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## Princeton gears up for Dotson Days

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Caldwell County's Annual Dotson Days celebration is quickly coming up on Aug. 8 —11, with a variety of activities, some of which are new. Organizers with Community Disciples said the entire community is invited to enjoy the festivities.

Initially, Dotson Days began in the 1980s as a school reunion and to commemorate Princeton's Dotson High

School, as well as the Dotson Bearcats Basketball team of 1962-63, which many say was one of the most successful basketball teams in Caldwell County.

In 1910, Princeton High School was the only high school in the vicinity for African Americans. In the 1920s, the name was changed to Dotson High School in honor of John Dotson, a prominent African American

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Soon, the Dotson Days Park will be full of vendors, entertainment, live music and much more as Princeton gears up for their annual Dotson Days celebration.

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Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear spoke at length of Rep. Mike Cherry's career, his dedication and his positive impact throughout the region, which is still felt to this day.

## Governor and local leaders dedicate Highway 641 to Rep. Cherry

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Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear joined local leaders, community members and citizens of Caldwell, Crittenden and Lyon County to designate five miles of U.S. Highway 641 as the Mike Cherry Memorial Highway. Cherry was known for his dedication to serving the region, before passing away Feb. 21, 2024. The ceremony stands as a lasting tribute to his life and service, which his family and many friends were there to commemorate.

Though Mike Cherry was best known for his role as Kentucky District 4 Representative, he was a Captain in the United States Navy, served as chairman of the State Government Committee, the Agriculture and Small Business Committee, the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee, the Education Committee, and maintained leadership as vice chair of the Appropriations and Resources Committee. Rep. Cherry is also known for renovating six business storefronts in Princeton's historic downtown.

Beshear was invited to unveil the new signage, which many



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"He felt it was really important for the economic development to the area," Gale Cherry said. "I am so glad that it is being dedicated in his name and so glad that the Governor and others have decided to go ahead with this project."

felt fitting, considering that he has championed multiple infrastructure projects during his administration. Beshear sang Cherry's praises, making note of his lengthy political career, the many ways that he has served the region, and his overall impact.

"Today, we get to honor somebody who helped create that foundation, and that is Mike Cherry — somebody who meant so much to Western Kentucky and to our

entire Commonwealth," Beshear said. "He embodied all of the qualities of a great leader. That is dedication to public service, giving back to his community, treating everyone with respect and working hard to get good things done with his neighbors."

Martha Jane King, a field representative of the KY Department of Local Government, served alongside Cherry in the KY House of

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## Tank removal underway, code enforcement to be introduced

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EDDYVILLE — Eddyville Water Superintendent James Peters reported at the latest Eddyville City Council meeting that both pumps were replaced at the low-level lift station and a new pump was installed at the sewer plant. This was to get them in compliance with discharge requirements. The department has had a heavy presence in town placing markers, since AT&T has been steadily installing fiber optic throughout the city of Eddyville.

The council made a motion for a bid invitation for a sewer tank removal, shortly after

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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD ONLINE

A copy of the FY2024-25 Annual Financial Report of the Lyon County Board of Education is available on the Lyon County Schools' website, [www.lyon.kyschools.us](http://www.lyon.kyschools.us) — Departments/Central Office/Financial Reports or at the business office located at the address below. This location and notice is pursuant to KRS 160.463.

## Rotary Club welcomes Princeton Art Guild Executive Director

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The new Princeton Art Guild Executive Director Joe Duncan spoke at the latest Rotary Club meeting about the future of the guild under his fresh leadership.

Duncan introduced himself to the Princeton Rotary Club and spoke on how, when he came into the position, one of his first

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### OBITUARIES

Douglas Anderson    Lorraine Plotzke  
Sudie Traylor        Grace McConnell  
David Davis

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### WEATHER OUTLOOK

**Today:** Mostly Sunny. High 87, low 68.

**Thursday:** Sunny. High 90, low 69.



**Friday:** Sunny. High 90, low 70.

**Satday:** Sunny. High 90, low 70.

**Sunday:** Sunny. High 90, low 70.

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