

ACTC student elected president of state honors organization



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ASHLAND Ashland Community and Technical College student Kyli Springer has been elected president of the Kentucky Region of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK), representing community college students across the state.

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Springer was elected during the Kentucky Regional PTK Spring Conference held in February at South-central Kentucky Community and Technical College in Bowling Green.

In her role as Regional President, she will lead statewide initiatives, collaborate with fellow regional officers, support PTK chapters across Kentucky, and promote the organization’s mission of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship.

Springer is currently completing her Associate of Applied Science in Medical Information Technology at ACTC. She is actively involved on campus, serving as a peer mentor and tutor in the Student Support Services office and as current President of ACTC’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter, where she has demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to student success.

“I decided to run for PTK Kentucky regional office because I wanted to get out of my comfort zone,” Springer said. I have already learned so much about leadership being our ACTC chapter president, and I wanted to apply those skills on a larger scale. I’ve never been very good at public speaking and running for regional office was like jumping into the deep end.”

She added, “I’m a little bit nervous but I’m mostly excited to see where this opportunity will take me. Leading our chapter has given my academic career a sense of purpose outside of myself. I look forward to working with my fellow regional officers to serve all

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the chapters of Kentucky as president.”

After completing her studies at ACTC this May, Springer plans to transfer to Western Kentucky University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Health Information Management.

She credits her involvement in PTK with helping her build confidence, leadership ability, and communication skills that will support her future academic and professional goals.

“The hands-on experience PTK has given me with leadership and communication has helped me learn skills that I will take with me to WKU and into my career,” Springer said.

Springer’s election reflects her dedication to personal growth, academic excellence, and service to others.

As regional president, she will serve as a voice for students across Kentucky and continue to inspire others to pursue leadership opportunities and achieve their goals.

New studies of old dogs help scientists understand where they came from

NEW YORK (AP) Using the oldest dog genes studied so far, scientists are finding more evidence that our furry friends have been our companions for thousands of years.

Scientists think dogs descended from an ancient population of gray wolves somewhere in Europe or Asia. Tens of thousands of years ago, those wolves got used to living with people and became less aggressive. As they became domesticated, their genes shifted along with their behavior, giving rise to the pups we know today.

But exactly when and where this happened remains a mystery. Scientists are studying bits of DNA found in ancient dog and wolf remains to figure out what the earliest dogs may have looked like and where they came from.

In two separate studies published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, researchers pushed the timeline back. They established a new way to study ancient canine DNA — which is often contaminated and tough to extract — by isolating just the doggy bits.

They examined ancient genes from the remains of over 200 dogs and wolves. The oldest dated back to about 15,800 years ago, moving the origin of dogs back by at least 5,000 years.

“This unique relationship between people and dogs has existed for such a long time and is continuing on today,” said University of Michigan dog genomics expert Jeffrey Kidd, who was not involved with the new research.



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A researcher holds a 14,300 year-old dog jawbone found at Gough's Cave in the United Kingdom, on Tuesday in London.

The genes showed that dogs were already spread out across Western Europe and Asia 14,200 years ago, at a time before agriculture and farming. These dogs lived with hunter-gatherer humans who were constantly on the move.

The dawn of agriculture — a major shift in human history — brought new people to Europe from southwest Asia. They mixed and mingled with Europeans, leaving a lasting and varied imprint on their genes.

But the dog genes studied by the scientists, stretching from the United Kingdom all the way to Turkey, stayed more consistent. They were less impacted by the arrival of new humans during the development of agriculture, and more by interactions between different hunter-gatherer groups and their dogs thousands of years before.

That’s different from dogs in Asia

and the Americas, whose genes more closely reflect the movement patterns of their owners.

Scientists don’t know exactly what the first dogs looked like, but they have some ideas.

“We’re suspecting they would have resembled smaller wolves,” said study co-author Lachie Scarsbrook with the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

It’s also not clear how these ancient dogs lived alongside their humans. They could have stood guard or helped them hunt, but probably also played with young children.

There’s still more work to go to pinpoint exactly when dogs emerged — the first few pages of a storied relationship that’s still going strong.

“They are humanity’s best friend, alongside our societies for the last 16,000 years and will continue to in the future,” Scarsbrook said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

The **RACELAND-WORTHINGTON INDEPENDENT** Board of Education (“Board”) is seeking applications for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board representing the district at large. This appointment will be effective until the November 2026 regular election. Responsibilities include: setting policy to govern the district; hiring/evaluating the Superintendent; and levying taxes and adopting the district budget. Board members must:

- Be at least 24 years old and a Kentucky citizen for the last three years;
- Be a registered voter in the particular District of the vacancy;
- Have completed the 12th grade or have a GED certificate;
- Meet all other legal qualifications (KRS 160.180); and
- Complete required annual in-service training.

Applications are available at the RWBOE Central Office or online at www.raceland.kyschools.us (District/Board of Education/Forms). Mail applications to: Superintendent, ATTN: Board Vacancy, 100 Rams Blvd., Raceland, KY 41169.

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vs.
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AARON MARTIN;
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HUNTER MARTIN;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HUNTER MARTIN;
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CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,
DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on March 11, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:20 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond,** a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **7.75% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 508 Pollard Road, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 774, Page 354, Boyd County Clerk’s Office)
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NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

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