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Exploring Warwick, the most unique destination in Mercer County

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People got a chance to tour one of Mercer County's most unique attractions last week, the Warwick Compound in Salvisa.

Members of the Warwick Foundation guided tours of the compound, the former estate of architectural historian, author and illustrator Clay Lancaster.

The estate consists of the Moses Jones House, a hall and parlor residence built between 1809 and 1811; the Tea Pavilion, a banquet house with 18th-century architectural features; the Picture Gallery, a modern building that houses Lancaster's artwork; and the Warwick Tower, an architectural folly modeled after the octagonal Tower of the Winds, which dates back to before the birth of Christ.

"It's a remarkable building," said Calvin Shewmaker, vice president of the Warwick Foundation. Construction of the tower began in 1992, said Shewmaker, who helped build the tower as well as the Tea Pavilion and the Picture Gallery. He also built or modified much of the furniture at Warwick to satisfy Lancaster's ideas on space and color.

"It's a shame more people don't get to see it," Shewmaker said.

Saturday's tour was a partnership between the Warwick Foundation, which seeks to promote Lancaster's legacy through education, preservation and facilitation of cross-cultural understanding, according to their website, and the Harrodsburg Historical Society. The two organizations previously worked together to offer tours of the estate in 2018.

Foundation members are hoping to increase the compound's visibility. The foundation schedules special tours with advance notice. On Saturday, they also discussed the possibility of posting videos on social media.

So who was Clay Lancaster?

A native of Lexington, Lancaster was recognized for



Members of the Warwick Foundation—Calvin Shewmaker, vice president; Jennie K. Leavell, secretary; David C. Elbon; W. Gay Reading, Jr., treasurer; and Wesley W. Francis—pose in front of the Warwick tower, an octagonal architectural folly built by the late Clay Lancaster at the Warwick compound in Salvisa.

his work in 19th and 20th century American architecture history, the author of books such as "Architectural Follies in America" (1960), "The Japanese Influence in America" (1963) and "The American Bungalow" (1985). In addition to his duties as an academic and preservationist, he also wrote and illustrated children's books.

After earning two John Simon Guggenheim Fellowships and conducting research into the impact of Asia on American art and architecture, the architecture of Kentucky and Victorian architecture, he purchased Warwick, a Federal-era residence on the Kentucky River, in 1978. Over the decades, in addition to continuing his academic career at Transylvania University, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, he built architectural follies, including the Tea Pavilion, the Arts and Crafts style art gallery and the Tower.

On Saturday, W. Gay Reading Jr., the treasurer of the Warwick Foundation, led visitors through the tower,

which is filled with Lancaster's artwork.

While it is often compared to the Tower of the Winds in Athens, Greece, Reading says Lancaster's tower was more directly inspired by an octagonal hunting lodge near Dublin, Ireland.

"The octagon always interested him," Reading said.

While the foundation moved Lancaster's archives to UK for preservation, Reading pointed out objects that still showed Lancaster's presence, including a wood block inscribed with the Convention of Kanagawa, the 1854 agreement that opened Japan to trade with the United States, and a box made by Reading as a gift to Lancaster modeled after the frieze in the original Tower of Winds.

In the parlor on the first floor, Reading pointed out the ceiling was too short by two feet to classify as a Greek Revival styled room. So Lancaster had the plasterers build a rounded ceiling which made the room seem taller than it actually was.

"Clay was a stickler for

proper architectural orders," Reading said.

Lancaster died on Christmas Day 2000 at the age of 82. Lancaster may be history now, but to the foundation board members, he is an old friend, a vegan Buddhist who not only refused to eat meat but meat-inspired dishes, like a vegetable-based burgoo Reading once made. They have vivid memories of moving furniture up the stairs of Lancaster's tower and of trying, and mostly failing, to convince him to install air conditioning.

On Saturday, Shewmaker recalled how he disassembled furniture Lancaster had bought and cut it to fit exactly in the spaces Lancaster had designed.

"It was an honor to know him," Shewmaker said.

To arrange a tour of the Warwick Compound, contact Warwick Foundation President Paul Holbrook by e-mail at peholbr@yahoo.com. Visitors are asked to include possible dates and a telephone contact. For more information, visit warwickfoundation.org.

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The city commission will hold a public hearing on the tax rate on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. at city hall.

Officials said choosing the compensating rate would have put the city's revenue below what they took in last year.

If approved, tax bills will be due Oct. 1. Delinquent payers will face a 12 per-

cent penalty if not paid by Nov. 1.

Other taxing districts are also setting rates for the new fiscal year. On Aug. 20, the Mercer County Board of Education unanimously approved a general fund tax levy of 69.9 cents on real property—0.6 cents lower than the prior year—and 70.5 cents on personal prop-

erty—1.4 cents lower than the prior year. On Aug. 11, the Mercer County Fiscal Court approved a tax rate of 11.3 per \$100 in assessed value for real and personal property—down from last year's rate of 11.6 cents per \$100—and 17.83 cents per \$100 in assessed value—down from 18.31 cents per \$100 in assessed value—for

tangible personal property and inventory.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, Sept. 14, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information is available online at harrodsburgky.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is Burgin Prepared?

Dear Editor:

This statement was originally delivered to the Burgin City Council on August 11, 2026, at their regular monthly meeting by Robin Dean, my daughter-in-law. With her permission, I want to share it with the wider community:

"The benefits of this data center project may belong to the developer, but the long-term financial responsibility and environmental consequences fall on the community of Burgin and Mercer County. The City of Burgin risks becoming a pawn in a game of jurisdictional convenience. If Burgin were to annex these properties, it becomes responsible for them-for oversight, for infrastructure, for emergency planning and long-term management.

The question is whether Burgin's resources match the demands and magnitude that this annexation and the project that would follow would entail. Voting yes to the annexation and being prepared for the development are two very different things.

Tonight, please consider whether it still matters: whether prime farmland still

has value in agricultural production; and whether the citizens of this community still have a voice that matters.

The choice you make will protect the process, or weaken it; protect farmland, or lose it; protect this community, or place an unbearable burden on it. Vote no, and ensure that Burgin is remembered for what it protected, not what it gave away."

Submitted by
Betty Dean

Pioneer Days Thanks

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Dear Editor:

Pioneer Days concluded Aug. 15, after a great two weeks of events, starting with our Pioneer Days pageant Aug. 8, at the Lodge at Logan Vineyards. We would like to thank our venue sponsor the Lodge at Logan Vineyards; our floral sponsor, Pink Dahlia; and our awards sponsor, Oak and Barrel. Without these sponsors, we would not have had a successful Pioneer Days Pageant. And a huge thank you to our pageant director, Brittany Nichols, who made the pageant possible.

The rest of the festivi-

ties began on Thursday, Aug. 13, with our Commonwealth Credit Union Family Fun Night. We also thank our sponsors for making Pioneer Days a huge success. Thank you Harrodsburg Mercer Tourist Commission, Mercer Chamber of Commerce, Mercer Chamber Foundation, Old Fort Harrod, Commonwealth Credit Union, DNA Properties, Hometown Radio, Essity, Mercer County Fiscal Court, Salt River Sisters, Whitaker Bank, Community Trust Bank, Welchomes, Rumpke, Kentucky Heritage Jazz Festival, Davis Benefit Solutions, Auto Kustoms, AK Autoworx, Farmers National Bank, Casa Grande, Intercounty Energy, The Pink Dahlia, The Harrodsburg Herald, Bluegrass Powersports, 101 Business Solutions, First Financial Bank, Representative Kim King, Oak and Barrel, 551 Storage, Storage Center+, Quality Inn, Blue Tank and Pump Rental, Friends of the Fort, Kiwanis Club, Mercer County Arts Council, D1 Academy, Campbellsville University of Harrodsburg, Andrew Woerner Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Critters without Litters, Papa Johns, Mike Inman, Lions

Club, The Lodge at Logan Vineyards, Chris Reed for Circuit Judge, Precision Dance, Gross Group at Keller Williams Bluegrass Realty, Norby's, C&T Market, and Kroger.

Lastly, thank you to our volunteers who braved the heat and stuck it out to put on our special activities including but not limited to the Lions Club Run For Sight 5K, the Big Jack Pearson Memorial Car Show sponsored by Auto Kustoms and AK Autoworx, the Papa Johns pizza eating contest, pie eating contest sponsored by Kroger, and the tree identity walk sponsored by Harrodsburg Tree Board. Thank you to our volunteers April Burgess, Melissa Davis, Sarah Steele, Linda Honnold, Dayton Crowley, Christy Walker, Karen Doyle, Tommie Gilvin, Wendy Hood, Danny Mayes, Caroline Farthing, Jerry Catlett, April Pittman Middleton and Vivian Sallee. We appreciate everyone in the community who came together to help put on our annual Pioneer Days.

Sincerely,
Ashley Rainey
Mercer Chamber Events
Coordinator