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Charlie Dukes of Georgetown (in starred hat) was among visitors Friday to "Behind Barbed Wire," a traveling bus museum exhibit about prisoners of war in WWII. Dukes, who was a POW for several months, wrote about his experiences in "Good Morning But the Nightmares Never End."

### Exhibit brings generations together for look at WWII POWs

Conditions were crowded for a museum exhibit but the scores of area visitors to "Behind Barbed Wire" didn't seem to mind.

The exhibit, sponsored by TRACES, a nonprofit educational organization, was contained within a modified bus. As part of its tour, the traveling museum dedicated to WWII American prisoners of war, was at Hoopeston Public Library Friday.

Visitors of all ages, from youngsters to those who

served in WWII, came to see memorabilia ranging from maps of the camps in which POWs were forced to serve, to the uniforms they wore.

Among those who visited the exhibit was Charlie Dukes of Georgetown, author of "Good Morning But the Nightmares Never End," a book about his experiences as a WWII POW.

Irving Kellman greeted them all, with offers of signing

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**Police News**

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**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported Thursday. An unknown vehicle hit a 2000 GMC Jimmy owned by Stephen Bane of Hoopeston. The accident occurred between 6:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday in an unknown location in Hoopeston.

**Richard J. Gonzalez**, 26, of Hoopeston turned himself in to police at 4:23 p.m. Thursday.

Gonzalez, wanted on a Ford County warrant for failure to appear/DUI, was released on \$300 bond.

**Andrew J. Cornelius**, 18, of Hoopeston was arrested at 6:53 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of South

Market.

Cornelius, wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant for parole violation, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await transport to IDOC.

**Clinton A. Carden**, 41, of Covington, Ind., was arrested at 10:55 a.m. Saturday after police were sent to the 800 block of East Wyman for a call regarding a suspicious person.

Carden, wanted on two McLean County warrants, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in

lieu of bond.

A **32-year-old** woman reported at 6 p.m. Saturday that someone shot her house with a paint ball, damaging the siding. The damage occurred in the 400 block of West Washington.

**Fire Calls**



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:03 a.m. Sunday to a building on fire in the 400 block of East Main. No injuries were reported.

***Briefly***

**Calendar winner**

The April 11 \$100 winner in the HA Music Boosters calendar drawing was Trevor Hurt, Wellington.

**Alley cleanup**

Hoopeston Street & Alley Department will begin alley cleanup on Monday, April 14. Cleanup is limited to yard waste only.

**Music Booster meeting**

HA Music Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. April 15 in the Middle School chorus room. All music parents are invited.

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**Obituaries**

**BECKNER** - Jeanine Grace (Osborne) Beckner, 76, of Dixon, formerly of Rossville, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2008 at KSB Hospital, Dixon. Private family service will be held Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

**MARTIN** - Mae Martin, 83, of Hoopeston, for-

merly of Rossville, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements were incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac.

**WALTERS** - Betty Walters, 84, of Hoopeston died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

***Exhibit*** continued from other side

papers for students to receive extra credit to "thank you for your service" to the veterans.

Kellman, a former commercially-licensed bus driver, combined that career with an interest in POWs, and debate and speech training to become driver and tour guide for the exhibit. Kellman said he "read voraciously" stories of POWs, and on this trip, picked up Dukes' book to read.

Since its inception four years ago, TRACES' two BUS-eums have traveled to 950 towns in 14 states, Kellman said. More than 95,000 people have seen the exhibits.

The second bus contains history of German-American citizens internees from 1941-48. While much has been publicized about Japanese Americans in internment camps during the period, little has been done on German-Americans who faced the same fate, Kellman said.

Next year, TRACES will update its exhibit to focus on

internment camps, focusing on those in the Midwest, he said. Most states had internment camps for German-American citizens, with Illinois have six to 10 of them, including one in Hoopeston.

The BUS-eums travel west of the Mississippi during the fall and east of the river in the spring, predominantly stopping at libraries.

About 55 percent of its dates are at libraries, Kellman said, followed by 40 percent at middle/high schools and about five percent at veterans' homes and other museums.

**Weather**



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