

Kentucky officials investigating deaths that may be connected to winter storm

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Kentucky officials are investigating three deaths that may be related to the weekend’s severe snow and ice.

In a Monday morning press conference, Gov. Andy Beshear said at least one fatality may be a result of running a generator indoors. That afternoon, he confirmed the death of a 72-year-old woman from Whitley County because of hypothermia.

“Check on your neighbors, just make sure they’re OK,” the governor said. “What a good time to live out the parable of The Good Samaritan. All it takes is a phone call or knocking on their door, just see if they’re all right.”

Beshear also emphasized that Kentuckians should use caution when shoveling snow, as the activity can increase risk of heart attacks. Last year, six Kentuckians died while shoveling snow.

Over the weekend, Kentucky was blanketed with snow and ice, making roads hazardous and causing power outages. Beshear said the state was down to 47,123 power outages from 73,590 at the height of the storm Sunday.

For the week ahead, Kentucky is forecasted to have extremely cold temperatures. Beshear said that wind chills as low as negative 20 degrees state-wide are expected.

“Tomorrow morning is

going to be the worst. It is going to be dangerously cold,” the governor said. “Tomorrow morning being outside for just 10 to 30 minutes could result in hypothermia or frostbite, so we need everyone to take precautions.”

The Kentucky General Assembly had canceled its meetings Monday because of the weather. All eight of Kentucky’s public universities canceled classes or moved to online instruction options.

Beshear said in his briefing that while all Kentucky counties had “major impacts,” Barren, Pulaski, Allen and Monroe counties were among the hardest hit by the storm.

A few hundred Kentuckians are being sheltered, the governor added, and that number is being updated as more people are transported to assistance. About 150 people were evacuated from London hotels without power. Some guests were also evacuated from Barren River State Park.

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IN THE HOWARD CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 34C01-2307-CT-001758

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HOWARD SS:

SCOTT W. SHIMER, JILL C. SHIMER, and CECILIA SHIMER
Plaintiffs,

vs.
WILLIAM R. LYONS, JAMES DERRICK LYONS, and
JESSICA ISENBERG
Defendants

SUMMONS


This summons is to the defendants named, and to any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Indiana, 104 N. Buckeye Street, #310, Kokomo, Indiana 46901 (765-456-2202), in an action entitled Scott W. Shimer, Jill C. Shimer and Cecilia Shimer v. William R. Lyons, James Derrick Lyons, and Jessica Isenberg, Cause Number 34C01-2307-CT-001758, by the persons named above as plaintiffs. This summons by publication is specifically directed to defendant William R. Lyons and to defendant James Derrick Lyons whose whereabouts are unknown.

The named plaintiffs are represented by David A. Cox, Bayliff, Harrigan, Cord, Maugans & Cox, P.C., Bar #4063-34, 319 N. Main Street, Kokomo, Indiana 46901.

The nature of this suit against you is for personal injuries arising from a vehicle collision occurring in Kokomo, Indiana, on or about July 14, 2021 at the intersection of Lincoln Road and Highway 931. Plaintiffs claim injury and damages arising from the negligent driving and negligent entrustment of the defendants.

An answer or other response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within 30 days after the third notice of suit is published, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the plaintiffs.

Dated: 01/16/2026



Debra C. Stewart
Clerk, Howard Circuit Court
104 N. Buckeye Street, Room 202
Kokomo, Indiana 46901
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Meece Middle School’s academic team competed in the District Governor’s Cup competition on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Out of the five schools that competed, Meece Middle School’s FPS (Future Problem Solving) Team finished as runners-up. Congratulations!!! MMS had several students that earn individual recognitions: Evan Hughes – placed 2nd in mathematics; Benjamin Padgett – placed 3rd in arts & humanities; Bradley Wurth – placed 3rd in social studies; Elisha Horn – placed 4th place arts & humanities; Jaycek Muncie – placed 4th placed science; Evalyn Pyles – placed 5th placed mathematics.

BRONSTON WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Bronston Water Association, Inc., expects to file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or about January 30, 2026, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The application will be filed pursuant to procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Under those procedures, the proposed rates may not be placed into effect until the Kentucky Public Service Commission has issued an order approving the proposed rates or six months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES BRONSTON WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.					
		Rates		Difference	
		Current	Proposed	Dollars	Percent
5/8 x 3/4-Inch Meter					
First	1,500 gallons	\$ 25.81 Minimum Bill	\$ 33.87	\$ 8.06	31.21%
Over	1,500 gallons	0.00904 Per Gallon	0.01186	0.00282	31.21%
1-Inch Meter					
First	5,000 gallons	55.27 Minimum Bill	72.52	17.25	31.21%
Over	5,000 gallons	0.00904 Per Gallon	0.01186	0.00282	31.21%
2-Inch Meter					
First	20,000 gallons	152.50 Minimum Bill	200.09	47.59	31.21%
Over	20,000 gallons	0.00904 Per Gallon	0.01186	0.00282	31.21%
4-Inch Meter					
First	50,000 gallons	356.26 Minimum Bill	467.45	111.19	31.21%
Over	50,000 gallons	0.00904 Per Gallon	0.01186	0.00282	31.21%

If the Kentucky Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, the average monthly bill for each meter size will increase as follows:

Meter Size	Average Monthly Usage	Bill At		Difference	
		Current Rate	New Rate	Dollars	Percent
5/8 x 3/4-Inch Meter	2,910	\$ 38.55	\$ 50.59	\$ 12.03	31.21%
1-Inch Meter	10,367	103.78	136.17	32.39	31.21%
2-Inch Meter	43,742	367.12	481.70	114.58	31.21%
4-Inch Meter	646,350	5,747.26	7,540.93	1,793.66	31.21%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Bronston Water Association. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates shown in this notice.

Bronston Water Association has available for inspection at its office the application which it submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission. A person may examine this application at the Association’s office located at 2013 HWY 90, Bronston, Kentucky 42518. You may contact the office at (606) 561-5209.

A person may also examine the application at the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Kentucky Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. You may contact the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 502-564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY, 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.