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Smoking to Vaping



Over the last 75 years, smoking among adults and youth has been steadily decreasing. In the 2010s, rates of smoking reached all-time lows in the US and in KY. Unfortunately, with the advent of vaping, this trend has quickly reversed. This is especially concerning given that young people who use e-cigarettes are more likely to smoke cigarettes in adulthood.

state has launched a Quit-line for youth called My Life, My Quit, which offers free coaching 24/7 via text, chat, or call.

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Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Survey. (2023). Available at: <https://www.kipsurvey.com/>

Contact your local Robertson County Extension office for more information.

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What are Vapes?

Electronic cigarettes, or vapes (short for vaporizers), typically contain nicotine (although they sometimes contain other substances such as THC, instead). Although the emerging research seems to suggest that vaping is less harmful than smoking combustible cigarettes, vapes are nonetheless harmful for adults. Also, vapes are especially harmful for young, developing brains. In fact, the vast majority of adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18.

Youth Vaping

Young people in Kentucky are vaping at a startling rate. The Kentucky Incentives for Prevention survey shows that vaping among tenth graders has increased almost six percentage points in five years – from 11.4% in 2016 to 17% in 2021. In that same year, more than 20% of KY high school students, and nearly 10% of KY 8th graders, reported vaping in the past month. In response, the

Erin Petrey, Kentucky 6 Congressional Candidate, Courage Candidate, endorsed by Courage for Democracy alongside more than 100 pro-impeachment candidates

Monday, March 16, 2026 Lexington, Kentucky – Courage for Democracy PAC and its grassroots advocacy group Citizens’ Impeachment have endorsed more than 100 Courage Candidates, including top midterm House prospects Analilia Mejía (NJ-11), Kat Abughazaleh (IL-09), Chris Ahuja (CA-32), Kate Barr (NC-14), Oliver Larkin (FL-23), and Salvatore Padellaro (NY-05).

As a Courage Candidate, Petrey has pledged to uphold her oath of office if elected, and is committed to impeaching President Donald Trump for tyranny, treason, and obstruction of justice for his ongoing cover-up of the Epstein files at their first opportunity.

“Our government exists to serve the people. When those in power ignore their oath and continuously fail the voters who put them there, they must be held accountable. Impeachment

is the obvious and necessary choice to restore trust in our government and protect Kentucky’s working families from a government that has failed them for far too long. This is not about partisanship but about people. If elected, I will stand with Kentuckians and act to remove those who no longer serve them.” -Erin Petrey

Together, the Courage Candidates represent races in 81 House districts in 32 states, as well as Senate and gubernatorial races. They include one candidate running as a progressive Republican and six running as independents. The Courage Candidates’ first opportunity to face voters directly was a success, with Mejía winning her special election primary and widely expected to succeed in the upcoming general election.

Courage for Democracy PAC grew out of the nonpartisan, grassroots movement Citizens’ Im-

peachment, which united constituents from all 50 states to demand that elected lawmakers honor their oaths to defend our Constitution against all enemies, foreign or domestic.

Courage for Democracy endorses and supports pro-impeachment candidates running for office in the 2026 midterms to ensure that impeachment remains a central issue for the election. Recently, Courage Candidates have expanded their platform to include abolishing ICE.

“The Constitution provides one clear remedy against the continuous unconstitutional actions of this administration, and that remedy is impeachment,” said Keira Havens, United States Air Force veteran and Executive Director of Citizens Impeachment. “The impeachment movement is a nationwide, patriotic movement, and we’re so proud to be working with candidates who, unlike

this Congress, are committed to doing their jobs if given the chance. It’s incredibly important to have these voices in every race, giving power and visibility to the very popular impeachment movement.”

“Polling shows that impeachment is a winning issue for candidates to run on, and we expect to see a number of these candidates win their races, and go on to uphold their commitments as members of Congress,” said Sarah Fite, co-founder of Courage for Democracy. “We’re thrilled that so many have joined us, and have an open invitation for any candidate who wants to join us in the 2026 midterm cycle.” (A majority of American voters have supported impeachment since April 2025, with additional polling in September 2025 indicating support for impeachment by a plurality of voters in swing districts.)

Monthly Activity for the Nicholas County Sheriff's Office February 2026

Paper Service

Civil Summons – 32
EPO – 1
Subpoenas – 0

Court Notice – 7
Evictions – 0
Warrants/Arrests – 8

Criminal Summons - 4
Juvenile Summons - 3
Other – 2

Total Paper Service - 57

Calls

Accidents – 12
Animal Complaints – 16
Domestics – 2
Property Disputes/Exchange – 11
Theft/Incident – 4
Other – 7

Alarms – 0
Assists – 4
Harassments/Threats – 3
Special Detail – 1
Traffic Complaints/Stops – 20

Alcohol/Drug Activity – 0
Complaints/Questions – 20
Juvenile – 0
Suspicious Activity/Person – 3
Welfare Checks – 5

Total Calls for Service – 108

Inmates

Transfers/Transports To & From Jail – 26 # Days Trash Pickup – 2 Total Bags Collected – 109

Roads

Moorefield Road & Concrete

Total Papers Served, Calls For Service & Transports - 191

DOG & CAT MONTHLY REPORT

Worked cleaning and feeding at the shelters	33 hours
Miles driven	1,638
Dog calls taken	63
Dogs picked up	5
Dogs picked up by owner	0
Dogs adopted	7
Puppies picked up	0
Puppies adopted	9
Cats calls	10
Cats dropped at shelter	1
Cats adopted	1
Kittens dropped at shelter	0
Kittens adopted	0
Dogs euthanized	0
Cats euthanized	0
Dog calls with no pick up (runs)	3
Cat calls with no pick up (runs)	0
Cats released	0
Trip to PAWS	12
Incidents of dog biting	1
Incidents of cat injuries	0
Gas used	59.90

Nicholas County Dog Warden
Willie G. Hogg

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Nicholas County budget for fiscal year 2025-26 to include unanticipated receipts from all funds in the amount of \$ 1,325,073.75 and increasing expenditures in all funds for this amount was adopted by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court on March 13, 2026.

A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the county judge/executive during normal business hours.

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NOTICE

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have a special called meeting at the Nicholas County Courthouse on Monday, March 23rd at 2pm. to open bids for the Nicholas County Emergency Service Building (Project No 20116)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Bourbon County/Nicholas County Joint Economic Development Authority will receive sealed bids for the Bourbon Co./Nicholas Co. Regional Industrial Park- Mass Grading Project at the office of the Nicholas County Judge Executive, Nicholas County Court House, 125 East Main Street, Room #1, Carlisle, KY 40311 until 10:00 AM EST on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The successful bidder shall provide performance and payment bonds, proof of insurance and licenses as specified.

A Pre-Bid meeting for all prospective Bidders will be held at the office of the Nicholas County Judge Executive, Nicholas County Court House, 125 East Main Street, Room #1, Carlisle, KY 40311, on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 10:00 am, local time. Prospective prime Bidders are NOT required to attend.

Project plans and specifications will be available from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine St., Lexington, KY 40507 & www.lynnimaging.com. A non-refundable payment for printed documents and/or free digital download will be required for each set of bid documents.

The Bourbon County/Nicholas County Joint Economic Development Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received.

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Jackie Doyle Estate Farm Equipment Auction March 19, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.



6840 US 68
Mayslick, KY 41055



*JD 5603 Cab Tractor 4x4 553 Loader w/984 hrs, *JD 5300 Tractor 2wd open station w/1476 hrs, Craftsman Lawn Mower, 3 pt Sprayer 3 pt Fence Stretcher, Flat wagon, *JD 5420 4x4 Moco (flail type), *NH 275 Square Baler, 3 pt Grader Blade, Cultipacker, 3 pt Hay Spear, *JD XLS Bushhog, *JD 556 Roller twine and net, NH 329 Manure Spreader, JD Conventional Drill, Franklin Model 213 Gravity Wagon, Small Lime spreader, *Hay Tedder 2 basket, *Hay Rake Frontier wheel rake, 3 bottom Case International Plow, Case 900 3 Row Planter, New Holland 256 Hay Rake, Case 8330 Hay Bine, Case 595 2 wd w/Loader 2694 hrs, Bushhog Disc, Trail Type Sprayer, Manure Bucket, Harrow gators

*Equipment purchased new

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