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[Tips to Successfully Quit Smoking](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 28, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Matthew Carpenter about various effective ways to end the smoking habit. Dr. Carpenter is an Associate Professor, affiliated with the Cancer Control Program of the Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Cancer Prevention Nutrition Update](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 21, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Michael Stafford about the latest research concerning cancer prevention, nutrition and exercise. Michael Stafford is an oncology dietician at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Treatment for Children with Crossed-Eyes \(Strabismus\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 21, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Edward Wilson about the diagnosis and treatment of a relatively common eye disorder in childhood called strabismus (or crossed-eyes). Dr. Wilson is a professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at MUSC.

[Research and Treatment Update for Osteoarthritis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 14, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Jim Oates about living day-to-day with osteoarthritis. Dr. Oates is the Associate Director of the Division of Rheumatology at MUSC.

[Preventing & Managing High Blood Pressure](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 14, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Daniel Lackland about the high incidence of hypertension in South Carolina, with tips to prevent and manage high blood pressure. Dr. Lackland is Co-Director of the Stroke Research and Education Center at MUSC.

[Telemedicine for Lung Cancer](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 8, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Gerard Silvestri about a telemedicine program that provides specialty consultation for lung cancer patients throughout South Carolina. Dr. Silvestri is a lung cancer pulmonologist and Director of the Remote Expert Assessment of Lung Cancer at MUSC.

[Pilot Program Providing Free Vision Screening at School](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 8, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dana Millet about a pilot program providing free vision testing (and free eye glasses if needed) for all kindergarten and first graders at the Midland Park Primary School in Charleston. Dana Millet is a Nurse Manager and Director of Operations at Storm Eye Institute at MUSC.

[Cancer Genomics](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Dec 2, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Stephen Ethier about cancer genomics—a new frontier in cancer research that allows cancer treatments to be more tailored to individual patients. Dr. Ethier is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and also Director of the Center for Genomic Medicine at MUSC.

[Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 30, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Kimberly Orr about hearing loss during the senior years with an update about the latest hearing-aid technology. Dr. Orr is the Director of the Division of Audiology at MUSC.

[New \(Heart\) Research Related to Mitral Valve Prolapse](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 25, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Russel Norris about new research finding related to one of the most common heart defects in the human population—Mitral Valve Prolapse. Dr. Norris is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Regenerative Medicine and Cell Biology at MUSC.

Palliative Care

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 23, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Patrick Coyne about Palliative Care—a medical specialty for patients with serious or chronic illness. Mr. Coyne is the Director of Palliative Care at MUSC.

Managing Meds for Elderly Patients

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 19, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. William Moran about challenges and routines for managing daily medications during the senior years. Dr. Moran is the McKnight Professor of Aging Research and Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at MUSC.

Lupus –Research & Treatment Update

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 16, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Diane Kamen about research and treatment for Lupus. Dr. Kamen is the Director of Clinical Research, Division of Rheumatology and Immunology at MUSC.

Yogic Breathing Research

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 11, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Sundar Balasubramanian about research related to the health benefits of yogic breathing. Dr. Balasubramanian is a Research Scientist at MUSC in the area of Cell Biology.

Diabetes Prevention

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 9, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Carolyn Jenkins about lifestyle changes that individuals can make to help prevent diabetes. Dr. Jenkins is from the South Carolina Diabetes Initiative and the SC Translational Research Institute and she is a Professor in the College of Nursing at MUSC.

Pediatric Telemedicine - Acute Injury

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 4, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. David Mc Swain about a Pediatric telemedicine program in South Carolina for children with acute injuries. Dr. Mc Swain is a Pediatric Critical Care Doctor and the Medical Director for Inpatient Emergency Teleconsultation at MUSC.

[Online Graduate Education for Nurses](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Nov 3, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Gail Stuart about graduate level nursing students who are pursuing advanced degrees through online education. Dr. Stuart is a Distinguished University Professor and Dean in the College of Nursing at MUSC.

[Bladder Cancer and Smoking](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 21, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Thomas Keane about the latest research related to smoking and bladder cancer. Dr. Keane is Chair of the Department of Urology at MUSC.

[Physician Assistants in South Carolina](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 19, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Leslie Woodall about the education, training and responsibilities of Physician Assistants. Ms. Woodall is Clinical Coordinator for Evaluation in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies, in the Department of Health Professions at MUSC.

[Research Related to Maternal Death Rates in S.C.](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 13, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Scott Sullivan about the troubling increase in maternal death rates in SC and the efforts underway to identify causes and support prevention. Dr. Sullivan is the Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at MUSC.

[Childhood Cancer Update](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Oct 5, 2015

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Michelle Hudspeth about new, improved treatments for childhood cancer. Dr. Hudspeth is the Division Chief for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at MUSC Children's Hospital.

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[Peanuts: The Southern Snack](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 28, 2015

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Boiled or roasted? Peanuts were brought to the Carolinas in the Colonial period from Africa, where they were brought from South America by the 16th century Portuguese. University of South Carolina food historian David Shields tells how each place contributed to the way we enjoy peanuts today, and peanut merchant Tige Howie talks about which variety sells best. Either way you like it, the peanut has a mighty appeal to the Southern palate.

[High School Students Share Their Thoughts on Charleston Shootings, Race Relations, Part Two](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 22, 2015

Part two of our conversation with South Carolina youth on the tragedy that overtook Charleston in the summer of 2015. The state was stunned, as was the nation, when a young white supremacist allegedly shot and killed nine worshipers, and wounded another, at Charleston's historic Emmanuel A.M.E. Church June 17. Six months later, to get a feel for how the tragic event had affected people beyond the initial shock, South Carolina Public Radio talked with high school students across the Palmetto State. In this installment we get more young people's take on the killings, the removal of the Confederate flag from the State House grounds, and the state of race relations in South Carolina.

[South Carolina's Presidential Residence](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 22, 2015

Historic Columbia Foundation

History abounds in South Carolina. Part of that history is the only home in South Carolina occupied by a future president of the United States: The Woodrow Wilson Family Home in Columbia. Built in 1871, it was the home of a teenage "Tommy" Wilson until he went off to college and his family moved to North Carolina in 1874. Fielding Freed of Historic Columbia, which runs the house museum, and USC historian Tom Brown talk about the home, Wilson and

his family, and the preservation effort that saved the future president's home from the wrecking ball.

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[Craft Beer: Keeping it Local](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 21, 2015

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A growing number of local breweries have sprung up in the Palmetto State since the turn of the century. This week we visit River Rat Brewery to discover what the differences are between the products of small microbreweries and the giant macro breweries, how various custom beers are made, and how changing laws have allowed for more choices for the consumer.

[Flood Rebuilding Efforts Expected to Create Temporary Stimulus in SC](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Dec 18, 2015

Thursday, December 17, the USC Darla Moore School of Business held their annual Economic Outlook Conference. Joseph Von Nessen Ph.D. presented the 2016 South Carolina Economic Outlook. During the historic flood this October, the state incurred an estimated 1.5 Billion dollars in damage. Von Nessen says the rebuilding effort is going to create a temporary stimulus for South Carolina's economy in 2016. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has the story.

[Small Business Administration Loans Are Still Available Through Jan. 4](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 17, 2015

Tut Underwood reports that SBA loans are available through January 1, 2016, to small businesses coping with damage from South Carolina's record flooding.

[Future Uncertain for Forest Lake Gardens](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Dec 17, 2015

At the Forest Lake Garden Center in Columbia, employees are busy trimming the extra branches from Christmas trees for customers. People come here year round for plants and peanuts, and this time of year, for fresh cut Christmas trees. When the historic flood hit the state in October, the Garden Center was hit hard. Volunteer groups and members of the community helped the Garden Center get cleaned up and reopened. But when the bank that leases the property to the owner took stock of the damage, they told him they would not renew his lease. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has the story.

[A New Home for the Holidays after the Flood](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Dec 17, 2015

Columbia resident Mike Parker used to live in a neighborhood near Gills Creek. On Saturday, October 3rd, he and his wife went to bed nervous but hopeful that the coming rain wouldn't be too bad. Parker says it was an emergency alert that woke him and his wife, just in time. They packed what they could and fled through the backyard. That night they stayed with friends. Over the next few days, as they worked with volunteer teams to haul ruined furniture and sheetrock out of the house, the Parkers decided their only option was to move. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has more.

[FEMA Helpline Can Answer Many Questions for Flood Survivors](#)

By Alfred Turner • Dec 15, 2015

With many of the Disaster Recovery Centers in South Carolina closing, residents affected by Oct. 1-23 storms and flooding can still get information and answers to questions by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's helpline.

Residents can call the helpline at 800-621-3362. Lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. Survivors who use TTY may call 800-462-7585; those who use 711/VRS can call 800-621-3362. They can also visit www.disasterassistance.gov.

[For South Carolina Farmers, 2015 Was Tough](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Dec 15, 2015

2015 was a disastrous year for SC farmers. The summer drought followed by October's record rainfall caused catastrophic crop losses across the state. Russ McKinney reports.

[FEMA Help Remains Available After Disaster Recovery Center Closes in St. Matthews](#)

By Alfred Turner • Dec 14, 2015

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has announce that the disaster recovery center at the John Ford Community Center in St. Matthews will close Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm. Applicants in St. Matthews may still visit other recovery centers to ask disaster assistance questions. They can locate their closest center by visiting asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm.

[Furman Professor and Students Worked as Brussels Endured Manhunt](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 14, 2015

As the search for a suspected terrorist spread to Brussels, Belgium following the recent attack on Paris, a group of scholars from South Carolina got an experience it never expected – a close-up look at an international manhunt. Dr. Brent Nelson, a political scientist, and his students talk about being in the city where the dragnet took place. The tension in the air, precautions they took, and not caving in to fear were part of their daily routines.

[The Spread of Coyotes in South Carolina](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 14, 2015

ForestWander.com

Wildlife does not recognize borders, and so in 1978, a non-native species, welcomed or not, moved into the Palmetto State – the coyote. It has not only caused problems for hunters (where it has affected the deer population) and livestock farmers (where it preys on cattle, goats and more), but also has moved into cities, causing concerns among people not used to seeing these wild predators. Jay Butfiloski of the S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources gives advice about how to deal with these furry beasts, whether it's trapping or hunting in rural areas, or making urban settings less hospitable for them.

[Gov. Haley: Three Recommendations to Save on State-Owned Property](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Dec 10, 2015

Yesterday Governor Haley presented the results of a 2013 executive order directing state agencies to assess what the state owns. The Governor's Department of Administration worked with a real estate firm, CBRE, to collect data and analyze how the state can save money on the buildings and properties. The state owns more than half a million acres of land and 7800 buildings. While CBRE's assessment process is still ongoing, the firm has recommended three ways for the state to increase efficiency and save money. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has more.

[Fighting Consumer Fraud in South Carolina](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 10, 2015

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[Christmas Tree Farmers Work Throughout the Year to Make December Green](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 10, 2015

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[FEMA: Applicants Who Want Continued Rental Assistance Must Make Request](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#) • Dec 8, 2015

South Carolina flood survivors who have a continued need for temporary housing assistance must complete and submit paperwork that demonstrates a disaster-related and financial need.

Applicants need to submit several documents each time they want to ask FEMA for continued temporary housing assistance including:

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[A Story from the Columbia Canal: Hospitals and Water](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Dec 8, 2015

Two months have passed since the flooding that hit South Carolina. Communities across the state experienced historic rainfall and overflow from rivers and dams. In the Midlands, flood waters breached the Columbia Canal, which serves as a major intake point for much of the capital city's water supply. Two hospitals faced a particularly difficult situation when the water supply for downtown Columbia was compromised. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has the story.

[Coke's Iconic Bottle Celebrates Centennial with a Boost along the Way from South Carolina Glassworks](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Dec 2, 2015

One of the most iconic marketing images in American history is the classic Coca Cola bottle. The familiar design turned 100 years old this year. But most folks don't know that this familiar object was helped to its popularity through the millions of these bottles that were made in Laurens, S.C.

[FEMA Extends South Carolina's Disaster Assistance Application Deadline](#)

By Alfred Turner • Dec 1, 2015

The deadline for survivors of South Carolina's historic floods to register for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster assistance has been extended an additional 30 days to **Jan. 3, 2016**

[South Carolina Holiday Shopping Season Begins with Optimism and Caution from Small Businesses](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 30, 2015

The turkey has been gobbled and the pumpkin pie inhaled, and now the holiday shopping can really ramp up. Merchants are more than ready. In this edition of South Carolina Focus, two South Carolina small business owners assess this shopping season with optimism at a growing economy, but with the realization that the recent floods in much of the state could affect both the pocketbooks as well as the shopping spirit of many South Carolinians.

[Deadline Approaching to Register for FEMA Assistance](#)

By Alfred Turner • Nov 30, 2015

South Carolina storm survivors have one week left to register for assistance with FEMA. The registration deadline is Friday, December 4. Once you're registered, you're in the system. There is no need to register again. Register online at disasterassistance.gov or by calling toll-free 1-800-621-3362. Multilingual operators are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily to take your calls. Survivors who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 1-800-462-7585.

[FEMA Mitigation Advisers Offer Guidance to Flood Survivors](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#) • Nov 30, 2015

FEMA Mitigation Advisers Offer Guidance to Flood Survivors in Charleston, Darlington, Dorchester, Greenwood, Horry and Richland counties

COLUMBIA, S.C. – As South Carolinians rebuild and repair after the recent historic floods, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local home improvement stores have teamed up to provide free information, tips and literature on making homes stronger and safer.

[South Carolina's Teacher of the Year](#)

By Alfred Turner • Nov 25, 2015

Education in South Carolina is frequently ranked low among the states. Suzanne Koty, the new South Carolina Teacher of the Year, disagrees with this assessment. There are great things happening in South Carolina classrooms, she says. She talks with ETV Radio about the innovative programs she has witnessed and her eagerness to find more of them over the next year, and to share them with schools statewide.

FEMA Ineligibility Letters May Not Be the Last Word

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 25, 2015

While some survivors of October's floods may have received a letter from FEMA saying they are ineligible for disaster assistance, FEMA spokesman Carl Henderson urges these people not to give up. Visit your nearest Disaster Recovery Center and speak with a counselor. It may be that all the I's were not dotted, or the T's crossed, and you may become eligible with the proper backup paperwork and properly completed forms.

D.O.T. is On Target with Road, Bridge Re-openings

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 25, 2015

Progress has been surprisingly rapid on road and bridge re-openings since the October floods. SC Department of Transportation spokesman Pete Poore says of 541 roads and bridges that were closed statewide on Oct. 5, only 80 remain to be opened, meaning 85% of the roads and bridges have been reopened, and more are expected to open soon. Poore tells why the progress has been so good so far, and cautions that the last few may take months to repair because of conditions that D.O.T. doesn't control.

D.O.T. Makes Progress on Road and Bridge Repairs after October Flood

By Alfred Turner • Nov 23, 2015

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has worked hard to repair and reopen roads and bridges following October's historic floods in the state, especially in the central part. Of 541 closures on Oct. 5, the department's list is down to only 80, a repair rate of 85 percent. Spokesman Pete Poore talks about the work that exceeded expectations, why roads over dams will take the most time to replace, credits maintenance workers from lesser-impacted counties who came to help in other parts of the state, and the surprising reaction from the public to the department's work.

Swansea Breeders Find Success in Show Horse Industry

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 18, 2015

This week on South Carolina Focus, we learn about the successful show horse industry in South Carolina, and the extraordinary success of two breeders/trainers. Bob and Kelli Bennett of Swansea have won more than 10 national championships with their own Arabian horses, and Bob has trained many more national champions and top 10 Arabians. They give us a hint at what it takes to be a champion in this competitive field.

[Small Businesses Devastated by Flood Find a Way to Carry On](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 17, 2015

When the historic floods hit the Midlands in October, many small businesses, like many homes, were inundated. Ceiling-high waters in low-lying areas would seem to ruin the businesses for good. But the owners are fighting back. Radenko Pavlovich, co-owner of the Columbia Classical Ballet, has temporarily relocated to a local mall to conduct rehearsals while he works with insurance companies and FEMA. Likewise, Dr. Nori Warren of Four Paws Animal Clinic is operating out of temporary quarters while planning a return to her flooded clinic, from which only a few stainless steel tools were reclaimed. Both owners are determined to rebuild, and tell how they have been aided by the kindness of friends and strangers alike.

[USC Library's Special Collections bring it World Renown](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 11, 2015

In a vault at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library reside numerous collections of rare books and papers from some of the world's great writers – F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Robert Burns, to name a few. Elizabeth Suddeth, director of Rare Books and Special Collections, takes us to the vault and talks about how the library attracted these collections, and its growing reputation as a destination for researchers and a magnet for prestigious literary collections.

[Civil War Sword Believed Lost to History Returns to The Citadel](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 11, 2015

Charles Courtney Tew was an educator, a soldier and, in 1846, was the first graduate of The Citadel. As a Colonel of the 2nd N.C. Regiment, he was killed at the battle of Antietam. His sword, a present from his students at the Arsenal in Columbia, was taken from him and disappeared for a century and a half. David Goble, director of the Citadel's Daniel Library and Museum, and Citadel historian Steve Smith discuss the mystery and trace what is known of the path that brought the rediscovered sword back to the military school – from Canada!

[FEMA Ineligibility Letters May Not Be the Last Word](#)

By Alfred Turner • Nov 11, 2015

Some flood victims who applied for relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency received letters of ineligibility. But FEMA's Carl Henderson says that may just mean some detail was omitted, and he encourages people who have received these letters to visit their local disaster recovery center and talk with FEMA representatives. Some may be eligible after all.

[Applying for SBA Loan May Mean More Assistance for Some Flood Victims](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 11, 2015

Even if a survivor of the recent floods in South Carolina doesn't plan to accept a loan from the Small Business Association, he or she is encouraged to apply, because the application may make

them eligible for other assistance. Homeowners, renters, small businesses and even nonprofits may benefit from loans for disaster-related damage.

More information from the Small Business Association website: www.sba.gov/disaster

To apply for a loan on the SBA's secure website: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

FEMA Offers Free Crisis Counseling to Flood Victims

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 5, 2015

Many survivors of last month's floods have gone through great emotional strain from dealing with the many aspects of trying to get their lives back in order. FEMA is offering counseling services at no cost to flood victims who feel overwhelmed, exhausted or unable to cope with the load. Recovery centers across the state have mental health professionals on hand or readily available to victims.

Find the closest disaster recovery center to you: (800) 621- 3362 or fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers • Register to apply for assistance: DisasterAssistance.gov or call (800) 621-3362 •

Disaster assistance for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired: (800) 462-7585 (TTY).

Those who use 711/VRS, call (800) 621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 7 .m. – 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice. Survivors may also choose to visit a disaster recovery center.

FEMA Offers Free Legal Services to Flood Survivors

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 3, 2015

In the wake of October's historic floods, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering legal services at no charge to people who can't afford a lawyer. FEMA Public Information Officer Carl Henderson says the legal problems people may encounter could vary from disputes with contractors to insurance claim issues and more.

Survivors who have flood-related legal issues and cannot afford a lawyer should call 877-797-2227 ext. 120 OR 803-576-3815 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summerville High's History-Making Kicker

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 3, 2015

Number 38 on the Summerville High School football team has a different approach to the game. That's because #38 is different, a first for the Green Wave: she's a girl. Emaleigh Tuggle came to the team as a kicker, also having played on the school's girls' soccer team. She talks about what it's like being the only girl on the team, and her coach, Joe Call, discusses what he saw in her that convinced him she'd make a good addition to the team. They both think more girls should, and most likely will, play football.

[Polo Has Huge Economic Impact for Aiken](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Nov 3, 2015

Though unseen by some, the large horse community of South Carolina has made polo a big industry in Aiken County. Tara Bostwick likens Aiken's Whitney Field to the polo equivalent of the Augusta National golf course, a bucket-list destination for polo enthusiasts worldwide. She says the sport is not as much for the wealthy as it may appear, but it does generate a huge economic impact for the area. Retired player Tiger Kneece, who has started a kids' polo program, also talks about what it takes to play the sport.

[SC Focus - Border Dispute](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 28, 2015

Russ McKinney gives an update of the continuing saga of the changing North Carolina/South Carolina border. Some residents are unsure exactly which state live in.

[USC Professor: Sci-Fi/Horror Classic "Frankenstein" Inspired by Real Events in the Author's Life](#)

By Alfred Turner • Oct 28, 2015

Frankenstein's monster is a classic of fiction, movies, and other media, and also a Halloween staple. The novel has not been out of print in the two centuries since it was published in 1818. USC English Professor Paula Feldman, an authority on the life of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, the author of "Frankenstein," talks about the real life tragedies in Shelley's life that caused her to wish she could bring the dead to life again, and the dreams that inspired the writing of the classic book that is regarded as the first science fiction novel.

[Summerville High Plays First Season Since Retirement of Legendary Football Coach](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 26, 2015

Over an incredible 63 years, John McKissick coached the Summerville High School Green Wave to an amazing 621 wins, the most of any football coach at any level, as well as 10 state championships. He retired in June of this year, and just turned 89. In this South Carolina Focus segment, the legendary coach talks about his work ethic and his philosophy of football, as he is praised by a former player and the new coach at Summerville, Joe Call – who happens to be McKissick's grandson.

[U.S. Small Business Administration Head Visits South Carolina](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 23, 2015

Maria Contreras-Sweet, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, came to South Carolina to meet with local officials, residents, and business owners to talk about the ongoing recovery efforts after the historic flooding. Working alongside FEMA, the SBA offers disaster relief in the form of low interest rate loans for homeowners, renters, and business owners. This can include up to 2 million in loans for affected business owners to cover inventory or property damage, as

well as economic injury from having fewer customers. The SBA has opened business recovery centers in Columbia, Conway, and North Charleston to provide 1-on-1 counseling. The deadline to return applications for physical property damage is December 4. For more information, visit SBA.gov/SC or call 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals).

State Fair Returns with Strange and Memorable Food

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 21, 2015

One of the fall traditions in South Carolina is a visit to the South Carolina State Fair. Part of the tradition for many is eating food that we don't normally eat. Today we talk with vendors of such delectable – and sometimes weird – foods as elephant ears, chicken with Frosted Flakes, deep fried candy and doughnut burgers, and find out why the South Carolina State Fair is one of their favorite fairs.

Beach Erosion another Consequence of Rains and Floods

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 19, 2015

The recent rains, floods and storm surge produced by Hurricane Joaquin caused many areas of South Carolina's beachfront to erode. Folly Beach lost approximately 400,000 cubic yards of sand to the storm. Nicole Elko, executive director of education group South Carolina Beach Advocates, tells why wide beaches and high dunes are important not only for tourism, but for the protection of beach property and infrastructure. Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin explains the hierarchy of storm damage and the mixed blessing of sea turtle nesting areas in rebuilding the beach.

Flood's Effects Linger in Health Hazards

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 15, 2015

As flood waters continue to recede in South Carolina and the threat to roads, dams and property is diminishing, the water can still pose a hazard to the many South Carolinians who get their water from private wells. Robert Yanity and Dr. Linda Bell of DHEC discuss how illnesses from contaminated water can still pose a danger. In addition, DHEC is offering free tetanus shots through Oct. 17 as a precaution, as wounds could become infected during cleanup efforts. The agency is putting up information on disinfecting contaminated wells, where to take well water samples for testing, times and locations for free tetanus shots, and more on its website, www.scdhec.gov.

On the Road to Recovery, Governor Haley Thanks Citizens

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 15, 2015

It's been almost two weeks since the first rainfall from this month's torrential storm hit the state. And, with the exception residents and businesses who suffered substantial losses, the state seems to be back on its feet. All major highways are open, schools have re-opened, only a few hundred people remain in the seven shelters that are still open, and Columbia's water problems have been corrected.

On Wednesday, Governor Nikki Haley thanked the citizens of the state for getting through it, saying "We know that we are coming to brighter days."

[Insurance Agents Doing Their Part after Flood](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 14, 2015

Insurance agents have been in great demand since the recent floods that swept the state. Agent Courtney Young has been busy representing her clients with the insurance companies. She tells us that while most people in the Midlands don't have flood insurance, FEMA can step in to help those without flood coverage. She reminds policyholders to make sure they have plenty of documentation with their claims – photos of the damage, receipts if they've already started repairs - and to keep large items for insurance adjusters to inspect, even if they've been removed from the house. She says if you need help, call your local agents – they work for you.

[Flood Also Separates Pets from Families](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 14, 2015

The recent flood took a toll on not just the human population: many pets were lost in the storm as well. Fortunately, Midlands's animal adoption centers have ways to reunite many of these animals with their owners. Their representatives have some advice for pet owners to make it easier to find their pets– and keep them healthy – in the event of future severe weather events.

[Post-Flood Road and Bridge Repairs in Full Swing](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 13, 2015

Road crews from the S.C. Dept. of Transportation are scattered across the state, repairing roads and bridges as swiftly as possible, though it will be months before all are back in service. On Columbia's Bluff Road at I-77, a crew aided by road workers from Abbeville repairs a "major washout" of a bridge approach. Meanwhile, across town where S.C. 215 crosses I-20, another out-of-town crew, from Aiken County, helps its local comrades by working on a bridge with washed-out end vents. Both crews feel that, with luck and good weather, these bridges may see traffic flowing in around a week. Drivers, keep your fingers crossed – and remain patient.

[Moving from 'Response' to Recovery](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 12, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley says that, in the wake of historic flooding, the state is now moving "from a massive response situation to a massive recovery situation."

[FEMA: Everyone Affected by Floods Should Register](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 10, 2015

On this South Carolina Focus, Laura Hunsberger talks with Ryan Deal, FEMA External Affairs Officer, about how FEMA decides which counties are eligible for individual aid. The bottom line

from Deal and Governor Haley: Everyone who had damage or losses from the floods should register with FEMA as a first step. Call 1-800-621-3362 or visit disasterassistance.gov to register.

[DOT Begins Assessment of Road, Bridge Damage](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 10, 2015

As waters from the recent flood rush from the Midlands toward the coast, the South Carolina Department of Transportation already has 200 engineers in 35 teams inspecting roads and bridges to assemble a priority list of what needs doing first, as troopers from the Department of Public Safety work to keep people safe and observing road closings. Some smaller jobs are already being done, says DOT spokesman Pete Poore, who adds that the department has a resource little known to most – a small supply of pre-cast concrete and steel bridges to speed some bridge replacements.

[Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to Visit the State Friday](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 9, 2015

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson is visiting South Carolina today to meet with federal, state and local officials and assess the flooding and recovery efforts. He is scheduled to travel to Columbia and Charleston, but Congressman Jim Clyburn says he hopes to show the Secretary other areas affected by the flooding.

[Historic Flood's Effect on SC Wildlife](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 8, 2015

As people are digging out from the effects of the state's historic floods and keeping an eye out for what's next, they may not be aware of the storm's effects on another phase of South Carolina life: its wildlife. Naturalist Rudy Mancke and Congaree National Park Ranger Jon Manchester discuss the flood's effects on the state's animals, and plants. They both agree that any harmful effects can likely be overcome by nature, and Manchester gives a slant not considered by most: how a flood, which is considered a disaster by humans, can actually benefit a swamp environment like Congaree Park.

[Sort Goods for Roadside Debris Pick-up](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 8, 2015

The Department of Transportation will begin roadside debris pick-up on Monday. Residents should sort items by category.

[State Officials Brace for Major Flooding in Some Lowcountry Rivers](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 8, 2015

Major flooding is possible near the mouths of several coastal rivers. Gov. Haley warns that the flooding, expected in the Georgetown, Pawleys Island, and Givhans Ferry areas, could last for days.

U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham says the state will need assistance beyond what FEMA can provide, and hopes to bring in federal highway dollars and block grants to help. U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn says that many of the road and bridge failures have occurred because of past neglect of infrastructure. Russ McKinney reports.

[Storm Survivors Dig Out and Recall Experience](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 7, 2015

The cleanup process has begun for many Midlands residents following the historic rain and floods that hit the state over the weekend. Hampton Oliver and Tammy Moshier recall their rescues by good hearted strangers, the damage to their homes and what they've learned from an experience they hope no one will go through again.

[How You Can Help with Flood Relief](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 7, 2015

Shelters across the state have taken in hundreds of displaced people during the flooding, and communities have come together with donations for people who had to evacuate. To find out how to help or what items are needed most, visit SCEMD.org (<http://www.scmd.org/recovery-section/donations-and-volunteers>) or call 1-888-585-9643.

[SC Coastal Regions Bracing for Rising Waters](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 7, 2015

Russ McKinney outlines Governor Haley's press conference and the concern for flooding as coastal rivers begin to rise.

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[Public, Private Sectors Work to Speed Recovery from Historic Storm](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 7, 2015

Though the sun is out and some flood waters are receding, there is still danger from ruptured streets, bridges and dams across the Midlands and across much of South Carolina. In the Midlands, authorities including the Columbia Police Dept., Richland County Sheriff, Columbia

Fire Dept., the military and even SLED are teaming to comb the area and offer assistance to those in distress. Richland County Deputy Curtis Wilson and Columbia Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins discuss how their departments are working to offer relief in the wake of the historic storm and flooding that the state endured over the weekend of Oct. 4. In addition, tree expert Ronnie Wilson talks about the careful removal of trees that have fallen on or near homes across the area.

[City and National Guard Take on Crucial Repairs to Columbia downtown canal.](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 6, 2015

The rains have subsided but flooding continues to cause damage across the state. In Columbia, flooding caused water in downtown's Columbia Canal to breach a levee and flow out into the river. The National Guard and the city are working to stop the flow of water out of this reservoir. They are building a rock dam to slow the current enough to allow helicopters to fill the 60-foot breach.

[Gov. Haley Surveys Damage, Urges Motorists to Use Caution](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 6, 2015

Sunny skies on Tuesday let officials get a better look at the damage done by the flooding from the recent record rainfall. Gov. Nikki Haley says what she saw via helicopter was "...disturbing. And it is hard to look at the loss we are going to have." Her focus is now on recovery. And she warns all motorists not to drive past barriers erected by safety officials.

[Flood Watches and Warnings](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#) • Oct 6, 2015

The latest warnings and advisories from NOAA's National Weather service are available at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/view/prodsByState.php?state=sc&prodtype=allwarnings>.

[Impact of Record Rainfall Continues](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 6, 2015

In South Carolina flooding continues to disrupt daily life in many communities. Though the record rainfall of the last three days has abated, rivers continue to rise. At least 11 people have died in the state since the heavy rain began. As Laura Hunsberger reports, concerns about dam breaches and flash flooding continue in the Midlands.

[Gov. Haley: "We need to continue to be careful."](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#) • Oct 6, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley said in a press conference today that, "God smiled on South Carolina--the sun is out." However, the Governor urged continued caution because swollen rivers, creeks, and streams are still channeling water from South Carolina's record rainfall, so there is still a possibility of some flooding and damage.

The Governor also noted that federal assistance coming to the state because of the swift disaster declaration is coming to more counties than just the eight published Monday. "Let's be clear--this is about addition; this is not about subtraction," Haley said. She added that damage data is still being gathered with the goal that "anybody and everybody that is in a county has the availability of resources that FEMA will provide."

[Death Toll in Record Carolinas Flooding Now At 13](#)

By [Bill Chappell](#) • Oct 6, 2015

Update at 4:30 a.m. ET Tuesday: Death Toll Raised To At Least 13

Record rainfall is expected to taper off in much of South Carolina Tuesday, after severe flooding left houses in Columbia and elsewhere with water up to their eaves. But officials say the crisis is not over, and residents should stay away from dangerous roadways.

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In South Carolina, some 40,000 people are without water. In addition, 70 miles of Interstate 95 are closed to traffic.

[Columbia Businesses Assess Damage after Historic Rainfall and Floods](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 6, 2015

In the wake of historic rainfall and flooding, South Carolina is only beginning to dig its way out while still experiencing rain and high waters. Two Columbia businesses, the Four Paws Animal Clinic and the Columbia Classical Ballet, are assessing the damage from a distance, as both buildings are largely or completely underwater. Owners Nori Warren of Four Paws and Radenko Pavlovich of CCB share an uncertainty about what's next, but both are determined that they will continue to offer their services, whether in their present locations or elsewhere.

[Gov. Haley says "This is not over"](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 5, 2015

Gov. Nikki Haley spoke w the media today, updating the latest numbers from the weekend storms and praising the hard work of First Responders.

[Governor Haley: "This is not over."](#)

By Alfred Turner • Oct 5, 2015

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"If you're in your house, continue to stay in your house," Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday morning. "This is not the time to take pictures." She added that even in areas where rain has stopped, "This is not over."

[South Carolina Hit Hard By Weekend Storm](#)

By [Robin Young](#) • Oct 5, 2015

After historic flooding this weekend, tens of thousands of South Carolinians are without electricity and the South Carolina National Guard is assisting in search and rescue missions.

In Columbia, the state capital, residents are being urged to boil their water and hospitals are considering evacuation because water main breaks are causing outages and low pressure. Portable toilets have been placed outside of University of South Carolina residence halls.

[Weather Advisory Center](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#) • Oct 4, 2015

Links for Flood and Road Conditions:

- [National Weather Service River Forecast Center](#)
- [SC Dept. of Transportation: Highway Conditions and Alerts](#)
- [Weather Alerts, Watches, Warnings and Advisories for All Parts of South Carolina](#)
(National Weather Service)
- [Statewide Alerts, Watches, Warnings from the National Weather Service: Text Versions](#)
- [The South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#)
- [South Carolina State Government Offices Delays and Closings](#)
- [Current Weather Conditions in South Carolina](#)

[Greenville's Mayor Knox White: Stay off the Roads Tonight](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 3, 2015

Effective through Monday morning, the National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for Northeast Georgia, North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina, including Greenville and Spartanburg. 8 to 12 inches of rain will be possible in these areas, which could result in life-threatening flash flooding. Another wave of heavy rain is expected tonight and flooding is likely along rivers and streams. The City of Greenville is monitoring the conditions and residents can call the city's helpline, Greenville Cares at 864-232-CARE. In an emergency, call 911.

[Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia: Avoid Flooded Intersections](#)

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 3, 2015

Historic levels of rainfall are predicted for the Midlands. The city of Columbia's Mayor Steve Benjamin says that although rain may not seem threatening, the roads may be dangerous. Columbiasc.net lists potentially dangerous intersections to avoid. A toll-free telephone line has been established for questions about the severe weather conditions in the state. Citizens with storm-related questions can call 1-866-246-0133 and the system will operate 24 hours a day while hazardous conditions persist. In an emergency, call 911.

Mayor Joe Riley of Charleston: Current Rainfall Amount "Unprecedented"

By [Laura Hunsberger](#) • Oct 3, 2015

The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for Charleston County, including downtown Charleston, until 4:00 pm.

The storm system caused by Hurricane Joaquin, combined with high tide on Saturday afternoon, will result in significant flooding. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley says that even when the tide recedes, the rain will continue to create an unprecedented weather event.

Gov. Haley Press Conference About Impending Weather

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Oct 2, 2015

Gov. Nikki Haley held a press conference this afternoon to discuss impending weather in South Carolina. Russ McKinney reports on the Governor's comments.

Bottle Collector Turns Trash to Treasure

By [Tut Underwood](#) • Oct 2, 2015

Harvey Teal of Columbia is one of about 300 bottle collectors in South Carolina. It's a hobby that's centuries old, and some bottles can be very valuable, as well as being pleasing to the eye and revealing part of the history of the times they were made in. Teal tells us about the rare bottles from the South Carolina Dispensary, the state monopoly on liquor set up by Gov. Ben Tillman in 1892, and about some of the unusual places and lengths collectors can go to, to discover these relics of cultures past.

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[How Does Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman" inform "Mockingbird"?](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 21, 2015

(Originally broadcast October 9, 2015) - Dr. Robert Brinkmeyer, Director of the Institute of Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina, talks with Walter Edgar about Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchmen* (Harper Collins, 2015), as well as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and its place in Southern literature.

[Salley McInerney: Journey Proud](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 14, 2015

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Journey Proud (Abe Books, 2013) is the story of four white children growing up in the early 1960s in a middle-class neighborhood in Columbia, South Carolina. This coming-of-age tale set in the South during the civil rights movement exposes the inequities of the period and shows how childhood innocence is often replaced by harsh realities.

Walter Edgar talks with author Salley McAden McInerney. McInerney is a journalist, freelance writer and former columnist for the Anderson Independent-Mail, the Gwinnett Daily News, The Columbia Record and The State newspapers.

[Fifty Years On: the Voting Rights Act of 1965](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Dec 7, 2015

The Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in August of 1965. This landmark legislation aimed to eliminate obstacles created by state and local governments to keep African Americans from exercising their right to vote under the 15th Amendment (1870) to the Constitution.

Walter Edgar talks with University of South Carolina historians Bobby Donaldson and Patricia Sullivan about the history leading to passage of the Voting Rights Act, and about its impact through the years.

[American Surrealist](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 30, 2015

Evening Post Books

Charleston surgeon [Richard Hagerty](#) began painting before medical school honed his eye and hand coordination. He is a self-taught artist who draws his surreal, fantastical imagery from dreams, mythology, history, science and stories. He works in a variety of media, including pen and ink, watercolor and oil. Hagerty and art curator Roberta Sokolitz talk with Walter Edgar about his art, his career, and about the new collection of his work, *American Surrealist: The Art of Richard Hagerty* (Evening Post Books, 2015), and exhibition of Hagerty's work at the [City Gallery at Waterfront Park](#), Charleston.

[At Home - Charleston](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 23, 2015

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(Originally broadcast 05/08/15 - In Catherine H. Forrester's [At Home-Charleston](#) (Wimmer Cookbooks, 2006), the historic Thomas Rose House serves as the stunning backdrop to the intriguing tales of Forrester's grandmother Juliette Wiles Staats' entertaining and the distinctive social traditions of one of America's most celebrated cities.

Gathering lively tidbits from Staats' meticulous records—handwritten file cards, detailed party books and hand bound journals, Forrester leads readers into the peninsula's private world of elegant entertaining. Cathy Forrester talks with Dr. Edgar about the book, her family, and life in Charleston.

[The Cane Creek Regulators](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 16, 2015

Timmonsville native and Santa Fe resident [Johnny D. Boggs](#) He talks with Walter Edgar about his latest novel, *The Cane Creek Regulators* (Five Star, 2014), which is set in a time when the western "frontier" of South Carolina included the Upstate.

Boggs has called "[one of] the best western writers at work today." He has won the prestigious Spur Award from [Western Writers of America](#) six times. He's also the author of numerous non-fiction articles about the American West.

[Domestic Violence in South Carolina](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 9, 2015

In September of 2014, the [Violence Policy Center](#) ranked South Carolina second in nation in rate of women killed by men. Their report was release just weeks after Charleston's *The Post and Courier* newspaper ran a three-week series on criminal domestic violence called "[Till Death Do Us Part](#)," which later won the Pulitzer Prize.

Jennifer Hawes was part of *The Post & Courier* team that reported and wrote the series. She joins Sara Barber, Executive Director of [The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#), talk with Walter Edgar about the problem of domestic violence in South Carolina, and what's being done about it.

[Preserving South Carolina's Revolutionary War Battlefields](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Nov 3, 2015

Several miles outside of Moncks Corner is, arguably, the most significant extant Revolutionary War site in South Carolina. Fair Lawn Plantation's Revolutionary War significance stems from historic battles, events, famous people, geographic location, and landscape architecture. Near Stony Landing on Biggin Creek, the fortified Colleton house and separate redoubt fort played a substantial role on many occasions as a post, support base, and hospital.

[The Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust](#) and [The South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust](#) are partnering in a project to protect and preserve Fort Fair Lawn. SC Battleground Preservation Trust Director Douglas Bostick talks with Walter Edgar about this site, and some of the other Revolutionary War sites the Trust is working to preserve.

[Natural Treasures: Winyah Bay, Pee Dee River Basin](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 26, 2015

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Dr. Maria Whitehead is Project Director of [Winyah Bay and Pee Dee River Basin](#) for [The Nature Conservancy](#). Winyah Bay is comprised of 525,000 total acres and encompasses the lower drainage of the Black, Big Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Sampit, and Waccamaw rivers.

This vital watershed sustains 123,000 acres of forested wetlands and 23,000 acres of tidal freshwater marshes that support the annual use of up to 40,000 migratory waterfowl, 6 federally threatened and endangered species, and numerous species of migratory songbirds. These wetlands and associated uplands are of national significance. In collaboration with the Winyah Bay Task Force, The Nature Conservancy has also protected Sandy Island, located in Winyah Bay.

[A Sporting Life: the Late Ken Burger](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 19, 2015

The late [Ken Burger](#)'s *A Sporting Life* (Evening Post Books, 2015) is a collection of his best and most requested columns from his legendary career as a sports writer for the Charleston Post & Courier. At the end of each piece is a post script - updating the reader about the person or event. This book resonates with Southerners, who recognize and relate to the locations, mannerisms, and mascots. But, it is universal in its humanity and emotion.

Ken joined Walter Edgar in our studio not long ago for what turned out to be their last conversation. He talked about the book, his career, and sports.

[The Lee Bros.: Southern Uncovered](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 12, 2015

Ovation

The Lee Bros., who have popularized Southern cooking with a series of popular cookbooks, television appearances, and articles, are hosts of the new TV series, *Southern Uncovered* with the Lee Bros. They are also currently contributing editors at Travel + Leisure and frequently write food stories for Bon Appetit, The New York Times, Fine Cooking and Food & Wine, among other publications. Matt and Ted joined Walter Edgar recently to talk about the new show, Southern food and culture, and their latest projects.

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By [Walter Edgar](#) • Oct 5, 2015

White House photo by Eric Draper via Wikimedia Commons

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[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 21, 2015

A weekly update of the news, events and issues facing 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](#).

[Sports and Entertainment Paying Off in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 18, 2015

Our next guest is involved in research that focuses on the economic impact of sports and entertainment events and has completed economic impact studies for organizations from the Denver Broncos to NASCAR, to professional tennis, to of course, many South Carolina organizations and events.

Mike Switzer interviews Tom Regan, graduate director for [sport and entertainment management at the University of South Carolina's College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management](#).

[Greenville SC Group Addressing Business Data Issues](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 17, 2015

During our recent coverage of the RESTFest software conference in Greenville, SC, we were introduced to a new meet-up group that is addressing some universal data-oriented problems facing today's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews John Wessel is with the [Greenville Data Science and Analytics Group](#).

[SC's Municipal Association Celebrates 85 Years](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 16, 2015

In 1930, Ibra Charles Blackwood was elected governor of South Carolina, the state's population was about 1.7 million, the first TV commercial aired in Boston and the great depression was bearing down on our country. 1930 was also the year when a group of South Carolina mayors met formally for the first time at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia and voted to establish the Municipal Association of South Carolina. They were following a national trend of establishing statewide associations to help municipal officials become better leaders in a changing world. In recognition of this 85th anniversary, the Municipal Association of SC has published a coffee table-style book that overlays the association's history with state politics, demographic trends, national issues, and business relationships.

Mike Switzer interviews Reba Campbell, deputy executive director at the [Municipal Association of South Carolina](#) in Columbia.

[In case you hadn't noticed, the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Act of 2015, has introduced substantial c](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 15, 2015

In case you hadn't noticed, the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Act of 2015 has introduced substantial changes to Social Security law. And if you're about to file for Social Security, you may not be too happy because the new law puts limits on certain strategies that might have increased your retirement income.

Mike Switzer interviews Eddie Kramer, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, SC. Resources mentioned on the show: [Social Security Solutions](#) and [Social Security Administration](#).

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

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 14, 2015

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A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of [Concepts to Companies](#) and founder and CEO of [Swampfox](#), an entrepreneur-centric business news service, based in Greenville, S.C.

[Is Your Company's Data Safe from the Next Disaster?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 11, 2015

The recent historical floods in our state have certainly brought one thing front and center to our business community: the importance of having a disaster recovery plan for your company's data. Mike Switzer interviews Abe Varughese, president, CEO, and founder of [Merit Technologies](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Hydroponics Growing Success in Ridgeway, SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 10, 2015

Farming is big business in South Carolina and one segment of the farm industry that is growing rapidly is indoor farming, also known as hydroponics. Our next guest jumped right into this trend recently by converting an old manufacturing facility into the largest indoor, wholesale hydroponic farm in the state.

Mike Switzer interviews Chip Harriford, founder of [Royal Greens](#) in Ridgeway, SC.

[Economic Outlook Highlighted Soon at Moore School Conference](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 9, 2015

2015 is winding down and after six years of growth, is the economy doing the same? Our next guest will soon be sharing that answer with attendees at his annual [Economic Outlook Conference](#), coming to Columbia on Dec. 17th.

Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their [Division of Research](#), which stays busy tracking and calculating our state's economic statistics.

[Phased Retirement Becoming Popular](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 8, 2015

Most everyone looks forward to their retirement date but not everyone is ready when that time comes. That's why our next guest says that phasing yourself into retirement is becoming a popular option.

Mike Switzer interviews Noel Swain, a certified financial planner with [Provest Wealth Advisors](#) in Spartanburg, SC.

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[SWAT Instructor Training Actors](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 4, 2015

For the past 36 years our next guest has been working in the protective services industry, specializing in the international training of police SWAT teams and executive protection agents. Now, he's also providing his realistic tactical training to actors.

Mike Switzer interviews Karl de la Guerra, chairman and CEO of [Karl de la Guerra, Inc.](#) a tactical operations training center based in the Carolinas with an office in Rock Hill, SC.

[SC Research Helping State Comply With New Clean Energy Law](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 3, 2015

With a goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions by almost one-third over the next 15 years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the final version of its Clean Power Plan, which will affect existing power plants.

Mike Switzer interviews [Dr. Jochen Lauterbach](#), SmartState Endowed Chair: Strategic Approaches to the Generation of Electricity at the College of Engineering and Computing at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

[Lexington, SC, Bank President Lands on Federal Reserve Board](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 2, 2015

A South Carolina community-based bank is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and our next guest says his experience surviving the ups and downs of the banking industry can only help him in his additional role as a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mike Switzer interviews Mike Crapps, president, CEO and co-founder of [First Community Bank](#) based in Lexington, SC.

[Investing Involves Multiple Risks](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Dec 1, 2015

Most people realize that there is risk involved when investing in the financial markets. However, our next guest says that there are actually more types of risk involved than you would think.

Mike Switzer interviews Bryan Ballentine, a certified financial planner with [Ballentine Capital Advisors](#) in Greenville, SC.

[SC Business Update from Matt Clark](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 30, 2015

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community. Mike Switzer interviews Matt Clark, editor of [GSA Business](#), part of the [SCBizNews](#) family, the company that also publishes the [Columbia Regional Business Report](#), [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#), and [SCBizNews](#) magazine.

[Columbia SC Periodontist's Uncle Pioneered Dental Hygiene](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 27, 2015

There are many things that Americans are known for around the world. One of the many positive things is our reputation for having above average dental hygiene. Our next guest says that that may in fact be due to the pioneering work of his uncle.

Robert Goldman is a retired periodontist, who also taught Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, and Periodontics at Boston University and Tufts University. He lives now in Columbia, South Carolina and has recently published a book about his uncle, [Henry Maurice Goldman](#), who has a school of dentistry named after him at Boston University.

[Is the Stock Market Volatility Real?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 26, 2015

The stock market has been on a roller coaster this fall. Why do we have such volatility or is it really volatility at all?

Mike Switzer interviews Roy Janse, a certified financial planner with [Dehollander and Janse](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Upstate University Launches MBA Programs For Healthcare, Managers](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 25, 2015

South Carolina's technical schools, colleges and universities play a big role in preparing our workforce to meet the needs of our state's industrial and overall business community. And because those needs are constantly changing, so are the programs offered by these educational institutions.

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Jeannie Trudel, dean of the [School of Business at Southern Wesleyan University](#) in Central, SC.

Hospital Mergers On the Rise in SC

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 24, 2015

Our next guest says that we are entering a brave new world of health care where nonprofit and for-profit hospital systems, both public and private, are merging in response to the Affordable Care Act, Medicare changes, and the consolidation of insurance companies.

Mike Switzer interviews [Lynn Bailey](#), a health-care economist in Columbia, SC.

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How Do You Sell When Your Competitor's Price is Lower?

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 20, 2015

A lot has changed in the world of business since the Great Recession. For example, there seems to be more price sensitivity among consumers than ever before. If you are a salesperson, how do you respond to this, especially when you find out that your competitor's price is lower than yours?

Mike Switzer interviews Bill McCrary, founder and CEO of [Sandler Training South Carolina](#), a Columbia-based professional services firm that specializes in leadership and sales force development.

Midlands Theater Incubating Success

By Alfred Turner • Nov 19, 2015

The last time we interviewed our next guest, her theater was still fairly new and she was working on bringing world class performances to the Columbia, SC area. Her formula must be working because the number of events in the most recent year has doubled *and* the incubator program for performing artists is hatching successful acts that are touring the country.

Mike Switzer interviews Katie Fox, executive director of the [Harbison Theater](#) at Midlands Technical College in Irmo, SC.

[Will Interest Rates Ever Rise Again?](#)

By Alfred Turner • Nov 18, 2015

We've been waiting for two years for the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. Will it finally happen in December? And if so, how will it affect our state's economy?

Mike Switzer interviews Joey von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their Division of Research, which stays busy tracking and calculating our state's economic statistics.

[Investors Count on Santa Claus Rally](#)

By Alfred Turner • Nov 17, 2015

If you invest in the stock market, you may have heard the term “Santa Claus rally” before. This refers to the traditional lift in stock prices at the end of the year. Will we see it again this year?

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

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[SC's Business Community Still Rebuilding from Floods](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 13, 2015

It's been over a month now since the historic floods hit South Carolina. While we've seen some businesses totally destroyed, other's forced into relocating, and many others directly and indirectly affected, what has been the overall effect on our state's business community and how is the recovery coming along?

Mike Switzer interviews Ted Pitts, president of the [South Carolina Chamber of Commerce](#).

[Vista Lights Celebrates 30 Years](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 12, 2015

This year marks the 30th anniversary of a holiday event in the Vista arts and entertainment district of Columbia, South Carolina. This particular business community has grown tremendously over that time and our next guests attribute much of that growth to the collaborative environment fostered by events like [Vista Lights](#). Which, by the way is coming to Columbia November 19th.

Mike Switzer interviews Meredith Atkinson, executive director of the [Vista Guild](#) of Columbia, and Clark Ellefson, artist and owner of [Lewis and Clark](#).

[Greenville Tech Salutes Workforce Development](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 11, 2015

Workforce development efforts have been paramount to industrial recruiter's efforts to bringing more decent-paying jobs to our state. And in recognition of the increasing importance of these efforts, an upstate organization is hosting a [workforce development salute](#) on November 16th in Greenville.

Mike Switzer interviews Jim Morton, a former vice-chair of Nissan North America and a current board member with [Greenville Tech Foundation](#), the non-profit fund-raising arm of [Greenville Technical College](#).

[What Does the Fed's "Non-Action" Mean for the Markets?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 10, 2015

Over and over again for more than a year now, the Federal Reserve has passed on raising interest rates, pointing to concerns that the global economy is slowing and the threat of deflation is increasing. What does this mean for the markets as the fourth quarter winds down?

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

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LowCountry Chefs Launch Cookbook-Writing School

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 6, 2015

If you asked your favorite chef, whether he or she works at a restaurant or at home, if they would like to write their own cookbook, you would probably be told yes. However, many of these cooks don't because it can be a daunting task to write any book, much less one that requires a lot of instruction and pictures. After ten years of writing their own very successful cookbooks, our next guest and his brother decided to teach others how to do it within a two-day intensive workshop.

Mike Switzer interviews Matt Lee, co-founder of [Cookbook Boot Camp](#) in Charleston, SC.

Charleston Port Business Up But More Investment Needed

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 5, 2015

The Port of Charleston, SC has made a comeback in cargo and earnings since the Great Recession. Over the past five years, revenue is up 75%, pier containers are up 48% and earnings are up 357%. But our next guest says that if the port is to remain a top 10 container port in the United States, it needs to invest in better infrastructure for the massive ships of the future.

Mike Switzer interviews [South Carolina State Ports Authority](#) president and CEO, Jim Newsome, in Charleston, SC.

SBA Assists Flood-Affected Businesses in SC

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 4, 2015

The [United States Small Business Administration](#) recently announced that low-interest loans are now available to businesses affected by the historic floods that hit our state last month.

Mike Switzer interviews Adrienne LaNeave, public affairs specialist with the [SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance](#), stationed in South Carolina.

The Internet of Things and Your Financial Plan

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Nov 3, 2015

We've talked before on this show about the 'Internet of Things' – that inter-connectivity between everyday appliances and the Internet. Our next guest says this will impact nearly every area of our lives, including our portfolio and financial plan.

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

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[SC Filmmaker Finds Success With Monster Flick](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 30, 2015

How often have you heard “Someday I'm going to write a book”? A lot of people used to dream of becoming a novelist. These days, a lot of people dream of making a movie. Our next guest is living that dream, or at least pursuing it while at the same time making money and crafting his skills as a free-lance film-maker.

Mike Switzer interviews Robert McLean, a Blythewood, SC native who is currently living and working in Charleston. His critically acclaimed independent film project is [Hellyfish](#).

[SCBIO Celebrates Five Years](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 29, 2015

Our next guest's organization is celebrating five years of helping South Carolina companies who are innovating medicines, medical equipment, diagnostics and bio materials, bring those products to market. And they're celebrating with their annual conference and job fair in Charleston on November 5 and 6.

Mike Switzer interviews Wayne Roper, president of [SCBIO](#), based in Greenville, SC.

[Scooter-Mania Hits Charleston, SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 28, 2015

Statistics are showing that members of the younger generation are driving cars about a quarter of the time less than my generation. Instead, they are choosing public transportation, on-demand transportation, and non-cars such as scooters.

Mike Switzer interviews Justin Jackrel, CEO of [Bintelli Scooters](#), based in Charleston, SC.

[Are You Prepared For Rough Markets?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 27, 2015

The financial markets continue to be volatile, which unnerves a lot of investors. But our next guest says you can set up your financial plan to be prepared for rough waters.

Mike Switzer interviews Jesse Hansford, a certified financial planner with [Gateway Wealth Strategies](#) in Greenville, SC.

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[Cyber Security Conference Coming Oct. 28 to Columbia, SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 23, 2015

Technology is changing our business world at an unprecedented speed. But, on an almost daily business, we are hearing about security breaches hack jobs. So, how do you protect your business, or even your family and yourself? Our next guest will be speaking soon at a conference in Columbia, SC on this topic.

Mike Switzer interviews Michael Kaiser, executive director of the [National Cyber Security Alliance](#), who will be speaking on Wednesday, October 28 at IT-ology's conference entitled: [Cybersecurity 2020: The Impact of Digital Business on Security](#).

[Is Your Boss Helping You Learn the Business?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 22, 2015

Most companies are very interested in seeing their employees grow and advance within the business. And they help them do that through corporate learning tools such as conferences, seminars and webinars. Our next guest however, says that none of these tools will

be effective if the company's leaders are not involved. And he says they should not only be involved in the creation of the content of the learning material, but also in the delivery.

Mike Switzer interviews Ray Smith, president and co-founder of [Modos Learning](#), based in Columbia, SC.

[Charleston International Film Festival Celebrates Eight Years](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 21, 2015

After receiving her communications degree from the other USC in Los Angeles, our next guest worked with the Academy Awards, Emmy Awards, MTV Awards and finally ended up directing the Beverly Hills Film Festival for three years. Then, eight years ago, she and her Charleston-born husband decided to bring the fun of film festivals back to his home, the Holy City.

Mike Switzer interviews Summer Peacher, co-founder of the [Charleston International Film Festival](#), whose eighth edition is coming November 4th through 8th.

[Need Help Creating, Building, or Promoting a Brand?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 20, 2015

If you are a creative, technology, or communications professional, you may want to know about a new conference coming to South Carolina's Lowcountry that will include speakers from such companies as Facebook, Boomtown, and MailChimp.

Mike Switzer interviews Karl Hudson Phillips, organizer of [Revolve](#), coming to the Isle of Palms on October 29th and 30th.

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[Face-to-Face Marketing Still Alive](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 16, 2015

In today's Internet-based world it may surprise you to know that there are still almost a quarter-million unique trade shows occurring around the world each year. According to our next guest, that is a good example of how important face-to-face marketing still is.

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

[M&A Setting Records in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 15, 2015

According to our next guest, 2015 has been a record year so far for mergers and acquisitions. Does that mean that the cheap valuations caused by the great recession are still here? And if so, when will they dry up?

Mike Switzer interviews Melinda Davis Lux, a mergers and acquisitions attorney with the Wyche law firm in Greenville, SC. According to their records, Melinda has represented buyers and sellers in M&A transactions valued at over \$1 billion.

[How Will Floods Affect SC Economy?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 14, 2015

For most of 2015, our next guest has been reporting that South Carolina's economy has been humming along just fine. Then the rains hit...then the floods. How will our state's business community be affected going forward?

Mike Switzer interviews Joey von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their [Division of Research](#), which stays busy tracking and calculating our state's economic statistics.

[Who Are Your Beneficiaries?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 13, 2015

When is the last time you reviewed your beneficiaries on your accounts or insurance policies? Our next guest says that people often don't realize that in most cases, named beneficiaries do not go through probate. Did you know that?

Mike Switzer interviews [Catherine Latto](#), a certified financial planner practicing in Charleston, SC.

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[SC Sweet Potatoes Soon To Be Enjoyed by the Nation](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 9, 2015

In case you missed it, a landmark event happened in Florence County this summer, and this event means that for the first time South Carolina-grown sweet potatoes will be commercially packaged and sold nationwide. Not to mention that hundreds of new jobs are being brought to the county as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Woody Swink, an executive with and part of the founding family of [McCall Farms](#), a family-owned producer of Southern canned vegetables based in Effingham, S.C.

[Charleston “Rum Runners” Began as College Friends](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 8, 2015

If you haven't figured it out by now, we are in an era of craft beer and distilled spirits renaissance. It seems like new brewers and distillers are the fastest growing segment of small enterprises not only in the U.S., but here in South Carolina, as well. Our next guests became part of this trend after meeting as students at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC and discovering their shared interest in rum.

Mike Switzer interviews Justin Buchanan and Jake MacDowell, co-founders of [Red Harbor Rum](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Lawyer Leaves Firm for Word Games](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 7, 2015

Before you could play video games, and watch movies in your car on your phones, tablets and back-seat TV's, people were creative and played word games with their families on road trips. During one such recent trip, our next guest, an Upstate attorney, came up with a new word game that was such a big hit with her family, she decided to leave the law firm and launch a Kickstarter campaign to bring the game to market.

Mike Switzer interviews Kristin Burrell, owner of [Vistavation](#) in Greenville, SC and the game she created is called [Redonkulary](#).

Is Your Financial Plan Flexible?

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 6, 2015

We've seen a lot of volatility across the world recently, both politically and economically. While at the same time, life continues to move at breakneck speed around us thanks to continued advances in science and technology. This might leave you wishing for a little more stability in your life, but our next guest says that adapting to change is par for the course and for that reason, having a financial plan that is flexible can be very important.

Mike Switzer interviews Dave Gerdt, a certified financial planner with [The Hultquist Firm Advisors](#) and he joins us by phone from his office in Greenville, SC.

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South Carolina Governor's School For Arts Has New President

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 2, 2015

Over the years, we have conducted interviews with the leaders of South Carolina's two state-supported residential high schools, the Governor's School for Math and Science in Hartsville and the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities in Greenville not only because these public schools are unique in the nation, but because they are considered an integral part of our state's future success in education and business.

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Cedric Adderley, the new president of the [Governor's School for Arts and Humanities](#) in Greenville.

Upstate Author Says Success Comes Two Words at a Time

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Oct 1, 2015

Mike Switzer

Our next guest is an entrepreneur, inventor, and now author who says that his success has come from taking small steps at a time and he has laid out this philosophy in his new book which asks you to take these small steps yourself through understanding the power of two words each week.

Mike Switzer interviews Mark Madden, author of [2 Words 2 Live By](#). He lives and writes in Anderson, SC.