

Three Sheets in The Wind . . . by Mary

It's hard for me to believe that in just a short week, Memorial Day will be upon us and Summer will be underway. Didn't we just celebrate Valentine's Day? Wasn't Easter just last week? Time flies. Memorial Day became a standardized federal holiday on the last Monday in May in 1972. Actually it was first recognized as "Decoration Day" in May of 1868 to honor those Union Soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War. Since then, how many thousands of lives have been lost in wars.

Remembering goes hand in hand with Memorial Day. I think about all those Memorial Days of the past, when we went as a family to the services at the Lacon Cemetery. The American Legion led the program. Prayer was given by a local pastor, taking turns each year with the local churches so that all denominations were represented. The Flanders Field poem always read and eventually, bringing the program to a solemn end, the gun salute followed by Taps. Handkerchiefs fluttered, a few nervous coughs, heads bowed, hands across the face to wipe at the tears. As the saying goes, not a dry eye in the place.

After the ceremony, it was time to visit. Does anybody do that anymore? Where you stop your busy day to "pass the time" with an old friend, a former neighbor you haven't seen for years, or, as I remember, our uncle and his family who came all the way from Aurora (seemed like the other side of the world to me) just to visit with us on Memorial Day.

We walked through the cemetery, standing at the stones of family members and listening to stories about people who once lived here. The Lacon Cemetery, as is the case with cemeteries everywhere, is a snapshot of history. Walking through is like turning the pages of story after story. Some are very short, maybe just a day or an hour. Some are much longer. Stories of lives lived through events that cover years and years of local, national and even world history.

I remember the holiday being called "Decoration Day." That made sense to me then because of all the beautiful flowers "decorating" the stones. Back then, most people put flowers only on Memorial Day, maybe Christmas, but I

don't remember that. The memorials then were only as fancy, as showy and special as the brightly colored fresh flowers in vases, or coffee cans covered with tin foil. Peonies were most popular. I remember a jelly jar filled with water and violets picked from my grandmother's back yard.

Like my dad, many of the men attending the services were returning from service during World War II. Now, most, if not all, of them have passed with their own stones being "decorated" this year. Through the years, we've gradually lost those men who were drafted or enlisted to go to war after Pearl Harbor. Some fought the war in the Pacific and some went to Europe. This week is "poppy" week, a tradition fostered by the American Legion Posts throughout the

nation. It is this simple little fabric flower that reminds us of lives lost in battles far from home, most notably the battles fought in Belgium at Flanders Field. In the past, the young girls, members of the Junior Auxiliary, stood in front of businesses with their collection cans and a fist full of poppy flowers. As in the past, the Poppy is not sold but given in response to a donation. This money is used to help veterans of all wars.

The soldiers and sailors who went to war after the bombing of Pearl Harbor were my parents' generation. Those who fought in Korea were next. Now, the elder generation of the American Legion is composed of the many men who traveled across the world to little Viet Nam to fight in the rice paddies.

Time changes most things. Memorial Day is a day to remember, the people we've known through the years who live now in our memories.

Walter Guede Others To Be Honored At Memorial Day Services

The Walter Guede American Legion Post of Lacon will hold their annual Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 25th at the Sparland Cemetery, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery and the Lacon City Cemetery.

This year, in honor of our country's 250th anniversary, the Legion will be honoring veterans for their service and specifically to those who lost their lives for and are buried in each of the cemeteries.

The morning will kick off at 9:00 a.m. at the Sparland Cemetery honoring Corporal Louis R. Mutta who served in the Korean War and went missing on January 18, 1951.

At 10:00 a.m. the American Legion will be at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery that was founded in 1877. Honored at the Catholic Cemetery will be Katie Breen who was a World War II nurse as well as Donald Breen who served in World War II in the Aleutian Islands.

The ceremonies will move to Lacon at 11:00 a.m. where the American Legion will honor Walter Guede, a World War I vet that was killed in action and who the Walter Guede American Legion post was named after.

Guede was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emiel Geude. The family was notified on July 29, 1918 that their son was killed in action "somewhere" in France. Guede had been in France for just a short time and it was reported that he died during his first battle. He was a hand grenade thrower. His body was originally buried in France but was returned home to Lacon after a nearly 5 year period.



Walter Guede

Dogs Running Loose

(From Toluca Front Page) for their pet's actions. If a dog bites a person, domestic animal, and/or causes property damage, the owner can be held liable for all costs associated with the incident. We urge all dog owners to help ensure the safety of our communities by abiding by the Laws and Ordinances that will allow everyone to safely enjoy the outdoors without the fear of potential dog incidents. Thank you and let's have a great, safe, and happy summer.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Marshall - Lacon, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

Plaintiff

vs.

NICOLE HAWN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH
ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

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CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on June 17, 2026, at the hour 10:15 a.m., Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, 310 Fifth Street, Lacon, IL 61540, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 03-16-378-009.

Commonly known as 307 MONROE ST., HENRY, IL 61537

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Marshall COUNTY, ILLINOIS

First State Bank
PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Bruce A. Smolucha
DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FCS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 18, 2025, Marshall County Sheriff's Office Illinois of Marshall County will sell the mortgaged real estate described below to the highest bidder in an online auction, located at <https://marshallcountysheriff-il.roup.com/>. Bidding will begin on 06/22/2026 10:00 AM CDT and will remain open until at least 06/24/2026 10:00 AM CDT. If any bidding occurs in the final moments of the auction, the end of the auction will be extended automatically for successive fixed periods of time (the "anti-snipe time") to give all bidders the opportunity to submit their highest bid. The auction will end after no bidding occurs during the anti-snipe time.

The notice of sale relates to the following described mortgaged real estate:

PIN: 03-16-209-001

Improved with a Single Family

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 914 Edward Street, Henry, IL, 61537

Sale Terms: The winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within 24 hours of the auction's end. Accepted payment methods include certified or cashier's check. Personal checks are not accepted.

The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney:
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Please refer to file number 14-25-02785

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