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James Crawford Gosser, 1926-2025

Funeral services were held Sunday for a well-known, 100-year-old man who amazed all by surviving a tornado which destroyed his home earlier this year.

James Crawford Gosser, 99, of the namesake Gosser

Ridge community in eastern Russell County, was laid to rest Sunday.

Son of the late Chester and Nova Gosser, he became somewhat of a media sensation when on May 16th, an EF-4 struck his home while

he was asleep.

Mr. Gosser was thrown from his bed, and found lying injured on the floor.

His home and farm buildings were destroyed and the adjacent area suffered wide-spread damage.

Loved and respected by many, Mr. Gosser's family and friends, and people who had simply heard of the incident flocked to the area to assist not only him, but his neighbors and other victims of the May tornado which eventually travelled through Somerset and

London with deadly results and massive destruction.

Ironically, Mr. Gosser was a witness to a 1971 EF-4 tornado which struck Gosser Ridge.

An obituary for Crawford Gosser appears in this issue.



JAMES CRAWFORD GOSSER

Solar park meeting tonight

A public meeting regarding a 450-acre solar park in Russell County is scheduled for tonight.

Round Trip, LLC, is proposing to "construct and operate a solar and battery energy project in Russell County," a Public Notice published in The Times Journal said.

"The proposed Russell County Solar Park will be located on approximately 450 acres in the vicinity of

Old Sano Rd and Bottoms Rd, South of Sano Rd, approximately five miles north of Russell Springs," the notice said.

The event "to inform the community about the project" will be held tonight, September 18, 5:30 p.m., inside the Russell County Public Library at 535 N. Main St., in Jamestown. (Signs will be posted at the

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A dot is a lot

By Lillie Stephens
Times Journal

Pat Dennison and the Homemakers of Russell County are spearheading a mission to help first responders with the Yellow Dot Program.

Introduced in Connecticut in 2002, it aims to alert emergency response crews to important medical information.

During a meeting Thursday, September 11th, the homemakers invited members of the community

and first responders to learn about the program.

First introduced for homes and then expanded to include vehicles, the program is a way to alert emergency personnel to any medical information necessary for quick and effective care during a crisis.

Jeff Landers, Chief of the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department, spoke at the meeting and explained how the Yellow Dot Program

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HONORS AROUND

With this week marking the first anniversary of the death of Russell County Deputy Sheriff Josh Phipps, many honors were bestowed. Top, from center to far right, Sheriff Derek Polston, Judge Executive Randy Marcum, and State Rep. Josh Branscum joined Phipps' family, friends and acquaintances Monday at the unveiling of signage for the Deputy Sheriff Joshua Phipps Memorial Highway. Above, a plaque honoring Phipps was placed at the Russell County Courthouse. Right, Branscum, who was instrumental in having a stretch of U.S. 127 named in the deputy's honor, spoke at a ceremony earlier this week. Bottom right, many gathered at Beck Park Saturday for a Candlelight Memorial. Deputy Phipps was killed in the Line of Duty on September 16th of last year.



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