" find themselves trying to explain again why more African Americans continue to be killed across the country, repeatedly and publicly, this time by white police officers.

### [Spartanburg County Mask Resolution is Symbolic but Hopeful](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jul 2, 2020

On Thursday morning, the Spartanburg County Council held a special meeting to vote on whether to ask residents and visitors to wear face coverings – not just masks – at grocery stores and pharmacies in the county. The resolution adopted 3-1 was largely symbolic, as most measures by county and local governments have been amid a stunning spike in confirmed COVID-19 cases and escalating death totals.

There will be no enforcement, in other words, if someone walks into a supermarket without a mask on.

## **My Telehealth**

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

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

**All shows 4:00 in length**

**Shows listed in reverse order**

[Millions of Patients Now Able to Access Healthcare After Lifting of Telehealth Restrictions](#)

By Tabitha Safdi & J.T. Hydrick • Sep 4, 2020

On March 6, 2020, Congress passed the [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). While it may not have garnered as much attention as the [CARES act](#), its impact should not be overlooked.

[How the Coronavirus Pandemic Is Forcing Healthcare Providers to Reimagine the Way They Deliver Care](#)

By J. T. Hydrick & Tabitha Safdi • Jul 16, 2020

As the impact of the Coronavirus continues to evolve and expand, doctors and healthcare providers are continually being forced to reimagine the way they deliver care to their patients on a fundamental level. Providers are relying on live video appointments with patients, commonly known as telehealth, to address concerns during the pandemic.



## **Women Vision SC**

**Shows listed in reverse play order.**

**Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m.**

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

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

### [Women Vision SC: Tameika Isaac Devine](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Sep 14, 2020

Tameika Isaac Devine was age 29 when she ran for office for the first time. She became the first African American female and the youngest person on the Columbia City Council. She recalls winning that election by less than 200 votes. "If those 200 people did not vote, I wouldn't be here today." Now some 18 years later, Tameika Isaac Devine continues in her 5th term on the Columbia City Council. She is the founding partner in her law firm, Jabber & Isaac, PA. She is also an author and public speaker.

### [Women Vision SC: Darla Moore](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Sep 7, 2020

When Darla Moore began business school at George Washington University, she said she "didn't know what a balance sheet was." After graduating with her MBA, she moved to New York City and began in banking. She became one of the nation's most successful business leaders. She was the first woman on the cover of Fortune magazine and was listed as one of Fortune's "50 Most Powerful Women in Business." University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business was the first business school in the nation to be named after a woman.

### [Women Vision SC: Betty Jo Rhea](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Aug 31, 2020

Betty Jo Rhea served as Mayor of Rock Hill for 12 years and as a member of the City Council for 8 years. She was referred to as "the people's mayor." When she took over as mayor, unemployment stood at over 17% and textile mills had declined from 13 to only one. Under her leadership, the community started business parks and attracted several international companies to Rock

Hill. She fostered a sports complex that has since paved the way for a city now known for being an amateur sports mecca. From baseball and softball, the city has added facilities including soccer, tennis, and cycling.

### [Women Vision SC: T. Lilly Little Water](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Aug 24, 2020

T. Lilly Little Water began her life's passion of advocating for Indigenous People at age seventeen. "It's something intangible and inexplicable that drives me. It feels like there are also 1000 ancestors in my heart that are constantly giving me a nudge in this way or that way. They always give me direction."

### [Women Vision SC: M. Malissa Burnette](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Aug 17, 2020

Malissa Burnette is an award-winning attorney and advocate for equal rights for all. She is co-founder of the Burnette Shutt & McDaniel law firm in Columbia. She waged a legal battle to change the rules and allow women to attend The Citadel. She successfully challenged a rule that barred young girls from playing football. More recently, she and Nekki Shutt, another of the firm's founding partners, were lead counsel in the case that made same-sex marriage legal in South Carolina.

### [Women Vision SC: Ann Timberlake](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Aug 10, 2020

Fresh out of Newcomb College at Tulane, Ann Timberlake came back to South Carolina and instead of taking up civil rights or the war, she said she "wanted to save trees." She became one of South Carolina's leading conservation advocates. As a founding member of the Sierra Club in South Carolina, she helped lead campaigns to establish the Congaree National Park and the Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness.

### [Women Vision SC: Cathy Hughes](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Aug 3, 2020

Shortly after Cathy Hughes joined The Times and Democrat in Orangeburg in 1972, she got a call from the society editor who said, "Cathy, The Times and Democrat's on fire." Hughes and her husband rushed to the paper and along

with staff members watched as smoke came out of the building. Undaunted, the staff published the paper the next morning. She learned early on the value of leadership and a committed staff. She has been with the newspaper for 48 years, becoming publisher in 1999, the first woman to lead the enterprise.

### [Women Vision SC: Dr. Shaniece Criss](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Jul 27, 2020

Dr. Shaniece Criss “The world will tell you what success looks like, but truly success looks differently for different people.” The words of Dr. Shaniece Criss. She has defined her own success by fulfilling purpose in three main areas: government, media, and academia. And she has succeeded in all three. She was the first African American female to be elected to the Travelers Rest City Council in the Upstate. She is an assistant professor of Health Science at Furman University. And as a public health practitioner, Dr. Criss served as producer and host for a national television show for the Ministry of Health in Guyana, South America, during her Peace Corps service. She received her Doctor of Science degree from Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. At the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, she was awarded a Presidential Public Service Fellowship. She serves on the board of directors for Prisma Health, Public Education Partners, Dining for Women and SC YMCA Youth in Government and Teen Achievers.

### [Women Vision SC: Deborah Blalock](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Jul 20, 2020

“Follow your passion. Do not ever forget to take care of yourself. That is critically important. I think as women, we don't always do that very well.”

That is the advice of Deborah Blalock, one of the state’s leading mental health administrators and advocates. She was the first woman appointed as deputy director of the Community Mental Health Services at the S.C. Department of Mental Health (SCDMH). She is responsible for statewide outpatient services provided by SCDMH, including those provided by 16 mental health centers. Earlier, she served as executive director of the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center for 14 years. She expanded use of a mobile unit that would become a model program for the state. During her tenure at the Charleston Mental Health Center, the community

faced immense tragedy when nine lives were lost at the Mother Emanuel shooting. Responding with mental health services after that incident, “was probably the most profound experience of my career,” she said. Blalock lives in James Island and Columbia.

### [Women Vision SC: Keisha Hawes](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Jul 13, 2020

Keisha Hawes was age 31 when she had a heart attack. She was a wife and mother, who was holding down several part-time jobs in the Charleston area to help to make ends meet. She has taken the experience of her heart attack as a way to “serve another purpose.” She said, “when I was stuck on the fact of suffering a heart attack, I actually suffered. I continued my suffering. When I took a moment and I stopped and I said, ‘no, let us look at this from the lens of you survived a heart attack. So now, what is the purpose in your survival?”

### [Women Vision SC: Lou Kennedy](#)

By [Linda O'Bryon](#) • Jul 6, 2020

As president, CEO and owner of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Lou Kennedy runs a global company out of West Columbia, South Carolina. She and her husband helped establish the Kennedy Pharmacy Center Innovation Center in conjunction with the USC School of Pharmacy. She received South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto in recognition of a lifetime of service.