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➡ Friday, May 7 ⬅

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4 lb. bag (limit 2)  
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### Former Army POW recounts horrors of WWII captivity

"I consider myself a survivor."  
Charlie Dukes of Georgetown  
opened his presentation at Monday's  
Neighborhood Watch meeting.

He wasn't kidding.  
Dukes, a WWII infantryman,  
was a prisoner of war in a German work  
camp, then was in a Russian detention  
camp. Those memories were the topic of  
his presentation and his 1997 book *Good  
Morning but the Nightmare Never Ends*.

December 7, 1941 was the day  
from which "my life was completely  
planned for me," Dukes said. "It was out  
of my control."

Entering the Army, Dukes was sent to infantry  
school in Texas, then to engineering school at Fordham  
University and finally to night fighting school in Colo-  
rado where "I learned to be able to kill a man with my  
bare hands," he said.

From training, Dukes sent to New Jersey and  
then sailed to England. A lead scout, he was about 200  
yards ahead of his platoon one night when all hell broke  
loose. A firefight killed a friend. "I could tell by his hel-  
met that he'd been hit," Dukes said. "It just rolled. I  
crawled over to him. He was dead." Dukes crawled into  
a ditch deep enough to cover him but not his pack,  
which was hit several times by enemy fire.

Dukes lay all night listening to the sound of  
gunfire. "I said a simple prayer," he said. "If the good  
Lord will let me see another sunrise, it will be "good  
morning" for the rest of my life."

On Thanksgiving Day 1944, Dukes' unit had  
driven Germans off a hill when five Tiger tanks took the  
hill and American soldiers, including Dukes. A fellow  
soldier hiding in a ditch was ground into the trench by



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one of the Tigers. "I heard him scream  
for years," Dukes said.

Dukes spent the next 10 days  
walking behind enemy lines, going into  
towns and villages where "mostly old  
men and old women" would beat the  
POWs with brooms. "Thank God they  
couldn't hit too hard," he said. A couple  
of women also spit in his face.

The POWs had no heat, little  
food and were herded into box cars  
like cattle. One man escaped and the  
others were beaten with rifles. "There  
was a lot of blood on the ground that  
morning," he said.

The POWs were abandoned by the Germans  
but Russian soldiers took their place. With them,  
Dukes not only had guns put to his head and bayo-  
nets at this stomach, but was also forced to watch at  
they raped a young girl. "I have no use for Russians  
or communism, period," he said.

Dukes was returned in a soldier swap. He  
was among Americans but his ordeal was not yet  
over.

Considered a deserter, Dukes was jailed and  
received a general court martial from a five-man  
tribunal. He spent time in the stockade before ap-  
pearing before his case was reviewed by another  
tribunal. "They had 'psycho' stamped on my papers  
laying on the desk," he said.

Dukes was finally put aboard a ship headed  
for the U.S. Onboard, he looked forward to seeing  
the Statue of Liberty but was denied even that when  
the ship docked at Boston Harbor.

Dukes said he had nightmares about his  
experiences until his book was published. A movie,

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# The Bakery Company

Your Hometown Bakery


## Mother's Day Specials

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**18" Cheese pizza \$10**  
(\$1.25 each additional topping)

Orders may be placed before  
May 9 but may only be picked up  
or delivered on May 9.

**417 S. Market, Hoopeston**  
**(217) 283-6117**



# Police News



**Robert F. Evans**, 85, of 325 E. Penn, was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way after stopping following an accident at 10:14 a.m. Tuesday.

Police said Evans, in a 1989 Buick, was westbound on West Main. He stopped at the intersection of Rt. 1 and saw a northbound 1999 Ford

truck driven by Scott R. Walski of Homer. Walski was signaling to turn, so Evans entered the intersection and was hit.

Walski told police he had just made a delivery and his flashers were still on. He locked his brakes and was unable to avoid hitting Evans.

# Briefly

**Tiny Tots**

“Caps for Sale” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.


The week of May 21 will be the last Tiny Tots for the season but children will be able to “Explore the Reading Trail” during the Summer Reading Club which begins June 14.

## Benefit set

Tater’s Bar & Grill will hold a benefit for Rossville fire cleanup from 3 p.m.-close Saturday, May 8. The event will include food, music, auction and 5/50 drawing.

## Diabetes information

“Living Well With Diabetes: Meal Planning Basics” will be presented by registered dietician Beth Totheroh at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at Country Terrace Apartments. Anyone interested in diabetes is invited to attend this brief program, which will also include a question and answer period.



# The Coffee Cup

**Ham & Beans with  
cornbread today!**

**Now open ‘til 2 p.m. Sunday**  
**serving lasagna & garlic bread**

**Historical Society dinner meeting**

Reservations are being accepted for the Hoopeston Historical Society’s annual dinner and meeting. The event will be held at 6 p.m. May 17 at the Milford Family Restaurant. Reservations are due by May 10 and may be made by calling Robert Schwartz at 283-6047.

## Fireworks collection

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual fireworks street corner collection drive Friday and Saturday. The scope of the July 4 display will depend on money received. Donations may also be sent to the Chamber at P.O. Box 346, Hoopeston, IL 60942.


## Postal food drive

Hoopeston postal workers will collect food Saturday for the Grant Township Food Cupboard. Do-

## Obituaries

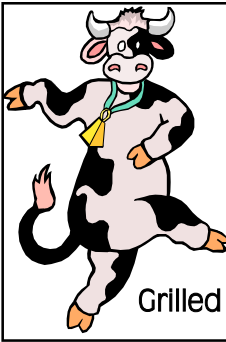
**GONZALEZ** - Bonnie Lou Bennett Gonzalez, 68, of Rossville died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2004 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Burial will be in Mann’s Chapel Cemetery south of Rossville. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Cerebral Palsy.

# Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 83, lows 59.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service **(217) 283-6221**.



# Steak Fry

Friday 5:30-8 p.m.

## American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

*Also serving*  
Grilled chicken breast

# Classifieds

**APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

Hoopeston: 1 bdr. apt. Appliances included. No pets. Available May 1. \$275/mo., deposit, references. (217) 304-3477

## RUMMAGE SALES

822 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Fri., 7-3, Sat., 7-12. Kids & adult clothing, toys, games, many retired Beanies in perfect condition, household misc.

319 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. Sat., 7-? Antiques - woodworking & other tools, much misc. A true garage sale!

Country Garage Sale: 39516 N 1130 East Rd. 2<sup>nd</sup> left heading west from Hoopeston on Rt.9. Look for signs. Fri. 5/8 9am-2, Sat 7am-?, Toys, clothing, adult, boys 2t and 10-12, Girls 2t and under, Tod bed, baby swing, porta-crib and more, speakers/stands, truck cap, moving blankets, dog house, and lots of misc.

## SERVICES

Dog grooming by Jean. Gentle care. Pickup & delivery available. Also boarding. Gem-Mar Kennels. (217) 283-7426.

Planning a Graduation or Mother’s Day Party? Call HRHC Catering Services. We Can Help! (217) 283-5531, Extension 200.

Cleaning lady in Hoopeston area has 1 day/week available. Call 283-4582.

## WANTED

The Hoopeston American Legion would appreciate the donation of a wagon running gear to be used for a parade float. Please contact Jim Crouch, (217) 339-2401.

**Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad.**