

Seeking Information For Black Heritage Festival

In an attempt to begin planning for a Black Heritage Festival in Garrard County, the tourism committee is seeking information.

Anyone with historical information about African Americans in Garrard County, specifically with reference to Duncantown, created after the Civil War for blacks who were freed, please contact Pattie Cox at 792-2831, pattie465@aol.com or bring the information to the Garrard Central Record.

CANOE CREEK APPAREL

Thursday, April 10
9:00 A.M.

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What Happened On A Wednesday Evening In A Quiet North Garrard Subdivision

Remembering The Victim Of A Murder/Suicide

By Pattie Cox

When one dies tragically the one solace the living can hold onto is the memory of who that person was.



Linda Faust

Lynda Faust, 45, was senselessly killed last Wednesday night when her former brother-in-law, Randy Eric Faust, 47, parked behind her home, broke in and sat in a chair smoking and drinking alcohol as he waited for her to arrive.

When the police arrived the incident unfolded quickly and in the end two people died.

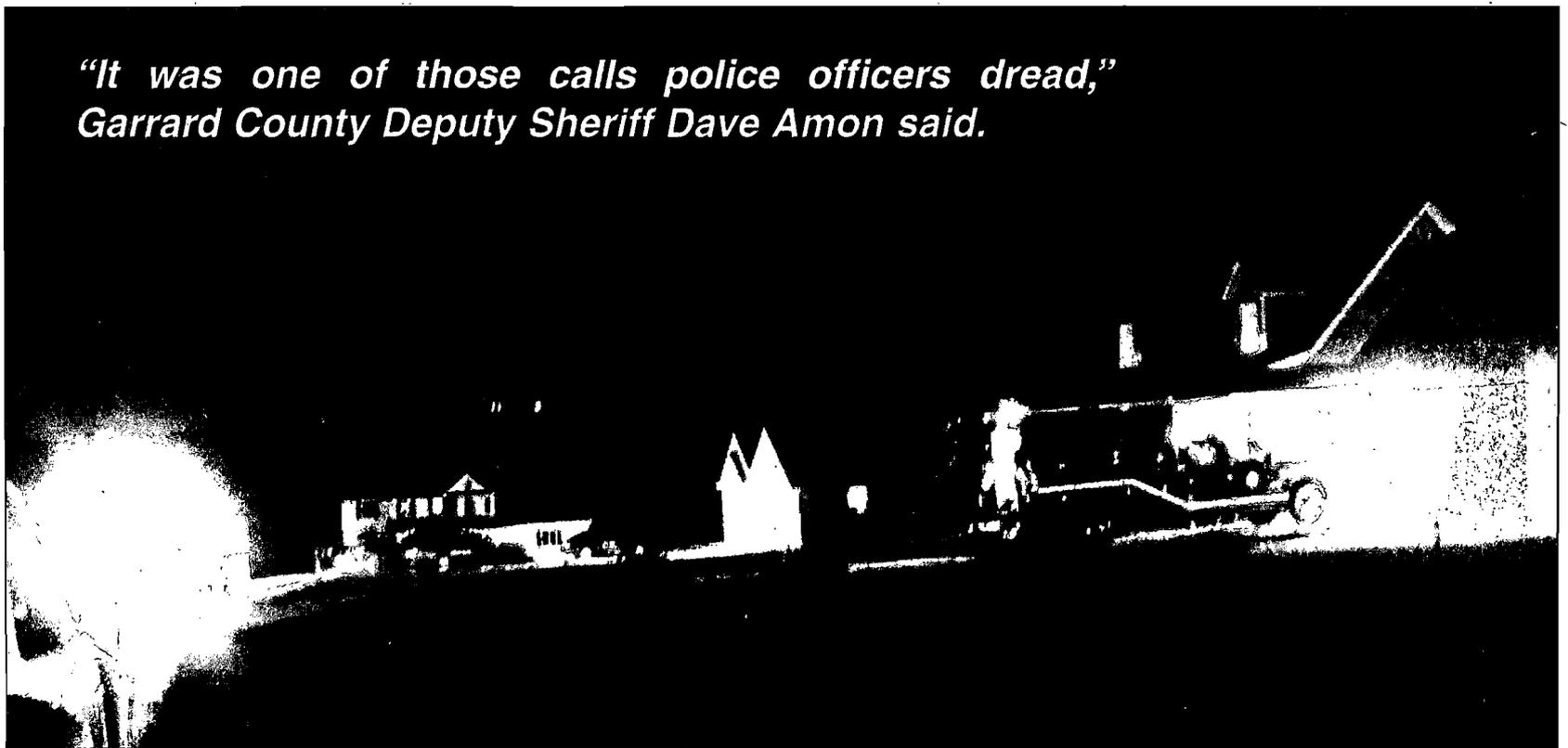
Family members want Lynda Faust to be remembered for the kind and giving person she was.

"She liked people and always wanted to help," her mother Patsy Cole said.

Her father James Laughlin agreed but also said that it may have led to tragic consequences.

"She always tried to fix things and it got her into

*"It was one of those calls police officers dread,"
Garrard County Deputy Sheriff Dave Amon said.*



The home in the middle is the location where a horrendous murder/suicide was carried out by a very troubled individual Wednesday night. Lynda Faust, 45, was killed during the domestic altercation that began just before 8 p.m. by her ex-brother-in-law Randy Faust, 47, who, in the end, turned the gun on himself. Lynda Faust's 17-year-old daughter, Alesia Faust, who was in the home hiding under a bed, was not physically injured.

*"She was the best daughter there ever was,"
her mother Patsy Cole said through tears.*

trouble this time," Laughlin said.

Randy Faust had been out of prison since 2006. He had been serving a 15-year prison term for kidnapping, beating and threatening to

kill a woman in December of 1996.

Court records state that he bound the woman's arms and feet with duct tape, drug her to a car and then took her to a secluded shack on his par-

ents property. Her jaw was broken during the assault.

Randy Faust pleaded guilty to the charges and served his term in Roederer Correctional Complex in La Grange until his release.

Apparently Lynda Faust had bought a home to rent to her former brother-in-law but he had misconstrued their relationship as romantic, Laughlin said.

Just days before the killings, Lynda Faust had changed all the locks on her Dorton Drive home. She even had her daughter Alesia

set 9-1-1 to speed dial, Cole said.

Lynda Faust, who was very close to her mother, told her that Randy Faust had threatened to kill her and that's why she had changed the locks. However she had not yet contacted authorities

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Shooting Takes Two Lives

(From Front)

about the volatile situation. As mother and daughter entered their home, Alesia could smell smoke, she told her grandmother. She was told to go to her bedroom at about the same time a call through a cell phone came into dispatch. Although no one spoke, the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) detail report states that the dispatcher could hear a female telling a male to put the gun down. He kept asking her for a password that she couldn't remember. The dispatcher could hear the dialogue between the two which included a lot of screaming until the line went dead. What the dispatcher did glean from the call was a land-line telephone number for the victim that helped her locate the home where the incident was occurring.

In the meantime a 17-year-old girl was on her cell phone with another dispatcher from her bedroom relaying what she was hearing, according to the CAD report. She saw a deputy walking toward the house and a bullet bounced off her bed. That's when she crawled under her bed.

When Deputy Dave Amon with the Garrard County Sheriff's Department arrived in response to that call, the front door was open. He said that as he approached the door and announced who he was he could see a female inside. The woman began to scream and run for the front door as Amon heard two "pops."

Amon pulled his weapon as he backed away and waited for Lynda Faust to clear the entry way. He pointed her toward a neighbor's home and fired off two rounds toward Randy Faust who had turned to go back into the house. Amon then heard one more shot. That's when he took cover behind a vehicle in the driveway and radioed for backup, an ambulance and a medivac helicopter.

Amon said that during the incident a German Shepherd dog kept him at bay, lunging



Just minutes after police entered the home of the victim of last week's murder/suicide at 490 Dorton Drive in Camp Dick Acres, officials examine the scene and discuss the sequence of events. Garrard County Deputy Sheriff Dave Amon (front center) was the first officer on the scene. Amon said later, that although he has been well-trained in all police situations, this was difficult because of the dog that became very aggressive as the situation escalated. "I will definitely be on my toes when I respond to domestics," he said.



Randy Faust

toward him. Neighbors said the dog was normally easy going and although he never offered to bite Amon, he became very aggressive as the incident escalated.

At first Amon didn't know that Lynda Faust had been hit because he was focusing on the shooter.

By the time he got to her, she was on the neighbor's porch waiting for the ambulance to arrive. He tried to talk to her but she couldn't respond, he said.

Instead of airlifting her to Lexington, the trauma crew went with the land crew to

Danville because by that time, Lynda Faust had gone into "trauma arrest," Garrard County Coroner Daryl Hodge said. She was pronounced dead in Danville, he said.

Hodge however did respond to the scene and declared Randy Faust dead at 10:08 p.m. An autopsy revealed that he died from a self-inflicted single gun-shot wound to the head.

Alesia Faust hid under her bed and kept a vigil with dispatch who relayed pertinent information to the law enforcement at the scene. At one point they even tried to get her to escape out her bedroom window but she was too frightened.

Although many heavily armed Kentucky State Police troopers took charge of the situation calling for the shooter to come out with his hands up, it wasn't until they had the home completely surrounded and secured that one officer saw Randy Faust lying on the floor. A scope on one of the deputy's rifles helped them determine exactly where he was and

that he was no longer a threat. That's when they entered the home, secured it, took Alesia Faust to safety and called off the Special Response Team that had been summoned. The time that had elapsed was about an hour and a half since the first call came into dispatch.

Although law enforcement are trained to deal with every kind of serious situation, what made it more difficult than most was the dog, Amon explained.

"As things escalated, the dog got more aggressive," Amon said. "It was about as intense a situation as I would want.

"It's bad," he repeated several times.

Cole commented on how nice local law enforcement have been with the family through their horrific ordeal.

Lynda Faust was devoted to her children supporting their endeavors whatever they may have been.

Both Alesia and her brother Dustin studied French while in high school and she traveled with each of them on separate occasions to

France with the French Club. She also was a Garrard County Band Booster where Alesia took part in the state-wide award-winning band as the drum major the last two years.

Through her tears of grief Cole kidded about her daughter being a chaperone for the kids' trips. Fun loving with an ability to laugh and joke and have good, clean fun, she would be the one who would say, "that looks like fun. Let's go do that."

As the instigator with her brother Mark when they were children also, he said lovingly that "she is the one that always got him into trouble," Cole said.

"She was the best daughter there ever was," she said.

Lynda Faust liked to read and loved to travel to Bluegrass music festivals. She and her children took their camper and went to ICTHUS in Wilmore for several years in a row.

"She was lovely and vivacious," her father said. "She grabbed life and lived it to the fullest."

Lynda Faust's son Dustin,

21, is in college at Transylvania University in Lexington.

Alesia will graduate from Garrard County High School this spring. Her plan is to live in Richmond and attend Eastern Kentucky University on a four-year academic scholarship. She plans to study medicine, her grandmother said.

The children's father died in a car accident seven years ago. With both parents deceased, Alesia is staying with family and friends.

The Garrard County High School Band Boosters have set up a fund to help meet Alesia Faust's personal and college needs.

"I can't ever imagine what she may be feeling right now, Angie Billingsley, the booster's club president, said. "We're all part of a great big family. I feel like I have 100 children."

Anyone who would like to make a donation can do it through Farmers National Bank in Garrard, Boyle, Lincoln or Mercer counties or by contacting Billingsley at abillings-