



***Alabama Public Radio Newsroom
Public File
April 1 through June 30, 2015***

***TOPICS COVERED
Same Sex Marriage Legalization
Charter School Adoption
End of State Legislative Session
Alabama History
Sports
Tuscaloosa Tornado Recovery***

Current Events

April 2: "Charter School Legislation Is Here... Now What?" Alex AuBuchon reports on the adoption of charter schools in Alabama. Governor Robert Bentley put Alabama in line with 42 other states by signing a bill allowing charter schools to operate. Now, the big question is how to implement these non-traditional schools and what happens next. (4:54) 7:45 AM, 4:45 PM

April 13: The University of Alabama's new basketball coach is into his first full week on the job. UA Athletics Director Bill Battle named Avery Johnson their new head coach last Wednesday at the Mal Moore Athletic Facility. He replaces Anthony Grant, who was fired after six seasons on the job. Johnson was the 2006 NBA Coach of the Year with the Dallas Mavericks and also coached the Brooklyn Nets. Johnson's biggest challenge is working at a school where football is king. (4:26) 7:45 a.m. & 4:44 p.m.

April 17: Alex AuBuchon speaks with filmmaker Margaret Brown about the impending PBS debut of her documentary *The Great Invisible*, chronicling the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the 5 year anniversary of that event. (4:26) 7:45 AM

April 27: The State of Alabama is remembering the Tornado outbreak that happened on this day four years ago. APR's MacKenzie Bates sat down with Tuscaloosa Mayor Walter Maddox who describes the experience in just two words. (4:57) 4:44 p.m.

June 01: Residents of Baldwin County got some news from the U.S. Census Bureau which may, or may not, come as a surprise. The agency issues reports every ten years on how many people are living in the United States. The Bureau also ranks the fastest growing communities in the U.S., and Baldwin came in at number twelve. This outranks cities like Florida's tourism mecca in Orlando, and even Raleigh, North Carolina. APR's MacKenzie Bates reports this is leading to more than a few growing pains for the region. (7:38) 7:45 a.m. & 4:50 p.m.

June 02: News that the University of Alabama in Birmingham would reinstate the UAB Blazers football team allowed fans to breathe a sigh of relief. Now the fine print is sinking in. As APR's MacKenzie Bates takes a look at the price tag of saving the UAB Blazers from the perspective of someone who's seen the team from the inside out. (4:00) 7:45 a.m. & 4:44 p.m.

June 15: Alex AuBuchon speaks with NPR political correspondent Nina Totenberg about the U.S. Supreme Court session and the potential for a decision legalizing same-sex marriage nationally. (4:55) 7:45 AM

June 22: "Birmingham Mayor Bell on US Conference of Mayors" Alex AuBuchon speaks with Birmingham mayor William Bell about the U.S. Conference of Mayors and other political issues in Birmingham (4:43) 7:45 AM

June 26: "Equality in Alabama? Same-Sex Marriage Reactions" Alex AuBuchon reports on the local and state impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide, and some counties' refusal to issue same-sex marriage licenses. (6:19) 4:51 PM

Arts and Life

June 11: The University of Alabama is renovating a building that helped to modernize the treatment of mental illness in the U.S. following the Civil War. Old Bryce Hospital sits on the Tuscaloosa campus. It was the first asylum to unshackle its patients and ban the use of straitjackets. There's another innovation that's less known. Old Bryce Hospital used to print its own newspapers and historians believe many of the stories were written by the patients. APR's Stan Ingold brings us the story of the Meteor... (4:44) 7:45AM
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