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## Ousted Deputy To Challenge Sheriff for Job

By DEBORAH LEONARD

JM Staff Writer

MANASSAS — Warren Mullins, one of the two deputy sheriffs ousted Aug. 8 as a result of an alleged beating of one inmate by another, has announced he is running for sheriff of Prince William County.

"I'm running as an independent on a write-in ballot," explained Mullins. "it's not going to be easy, it will be a tough job."

The soft-spoken but strong-willed man showed a list of 58 names of people who have called him and voiced their backing which helped Mullins make his decision to run. "They all said if I feel as strong as I do about the present situation, I should run for sheriff and I am," he said.

The state is still conducting an investigation into the alleged beating of James Jenkins which caused the two firings but Mullins said his dismissal is not one of his reasons for challenging Sheriff Al Rollins Jr.

Mullins sees need for a strong, more positive leadership than the present administration has provided.

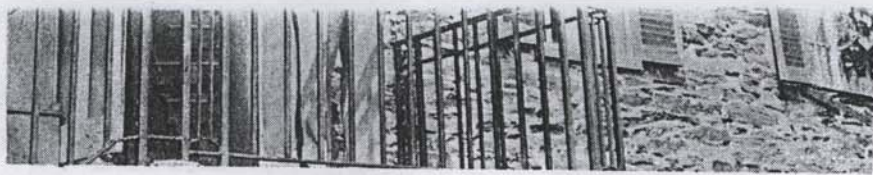


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## 'It's Ours'

Elizabeth Ashe claps in glee as her father, Thomas J. Ashe Jr., a Bladensburg, Md. antique dealer, submits the winning bid of \$41,150 to purchase Buckland Tavern Monday.

## Maryland Family Buys Famed Buckland House

By RANDI DEIOTTE

JM Staff Writer

BUCKLAND — A Bladensburg, Md. antique dealer bought historic Buckland Tavern for \$41,150 at a public auction held at the site Monday. The property, said to have been the site of an 1825 celebration for General the Marquis de Lafayette, had a market value of \$25,400, according to county records.

Thomas J. Ashe Jr., who outlasted five other bidders, including the Prince William County Historical Commission, said he will restore Buckland Tavern "if plans work out" and "might open an antique shop" if it is agreeable to the neighbors.

Ashe said he had only learned of the sale Sunday and had hoped he would not have to pay more than about \$30,000 for it. "I wouldn't have gone up so much if my daughter hadn't egged me on," he said.

Brentsville Supervisor Ralph A. Mauller said Ashe told him he may have difficulty coming up with the money. If so, Mauller said the buyer has agreed to consider negotiating with the county to purchase the structure. The county dropped out of the bidding at \$32,500, the top bid authorized by the board of supervisors, but Mauller seemed confident that the county could solicit donations to meet the bid price.

The auction was conducted under order of the Prince William Circuit Court to meet the mounting medical expenses of Buckland Tavern's owner, Mrs. Grace F. Bear, who has been confined to Manassas Manor nursing home since 1970.

Thomas O. Beane, the court-appointed guardian for Mrs. Bear who is no longer able to handle her own affairs, said he was pleased with the sale which drew over 100

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spectators and slowed traffic on U.S. 29-211 near the Fauquier County line where the tavern is located. "I was hoping for about this amount," Beane said.

Mrs. Dorothy Abbott of Manassas was almost the successful bidder. Her top bid of \$41,100 was \$50 less than Ashe's winning price. "I had to stop somewhere," she said later. "I'd have liked to have a tea room here. Can't you just see the ladies in their big straw hats saying, 'Oh, let's go have tea at Buckland Tavern.'"

Mrs. Abbott, secretary to the judges of the Prince William Circuit Court, is the sister of sheriff's deputy John Rollins who conducted yesterday's auction sale. "Brother John wasn't sure I was serious ... if someone was going to get it for a song, I wasn't going to let that happen," she explained.

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