

# PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Brittany Parrigin was appointed by the Clinton District Court on May 27, 2026, as Administratrix of the Estate of Nicholas Shane Brown, deceased.

Any and all persons having claims against, or owing sums to, said estate are required to present same, properly proven and verified according to law, to the office of the Clerk, Clinton District Court, Albany, Kentucky and to: Brittany Parrigin, 396 Haddix Road, Albany, Kentucky 42602 or to Hon. Gary A. Little, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 68, Albany, Kentucky 42602, within six (6) months from the above date.

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### Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Lisa A. Sohm, 212 E. Cumberland Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602 has been appointed as Executrix of the Estate of Norbert Henry Sohm, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against said estate shall present them properly proven and verified according to law, to the said Executrix at the address shown or to Hon. David R. Choate, 216 E. Cumberland Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602. All persons owing debts to said estate shall also accordingly present them to said Executrix, all to be presented no later than the 27th day of November, 2026.



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## The Singing Thomases of Seventy Six

The family in Clinton County that may well have the greatest reputation for singing and making music is the Thomas family of Seventy Six.

### Let the readers write



David Cross

The most noted member was Reual Thomas, a school teacher who originally headed the gospel group The Crusaders formed in the 1930s. This group consisted of Reual (lead) and his wife Flossie Garner Thomas (alto), their neighbor Leslie Andrew (baritone and guitar) of Seventy Six, and Marvin York (bass), also of Clinton County. They played at Renfro Valley during the peak of its popularity in the early 1940s. During this time Reual made a good race for Clinton County Clerk in 1937, losing to incumbent Logan Frost.

Reual organized the Four Tones in 1944 to replace The Crusaders. That group didn't stay together long, and Reual then formed The Seventy Six Quartet in 1947. Members at times included Jeff and Clay Colson, Flossie Thomas, Leslie Andrew, and Morris Gaskin. This group sang across mid-America and for a time had a radio show on WLAP-Lexington.

Reual became Renfro Valley owner John Lair's right hand man and Master of Ceremonies of the Barn Dance in the 1950s. He died in 1959 and Flossie died in 1963. They were the parents of Danny Thomas of Seventy Six.

Noble Thomas was a teacher and country merchant who operated a store near what are known as the "Old Seventy" curves on the Grider Hill Dock Road. He taught singing schools in the community for years.

Brothers Maxie and Maurice Thomas led the singing for years at Mount Union Church. Local DJ Hank Snow Thomas has been playing music for 50 years.

Nearly every Thomas could sing, and that tradition is carried on at the Spirit of Seventy Six as Maxie Thomas' great-grandson, Thomas Oesterreicher, will be performing prior to the Colton Bowlin show on Friday night, July 3rd.

Additionally, to further carry on the tradition, Ryan Thomas and his group will be performing at Seventy Six Church the afternoon of July 4th.

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Candidate card for Reual O. Thomas during his 1937 campaign for Clinton County Court Clerk. Thomas was a member of several Gospel music groups, including The Seventy Six Quartet.

## Kentucky State Police investigates fatal collision on the Cumberland Parkway in Russell County

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 15 troopers were requested by the Russell County Sheriff's Office to respond to a two-vehicle injury collision, just after 2:30 P.M. CDT Tuesday, June 2, on the Cumberland Parkway in Russell County.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Christopher Austin, 28, of Russell Springs, was traveling west on the Cumberland Parkway in a 2016 Kia Optima.

Austin left the roadway on the left shoulder and steered his vehicle back onto the roadway. Upon traveling back on the roadway, Austin entered the path of and collided with a 2020 Jeep Cherokee, operated by Maylon Brown, 60, of Russell Springs, also traveling west on the Cumberland Parkway.

Maylon Brown was pronounced deceased at the hospital by the Russell County Coroner. Christopher Austin refused medical treatment at the scene.

Christopher Austin was arrested and charged with DUI 2nd offense, vehicular homicide when under the influence of drugs, possession of controlled substance 1st degree (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and reckless driving. Mr. Austin was lodged in the Russell County Detention Center.

KSP Post 15 Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Russell County Sheriff's Office, Russell County Fire and EMS, Russell County Coroner's Office and the Kentucky State Highway Department. Senior Trooper Brandon Roark is investigating the collision.

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