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Votes were wrongly cast in five of the 16 active precincts Tuesday. People voted in precincts in which they were not registered, which is a violation of state election law. Some precincts are split into two electoral districts.

The only office on the ballot at community center on Star-mountain Circle was Wilson City Council District 6. Challenger

Brenda Avery garnered 87 votes to the 24 of incumbent Bob Thaxton. A total of 111 votes were cast in the precinct, and 59 of those were deemed illegal. The precinct is split between District 6 and District 4. In addition to the 59 votes in Precinct C, there were also 12 improper votes cast in

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## WDT 11/11/2005 Project collecting WWII memories

*Veterans' memoirs  
will be preserved  
for posterity*

By Eddie Fitzgerald  
Daily Times Staff Writer

*How to Contribute*

**TO PARTICIPATE** in the World War II memory project, veterans should call Betty McCain at 243-4248 or John Hackney at 291-3111.

One Wilson resident was an ace pilot who was involved in dogfights over Italy. Another was buried in the sand up to his neck for three days in the Philippines.

These and other memoirs from Wilson World War II veterans are being gathered for a book that will help future generations remember their legacy.

Betty McCain, former state secretary of cultural resources, said volunteers are working on a book similar to a project by the Department of Cultural Resources on the "War of This Century."

"What we are trying to do is collect everything we can on any World War II veterans who live in the county now or in the past," McCain said. "People have been very gener-

ous. ...

"It's amazing what's out there. The stories from the veterans are fantastic, and the stories from those who did not make it back are fantastic."

Veterans who are being urged to tell their stories for history don't have to type them, and all of the stories will be bound and placed in the libraries at Barton College and Wilson Technical Community College, at the Wilson County Public Library and the Department of Cultural Resources, McCain said.

"We are trying to get everybody we can, even if it is one page," she said. "Once we get the information, we hope to continue the project. The purpose is to have this on record. There are some real interesting people in Wilson who have done some amazing things."

McCain said eventually she would like to see the stories

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the victim unconscious.

Thursday, the Wilson County Sheriff's Office arrested Cornelius Genenius Gibbs, 20, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. No address for Gibbs is available.



Gibbs

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a 9:32 a.m. call from 2625 Buckbranch Circle about an assault victim. When deputies and EMS arrived, they found Raymond Felton, 49, unconscious from a blunt force trauma to the head.

Investigators arrested Gibbs at the Relax Inn Motel on U.S. 301. He is being held in the Wilson County Detention Center under a \$10,000 bond.

Felton is in critical condition at Wilson Medical Center.

## Commissioners approve routine items

Wilson County commissioners approved the following items Monday:

- Two subdivision plats, Eagle Harbor and Pennington Place, Section II.

- A first responder certification for the Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department.

- Rezoning 17.4 acres of land on the south side of St. Mary's Church Road, east of the intersection with Boswellville Road from agricultural/residential to R-30 for tract 2 of Frank Newsome Estate.

- A special-use permit for a private landfill for Edna Boykin on the east side of U.S. 264-A East, which is north of the intersection with U.S. 264 in Saratoga Township.

- Selling a Sheriff's Office vehicle and an EMS modular ambulance for surplus.

Source: Staff reports

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made into a real book, but for now they will be just copies of memoirs.

"We are trying to make it so everybody can use it," McCain said. "They really were the great generation."

John Hackney Jr., a volunteer helping the Wilson County Historical Society gather stories of the World War II veterans, said the project is only at the beginning stage.

"Next year we hope to have 40 or 50 service histories," he said.

Hackney, an Army veteran of the war, said he thought the collection of service histories from local World War II veterans was a good idea.

"Our age group is disappearing kind of fast," he said. "It is a good idea to get it down now. For instance, if it was done after the Civil War or World War I, we would know more about the people who

served from Wilson."

Debbie Webb, local history librarian at the Wilson County Public Library, said the historical document will be a welcomed addition to the library.

"I think the World War II veterans are dying out quickly, and if we don't preserve their memories now, where will the record be?"

The book, which will have newspaper photograph clippings of many of the veterans, will be kept in the local history and genealogy section at the library, Webb said.

"We have some wonderful photographs and some wonderful stories," she said. "It is amazing how many Wilson veterans were involved in the major campaigns. Wilson has such a rich history, and the people who know about these things are dying out. The library is the ideal place to keep these memories."

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