Decoration vs Memorial Day?

Sue Lynn McDaniel, interviewed for an article, Western Kentucky University
The TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS office will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

The deadline for next week’s news and ads will be Tuesday, May 31 at 10 a.m. (Classified deadline is Friday, May 27 at 3 p.m.)

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NEEDLE SCARE
cal woman finds used needle in new clothing purchased

We are working with this customer to investigate her claim.

However, Crawford noted that they are not ‘working with her’ at all. “They had asked if I had a lawyer and when I answered, ‘No,’ then they asked if I was going to get one. Since I said I probably would, they informed me they couldn’t speak to me anymore and I’ve not heard from them since. We’ve not heard anything about any video footage available or anything.”

“This could happen anywhere — I just want

One last walk...

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, I had went to the Impkinsville Wal­

inish her shopping son’s upcoming
Choosing a pair of flag sweat pants was the one deci-
t has shaken the
family, as well as
cally used for insulin),” Crawford said.

In the syringe, Crawford says, there was blood in the insulin syringe, Craw­ford has to live her life like she has Hepatitis or HIV. “I had to be tested for HIV and Hepatitis and a drug screening. I have to go back from that in 30 days and be tested again, and again in 6 months from that 30 days.”

Crawford says they do not know if the blood in the syringe contained drugs or diseases, but those same precautions have to be
when I got home, I put
the pair of pants into a
gift bag and felt a prick. I
just thought it was a tag
on the pants, so I reached
in the pocket and was
stuck again, finding a used
needle and syringe (typi-

Wal-Mart issued a state-
ment via

e-mail

stating, "The
safety of our
customers
is our top
priority."

Decoration vs Memorial Day?
Name has changed over the years

DECORATION DAY? Memorial Day? What's the differ-
ence?

Monroe County's ob-
servation of "Decoration
Day" on May 30th in
the late 1800s included
a morning and after-
noon sermon, dinner on
the cemetery's grounds,
"decoration" of graves,
a "singing" of religious
songs, and often enter-
tainment by special mu-
sical groups, according to
Sue Lynn McDaniel, asso-
ciate professor and Spe-
cial Collections librarian
in the Kentucky Build-
ing at Western Kentucky
University.

After the Civil War,
special observations were
held to honor (separately)
either the Union or the
Confederate dead, with

Annual Fountain Run BBQ
Festival held last weekend

One of the best crowds in recent year attended this year's
annual Fountain Run Barbecue Festival last weekend
which included arts and crafts booth, live music, car show,
parade and fun and games for the kids — as well as lots of
barbecue! See our Facebook page for more photos.

Photos by Jordan Elam
charged with driving under the influence and possession of marijuana. She was lodged in the Monroe County Jail.

**Decoration Day**

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Day from its traditional May 30th date to the last Monday in May, with the law taking effect at the federal level in 1971.

Both Memorial Day and Decoration Day are still commonly used in this area as the name of this holiday, and Memorial Day weekend remains a time to "decorate graves" and hold family gatherings.

McDaniel has done considerable research on cemeteries in Southern Kentucky (including Monroe County) and, to help with her continuing research, she would welcome more information about local cemeteries.

Protecting historic cemeteries (city, church and family ones) is a particular interest of hers, and she encourages anyone with information about at-risk cemeteries, especially those on private property, to contact her.

She would also like to hear about Monroe County monuments with meaningful iconography, statues or epitaphs and about any funerary photography, invitations or artifacts that families would be willing to allow her to copy for research purposes.

She can be reached at 270-745-3246 or sue.lynn.mcdaniel@wku.edu.

This fall, McDaniel will be presenting the annual Monroe Historical Society lecture, sponsored by Dr. Delroy Hire, and sharing information from her research. Details about this event in Tompkinsville will be available soon.

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