

**Alabama Public Radio Newsroom  
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**Citizen journalism  
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April 27-- [James Watkins, citizen journalist, on the story in Fairhope](#). A new report paints a bleak picture when it comes to the future of news reporting in the U.S. The study from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism found the nation may lose a third of its newspapers by 2025. That trend could mean fewer journalists covering city and county governments as local news organizations cut staff over money problems. The reporter shortage means the media's role as a watchdog is diminished. Today, we meet one man making it his mission to keep an eye on local government. APR's Gulf coast correspondent Cori Yonge reports... (7:25) 7:51, 4:51

May 1-- [A lesson on GOP Presidential politics...](#) Former Vice President Mike Pence made headlines with his reported testimony before a federal grand jury investigating the January sixth attack on the Capitol. Students at the University of Alabama got the chance to see Presidential politics in action when Pence spoke on campus last month. APR student reporter Luke Pollock has more (3:30) 7:45, 4:44

May 10-- [All sides speak out on proposed Alabama drag show ban](#). Alabama is the latest state attempting to pass new laws that prohibit drag performances. The bill, which was filed, is similar to the Tennessee's recent anti-drag legislation. Supporters say the legislation safeguards children. APR student reporter Poppy Jacobs reports. (7:30) 7:51, 4:41

May 11-- [A one man crusade against Fentanyl in Alabama](#). The synthetic drug Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of eighteen and forty five. The number of Alabamians who overdosed on the opioid in the year 2021 was fourteen hundred. APR Gulf coast correspondent Lynn Oldshue reports. (6:50) 7:51, 4:51

May 17-- ["Should I stay, or Should I go?" Recruit workers in college](#). The Alabama Public Radio news team has spent the last few months looking into why educated and skilled workers are leaving the Gulf coast. Our series is titled "Should I stay, or should I go?" APR has spoken to people who want to leave Alabama and why. APR's Pat Duggins reports. (7:06)

May 18-- ["Muscle Shoals" documentary celebrates 10 years](#). The documentary titled Muscle Shoals helped to put the small community in Northwest Alabama on the map nationally and internationally. It was released in 2013 and featured everyone from Keith Richards to Aretha Franklin speaking on the brilliance of the area's recording studios in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. APR's Joe Moody (7:34) 7:51, 4:51

May 25 -- [Women's Health Month in Alabama-- Dealing with menopause](#) . May is Women's Health month. The Mayo Clinic says one issue that female patients often misunderstand is menopause. An estimated six thousand women begin to experience this condition every day. APR's Gulf coast correspondent Lynn Oldshue (6:48) 7:51, 4:51

June 8-- [Alabama GOP: Does DeSantis on Twitter mean friendlier social media for conservatives?](#) It's been about two weeks since Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced he's running for President. The event was hosted on the social media site Twitter Spaces. Here in Alabama, it appears DeSantis' host Elon Musk is generating more buzz than the candidate. Pat Duggins reports. (3:30) 7:45, 4:44

June 15-- [Eavesdropping on Alabama's feathered tourists](#) . During the spring and fall, dozens of migrant species of birds briefly land at Ft. Morgan on their journeys north or south. Alabama Audubon hosts an observation station where scientists, conservationists, and the public can observe birds up close. It's called bird banding. APR Gulf coast correspondent Lynn Oldshue reports... (7:00) 4:51, 7:51

June 22-- [Alabama students learn teamwork and new languages](#). President Biden declared June to be Immigrant Heritage Month in the U.S. The number of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum at the border with Mexico border reached a record high last year. Many of those youngsters in Baldwin County along the Alabama Gulf coast. Most could not imagine traveling to another city for fun after their harrowing time at the border. But, some newly arrived migrants at Robertsdale High School did just that. They joined local Alabama teens on a field trip to New York City. APR's Gulf coast correspondent Cori Yonge reports. (6:54) 7:51, 4:51

June 28-- [APR gets a behind-the-scenes look at immigrants' experiences in Alabama](#)  
President Joe Biden signed a proclamation earlier this year designating June as Immigrant Heritage Month. Data from the Migrant Policy Institute says the number of foreign-born people living in Alabama has doubled over the last twenty years. These people have stories of what they left and what they're experiencing here in the U.S. APR Student reporter Valentina Mora has more. (7:30) 7:51, 4:51

June 29 -- [City of Mobile celebrates its LGBTQ+ community with annual Pride walk.](#)

The second Friday of every month always attracts a crowd for the LoDa ArtWalk in Mobile, but the latest event took on additional meaning for the LGBTQ+ community. APR news producer Josh LeBerte has more... (7:17) 7:51, 4:51

June 30-- [‘Be who you are’: Alabamians offer advice to residents struggling this Pride Month.](#) June is Pride Month. The annual commemoration is a time when many LGBTQ+ Americans embrace who they are. However, not every Alabamian may be celebrating this year. Alabamians offer their own advice to those struggling on their queer journey. APR news producer Josh LeBerte reports. (6:37) 7:51, 4:51