

## OUT OF THE RUNNING

Canton Academy beats Leake Academy, knocks Rebs out of playoffs. **7A**



## FREE HANDED

Volunteers turn out Saturday to work on old elementary. **1B**



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## Thursday

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### Thomastown sets parade

Thomastown will host its annual Christmas parade, seeking entries ranging from horses to all-terrain vehicles.

The parade will line up by 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Thomastown Baptist Church and kick off at 6 p.m.

Entries may include floats, tractors, classic automobiles or motorcycles or walkers.

Post parade there will be hot dog and hamburger plates for sale, plus a cake walk and a community singing.

For more information, contact Joe Lovorn at 662-289-1715, Bobby Terry at 662-289-9145 or David Shelley at 662-289-1692.

### Shop at home promoted

Holiday shopping will officially begin in Leake County Monday, Nov. 17, with a "Shop Leake First" promotion.

Shoppers may register for a sleigh full of gifts from participating merchants and for a total of \$1,000 in Chamber Cash.

Chamber of Commerce businesses with registration boxes will include Evon's Jewelry, Carthage Printing and Office Supply, The Eagles Nest, Central Mississippi Monument Co. Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Gifts, Carthage Discount Drugs, Malone Tractor and Equipment Co., Joiner's Building Supply, Lofton's Flowers and Gifts, Thomas Drilling/Radio Shack, Leonard's, The Exhibitor, Shellie's Corner Florist, The gift Christian Bookstore, Superior Battery and Tools, Tots and Polkadots, Wheaty's, Bank of Walnut Grove, Heritage Banking Group, The Citizens Bank, First Financial Bank, State Farm Insurance, Entergy, Extreme Wireless, Leake County Co-Op, Mossy Oak Properties & The Cottage, Nobles Photography, Vowell's Strut-N-Rut, The Bakery and Café, The Health Club, Ward's Fast Foods of Carthage and Wheel-In Finance.

Anyone over the age of 16 may register, with a limit of one registration per visit.

Drawings for the gifts and the Chamber Cash will be at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8.

### Weather

	High	Low	Rain
Thursday	78	44	0
Friday	79	45	.26
Saturday	71	36	T
Sunday	67	32	0
Monday	58	31	0
Tuesday	66	45	0
Wednesday	61	50	.12

## VETERANS DAY



Mitchell Sprayberry greets Tuesday's enormous crowd for Veteran's Day ceremonies.

## HOME of the brave

*Barfoot, county native, honored by monument*

Tall, lean, slightly stooped, his soft voice barely picked up by the public address system, Col. Van T. Barfoot hardly seemed the heroic figure hundreds had turned out Tuesday morning to honor.

Barfoot himself made it clear he considered himself no one special, not one who had earned a monument that was just about to be unveiled on the south lawn of the Leake County Courthouse.

Yet it was the same Barfoot, the Edinburg native, who 64 years earlier became the stuff of legend, his day of military exploits earning him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Tuesday, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Veterans Day services in Leake County took on new import as the county paid homage to its only winner of the highest military honor in America.

The ceremonies conducted beneath thick-



Van T. Barfoot sees his monument for first time.

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## Grand jury indicts for murder

Accused in the shooting death of a man freshly released from prison, James Pierre Williams has been indicted by a Leake County grand jury.

Williams is accused in the shooting death of Jerry W. Darby, 39, March 1.

Darby had reportedly been released by the Mississippi Department of Corrections that morning and by that Saturday afternoon was pronounced dead at Leake Memorial Hospital.

Williams, of Jackson, turned himself over to Leake County authorities the following Tuesday.

Darby died at the 2353 Estes Mill Road home of Eddie Charles Vivians.

Deputies reached the scene to find

Darby had been transported to the Carthage hospital by a private vehicle, where he was pronounced dead.

A pair of 9-mm shells were recovered at the scene, apparently fired from a handgun.

Witnesses said the shooting erupted in the course of a dice game, during which Darby and Williams argued.

The two reportedly went outside the home, and witnesses reported later hearing shots.

Investigating, the witnesses found Darby injured and Williams gone.

Darby had been serving time on a felony driving under the influence charge out of Leake County.

Williams' indictment topped a list of 38 issued by grand jurors who met last week.

By press time returns on about two dozen of the indictments had been processed, including, with names and charges:

- Jomo Mattison, 33, three counts of sexual battery.

Mattison allegedly on Feb. 4 attacked a woman identified only as B.S., twice forcing her to perform oral sex on him and once inserting a foreign object into her vagina.

- Latasha Sanders, 29, possession of

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from 1A

ly clouded skies ended with a cloth being pulled from a six-foot tall blue granite monument as Barfoot stood alongside.

The monument bore his name and a picture of him during World War II, plus a brushed metal plaque recounting his Medal of Honor exploits.

Hundreds, some estimates ran in excess of 700, of people packed the south end of the court square as speaker after speaker paid homage to Barfoot, 89.

Steve Sweet, Mississippi State American Legion Department Commander, called Barfoot "a unique individual."

"You are," said Tony Smith, president of the Leake County Board of Supervisors, "the true definition of above and beyond the call of duty."

Marcus Ellis recounted Barfoot's lengthy, 34-year, military career and the deeds done to earn the Medal of Honor, then turned them into a challenge to the county's young people.

"I challenge you," he said, "to go above and beyond."

Barfoot, however, turned the attention away from himself and toward the score or more of family members in attendance.

Though many of them had not been born in Mississippi, "they are a part of Mississippi," he said.

He also turned the salute to something of a sermon, apologizing if he sounded like a preacher, but admonishing all, "When we start something important, we should look up and say, 'God be with us.'"

"This is not so uncommon for soldiers to look somewhere else for help, and I can assure you they do."

"The first thing in my life was the spirit above."

Barfoot said he saw help coming in many forms for all in attendance.

"I still have the names of the whole crew with me, written in my own hand, in a little book," he said of his Army platoon members.

"I look on each of you out there as people who have come with me through life a long way," he continued.

"You have done some hard tasks, you didn't do

it alone. You've got yourself, your elders and your children."

His deeds May 23, 1944 outside Sarano, Italy were not that far beyond the normal.

"I didn't think I ever did anything extraordinary," Barfoot explained, "and I'm no super man."

"I came back from World War II; people said I did something miraculous. I don't think so."

"I don't think I did any more than any good American would do."

A technical sergeant at the time, Barfoot was a member of the 1557th Infantry, 45th Infantry Division.

His platoon was assaulting well entrenched German forces on commanding ground, when he set off alone along the enemy's left flank.

Crawling up to a machine gun nest, he made a direct hit with a hand grenade on a machine gun nest, killing two and wounding three Germans.

Moving further along the enemy defense line, he reached another machine gun emplacement and, with a Thompson sub-machine gun killed two and captured three more Germans.

An enemy machine gun crew at a nearby position abandoned their posts and surrendered to Barfoot.

He then mopped positions in the area, capturing more prisoners, until he had 17 Germans in tow.

After he reorganized his men and consolidated their position, a German counter attack came directly at his position, led by three Mark VI tanks.

Moving to an exposed position and using a bazooka, Barfoot disabled the lead tank, forcing the other two to change directions.

When crew men of the disabled tank dismounted, he killed three with his Tommy gun.

He advanced into enemy terrain and destroyed, with a demolition charge in the breach, an abandoned German field piece.

As he returned to his platoon, Barfoot assisted two seriously wounded men more than a mile to a point of safety.



Working around the edges

Carthage firefighter Danny McMurry directs water to the edge of a Thursday afternoon fire that destroyed a Minsheu Road home, working to keep flames from spreading into nearby woods.

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## Health officials file felony count against woman

Charges filed by the Mississippi State Department of Health have led to the arrest of a Leake County woman.

Betty Sue Windom, 45, of Old Walnut Grove Road, was arrested Wednesday, Nov. 5, by Constable Steven (Smiley) McMillon for violating a quarantine order of the state health department, according Leake County Justice Court records.

The black female, the records showed, was accused of the felony in an affidavit and order filed July 9 by a disease intervention specialist for the Mississippi State Department of Health.

In the order, it was claimed Windom had been "afflicted with a life-

threatening communicable disease" and had been placed under quarantine Nov. 4, 1993.

Subsequently, the order indicated, she had exposed others to the malady.

"These exposures," the order stated, "occurred from approximately January, 2000 through approximately Dec. 1, 2006."

"This sexual exposure occurred without informing the individuals of her life-threatening disease."

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