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Briggs competed at Universal Miss Pre-Teen Pageant



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In February, Carlee Brooke Briggs was awarded East South Central Pre-Teen. She recently competed at the Universal Miss Pre-Teen Pageant in Texas.

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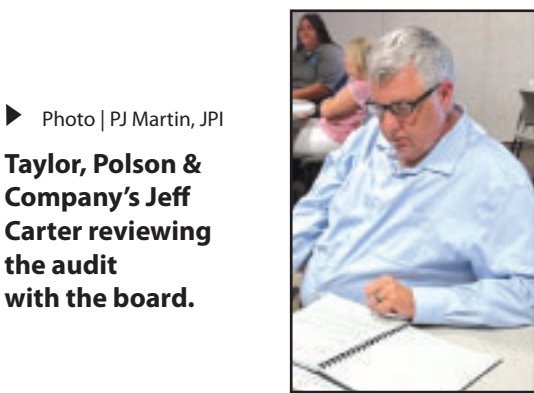
Carlee Brooke Briggs, a sixth grader at Caverna Middle School, recently traveled to Allen, Texas to compete at the Universal Miss Pre-Teen Pageant.

Carlee, the daughter of George and Jennifer Briggs of Cave City, competed with 22 other preteens at the 5th Annual Universal Miss Pageant. Earlier this year in February, Carlee competed in the East South Central Universal Miss Preliminary and was awarded East South Central Pre-Teen.

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AMBULANCE BOARD A Clean Audit

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The Ambulance Service Corporation, Inc. Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 26th, at the Community Center at the TJ Health Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order, and a roll call was performed with the following individuals present Judge/Executive

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Preserving Legacies



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Keith and Megan Stone, owners of Wigwam Village No. 2, speak at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort during the 2025 Ida Lee Willis Historic Preservation Awards.

Allyson Dix
Managing Editor

Two local businesses were recently announced for their efforts in historic preservation projects at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort. The awards were presented by the Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Constructed in the 1870s by German-Jewish immigrant Emanuel Morris, the historic Morris Dry Goods Building on the Glasgow square is a recipient of a 2025 Preservation Project Award.

The Morris building that was once a beacon of commerce and civic pride was transformed

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A Fiery Finale

Families gather at Cave City for holiday fun

Allyson Dix
Managing Editor



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An enormous crowd gathered Thursday night in Cave City for the annual fireworks show, filling the open grounds around the Cave Area Conference Center. Families and friends spread out across the area with lawn chairs and blankets boasting patriotic colors throughout, enjoying a summer evening of community and celebration. Children played frisbee, tossed footballs, and took turns at make-shift baseball games, while music played in the background. Bubbles drifted overhead, adding a fun touch to the festive atmosphere. Beyond the conference center grounds, cars and spectators lined the streets of Cave City in anticipation of the night's grand finale to celebrate America's 249th year of independence.

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