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Mostly sunny and warm.

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Teams, individuals slog through Saturday's Dirty Tiger Challenge Mud Run, a 5k course filled with mud pits and other obstacles.

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Gunfire from officers responsible for the nine injured during confrontation between police, gunman at the Empire State Building.

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Auburn University professor and choir director William Powell says his career in music was a providential journey.

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**Election 2012: Opelika City Council**

## Council hopefuls speak at forum

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With mere days to go before the city of Opelika's election, the two men challenging incumbent Opelika City Council members hammered home their platforms during a church forum Saturday afternoon.

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» To read Q-and-A pieces from the Opelika City Council candidates and see sample ballots, turn to pages 9A and 10A.

Ward 1 candidate Greg Jones reiterated his desire to help improve his ward, which he says is riddled with crime, high school dropouts and a lack of recreational and educational activities. Ward 2 candidate Oscar Penn echoed some of those

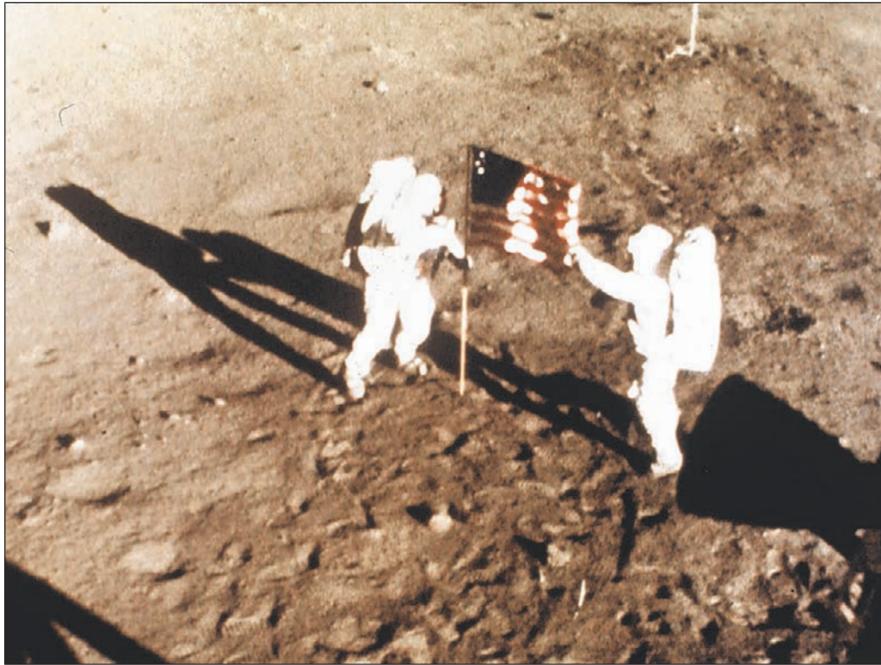
same concerns, expressing his hurt at seeing children led away in handcuffs because of a lack of opportunities.

Tuesday's municipal election will feature only the council races for Wards 1 and 2. Jones is

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**NEIL ARMSTRONG: 1930-2012**

## LUNAR LEGACY



This July 20, 1969, file photo provided by NASA shows Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, the first men to land on the moon, plant the U.S. flag on the lunar surface.

### Apollo 11 commander, 1st man on the moon dies

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when, as a steely-nerve pilot, he made "one giant leap for mankind" with a small step onto the moon. The modest man, who had people on Earth entranced and awed from almost a quarter-million miles away, but credited others for the feat, died Saturday. He was 82.

Armstrong died following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, his family said in a statement. Armstrong had had a bypass operation this month, according to NASA. His family didn't say where he died; he had lived in suburban Cincinnati.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century's scientific expeditions. His first



Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, attends a graveside service for Wilbur Wright on the 100th anniversary of the burial of the powered flight pioneer on June 1 in Dayton, Ohio.

words after becoming the first person to set foot on the surface are etched in history books and the memories of those who heard them in a live broadcast.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for man-

kind," Armstrong said. (Armstrong insisted later that he had said "a" before man, but said he, too, couldn't hear it in the version that went to the world.)

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**Alabama Weather**

## Officials monitor Isaac's approach

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY — Alabama residents should start monitoring the approach of Tropical Storm Isaac and begin making plans for what they would do if it strikes the state's coastline, officials said Saturday.

Gov. Robert Bentley announced he was cancelling a trip to the Republican National Convention in Tampa so he can monitor preparations as the storm draws close to the United States.

The storm pushed into Cuba on Saturday and was headed northwest along the country's coast toward the Florida Keys. Florida Gov. Rick Scott has declared a state of emergency while officials have asked vacationers to leave the Keys.

"I will not be leaving the state while there is a danger of a hurricane approaching our coast," Bentley said in a statement. "I am going to stay in Alabama and will continue to make sure preparations and resources are in place. We will see our state through this storm until the danger has passed."

Emergency officials said more about the storm's path should be known after the National Weather Service releases its latest projections Sunday afternoon.

Alabama Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman

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