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## Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, dies at 82

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CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved 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

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 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 mankind,” 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.)

In those first few moments on the moon, during the climax of a heated space race with the then-Soviet Union, Armstrong stopped in what he called “a tender moment” and left a patch to commemorate NASA astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who had died in action.

“It was special and memorable but it was only instantaneous because there was work to do,” Armstrong told an Australian television interviewer this year.

Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin spent nearly three hours walking on the lunar surface, collecting samples, conducting experiments and taking photographs.

“The sights were simply magnificent, beyond any visual experience that I had ever been exposed to,” Armstrong once said.

The moonwalk marked America's victory in the Cold War space race that began Oct. 4, 1957, with the launch **ARMSTRONG, PAGE 4A**



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**DRAWDOWN ANNOUNCED:** Mike Thorson, of Hot Springs Village, drives his boat onto a trailer Friday at Entergy Park on Lake Hamilton. Entergy said this week that the annual drawdowns on lakes Hamilton and Catherine will begin Nov. 3.

## Property owners can help control vegetation during drawdown

MARK GREGORY  
Managing editor

Property owners on Lake Hamilton can help control aquatic vegetation this winter by planting rye grass on the exposed lake bed, Entergy Arkansas Inc. says.

Planting rye grass will help remove nutrients from the soil and promote the

growth of plankton, which provides food for fish, when the lake refills, the utility said this week on its Facebook page.

Earlier in the week, Entergy said that warmer than normal temperatures and clear water resulting from a lack of rainfall fueled the “excessive growth” of two common types of algae on Lake Hamilton this summer.

As a result, Lake Hamilton's drawdown this winter will be 5 feet, which is 2 feet deeper than originally planned, in an attempt to control the vegetation.

The annual drawdown for both Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine will begin on Nov. 3. The drawdown for Lake Catherine will begin on Nov. 3. **DRAWDOWN, PAGE 3A**

## EAST programs receive grants

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The Sentinel-Record

Mountain Pine and Cutter Morning Star school districts' Environmental And Spatial Technology programs received 2012 EAST Summer Grants from the Arkansas Department of Education and EAST Initiative.

Mountain Pine and Cutter Morning Star high schools were two of nine programs that received EAST After Hours funds, which provided a total of \$76,000.

Mountain Pine High School's EAST project received \$9,995.66 from the grant and \$7,388.41 from the school for its EAST project to host a technology camp to teach young authors at Linden Street Child Care Center how to produce video books.

MPHS EAST facilitator Malea Ellison said Thursday the “bulk” of the funds were used to hold a week-long camp at Babies Adults Recovery Based Services and Linden Street Day Care, 276 Linden St., for the children at the day care.

“We went through all of the steps on iMacs to really go through the mentoring process,” she said. “We combined lit- **EAST, PAGE 6A**



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**COMPUTER PROJECT:** Mountain Pine High School Environmental and Spatial Technology student Hayley Bowden, 16, a 10th-grader, works Thursday in the EAST classroom. MPHS was one of two Garland County schools to receive a grant recently for its EAST projects.

## City looks at new flood warning siren system

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If tests go well on Wednesday, Hot Springs could have an operational emergency flood warning siren system covering the heart of downtown by the end of the year.

The siren and voice system would be used mainly to warn of floods, since the downtown area has a history of flooding, but it could possibly be used to announce an approaching tornado, Public Works Operations Director Denny McPhate said Friday.

He said tests will be conducted in the Whittington Valley, Park Avenue and the south side of the downtown area beginning about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The siren alert sounds, which may be heard beyond the downtown area, will be accompanied with voice announcements stating, “This is only a test,” he said.

“Years ago, we had a flood warning system that went by the wayside for several different reasons,” McPhate said.

In 2006, the city had a new flood warning system, owned and maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey, installed to monitor Hot Springs Creek at key points north and south of the downtown area. The monitoring system did not include a siren component.

“That system notifies certain emergency personnel in the community, the USGS, and the National Weather Service. The NWS can issue a flood warning for the area, but citizens who aren't on the CodeRED system won't receive as fast a notification for the potential of flooding and if you don't have a NOAA weather radio, you may not receive a notification,” McPhate said.

The only other warning for the downtown area consists of verbal announcements made by Hot Springs police and fire department personnel as they drive through the area.

McPhate said the city sent out requests for proposals for a new system and received three responses.

“We're going through those, analyzing **FLOOD WARNING, PAGE 2A**

## HONOREES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Emcee Ken Goodman serenades the winners in two categories of Friday's pageant at The Atrium at Serenity Pointe. Betty Nieburg, left, was named Miss Atrium Independent Living 2012 and Doris Buffington was chosen Miss Atrium Assisted Living 2012. The ladies will compete in a district pageant in September. Nine residents of The Atrium participated in the event.

## AP interview: Obama on Romney's 'extreme' views

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Mitt Romney has locked himself into “extreme positions” on economic and social issues and would surely impose them if elected, trying to discredit his Republican rival at the biggest political moment of his life.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Obama said Romney lacks serious ideas, refuses to “own up” to the responsibilities of what it takes to be president, and deals in factually dishonest arguments that could soon haunt him in face-to-face debates.

Obama also offered a glimpse of how he would govern in a second term of divided government, insisting rosilily that the forces of the election would help break Washington's stalemate. He said he would be willing to make a range of compromises with Republicans, confident there are some who would rather make deals than remain part of “one of

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### Weather

**MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS IN THE LOW 90S. LOWS IN THE LOW 70S.**

SUNRISE: 6:41 A.M.  
SUNSET: 7:47 P.M.



**MONDAY:**  
HIGH 89° LOW 71°

**TUESDAY:**  
HIGH 89° LOW 70°

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