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# POINTS



## August Meeting Speaker

*Submitted by Carole Nash*

### Searching for Cabellsville, the First Amherst County Seat

"The first Amherst County Courthouse was built in 1762 near the geographic center of the county on a low ridge along a north-south running stage road. Other administrative buildings were soon added, including a jail and lawyers' offices. The young town bustled with activity throughout the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and was officially chartered as Cabellsville in 1803. The timing was unfortunate, as Nelson County was divided from Amherst in 1807 and the county seat moved once again, taking Cabellsville's economy with it. The town land was absorbed into a plantation and today lies within a 90-acre farm.

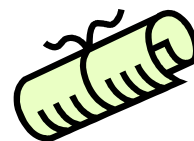
With support from two VDHR Threatened Sites grants, archaeologists from Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. have spent the past 2-plus years surveying the farm in search of the court house village. The survey has identified approximately five acres of continuous cultural deposits and several building locations, including the likely courthouse and jail ruins. This paper will review the survey results and discuss continuing research at the site of the jail.

Mr. Lichtenberger is a historical archaeologist who serves as Regional Archaeologist for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Western Region and as Director of Cultural Resources for Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. He holds an M.A. from the College of William and Mary and has completed Ph.D. coursework at the University of Virginia.

Please mark your calendars and come out to hear this great talk!  
Thanks, C.

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August: annual Week-Long Lab School and course extravaganza at VDHR.

October 18: annual course offerings at the ASV Annual Meeting.

## Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.  
Randy Lichtenberger, Director of Cultural Resources, Hurt and Proffitt (Lynchburg)  
“Archaeology of the Cabellsville Project in Nelson County, Virginia”
- Sept 2 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
- Oct 7 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
- Oct 16-18 2015 ASV Annual Meeting in Manassas, VA, at the Best Western Battlefield Inn,  
10820 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703-361-8000), hosted by the Northern  
VA Chapter of ASV. Room rates are \$85/night. For reservations, use the code  
(ASV75) to let them know you're with ASV. They have non-smoking, smoking and  
pet friendly rooms for the asking.
- Nov 4 7pm, Chapter Meeting in Arey Hall, at the Bridgewater Municipal building.
- Dec 5 *SATURDAY* 5pm - 9:30pm  
Annual MCASV Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction. Please bring a dish to share  
and items for the Silent Auction!

## August Birthdays

- August 1 Herb Propst
- August 12 Jan Bailey
- August 13 Alexandrya Click
- August 25 Richard Hebron
- August 26 Bobi Deyerle



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