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## Bowling Green School Meals Will Increase Slightly For Students

**BY LARRY TWELLMAN**  
Students and staff will pay slightly more for school meals next school year as a result of action taken at the May meeting of the Bowling Green R-I School Board.  
The cost for all meals will increase by 10 cents. Student breakfasts will cost \$2.55, lunches at the elementary schools will cost \$3.15; middle school lunches will cost \$3.35 and lunches at the high school will be \$3.45.  
In a related action, the board renewed the district's contract with Chartwell to provide the district's food service program. Cost for the contracted service will be the amounts that Chartwell submitted in the three-year proposal that was approved last school year.  
Courtney Young, director of curriculum for the district, reported to the board on a pilot project in the district's Title I program.

The Title I program is a federally funded program to help students who struggle with concepts in language and math. Normally, Title I teachers tutor small groups of students outside the regular classroom. During the 2025-26 school year, one of the Title I teachers spent four days a week tutoring small groups and one day a week coaching several classroom teachers on strategies to use during regular classroom instruction.  
The results of the pilot program showed greater improvement in student test scores and in teacher satisfaction with the coaching help. Young reported that the program would have two teachers working in this manner with the students and staff next school year.  
The board set the dates for high school graduation and eighth grade promotion for next school year. High school graduation will be on Friday, May 14, and eighth grade promotion will be on

Thursday, May 20.  
Matt Chance, athletic director, reported on the extra curricular programs at the middle and high schools. Chance expressed his concern over the district's outdoor sports facilities. Chance urged the board to consider improvements to the track surface and to the football practice field in addition to other facility concerns.  
In other action, the board approved the district's Career Ladder Plan. That plan allows teachers to earn payment for work with students outside the regular school day.  
A portion of the money spent is reimbursed by the State of Missouri. The Board also approve a district Literacy Plan which is part of the state initiative, Missouri Read, Lead, Exceed. That local plan was developed by district teachers and administrators to improve student literacy.

## Blown Away

*Pre-WWII Staged Attack Levels 'Cardboard City'*

**BY BRENT ENGEL**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**  
It went off with a bang. A month before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Louisiana began construction for a plant that would help America win World War II by staging a simulated invasion on "Cardboard City."  
Fifteen mock buildings were destroyed at the Missouri Ordnance Works, now the site of Dyno Nobel along Highway 79 at the south edge of Louisiana.  
The idea was novel, but fitting. The plant would make explosives for the military.  
Popular Mechanics magazine dryly said the facility had substituted "gunfire and dynamite for the conventional formalities usually performed with a spade."  
Perhaps the most dramatic description was offered by Associated Press reporter Henry B. Jameson, who touched upon concerns about the threat posed by America's potential enemies.  
"The inevitable fate of an unprotected village caught in the path of a modern war machine was vividly portrayed today in a simulated infantry and artillery attack on a cardboard city that was blown up in 30 minutes," Jameson wrote.  
The edifices looked like something from a movie set, with different shapes, styles and designs. There was a courthouse, skyscraper, church, stores and homes measuring eight to 16 feet tall and eight-12 feet wide.  
Since spectators were to be kept a quarter-mile away during the invasion, girls from the National Youth Association volunteered to add bright paint so that the structures stood out.  
The groundbreaking was set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. The explosions were to start at 3. The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce sponsored a parade before the ceremony, with the procession led by former governor and hometown nursery owner Lloyd Stark, who had lost a U.S. Senate primary the year before to incumbent Harry Truman.  
Local leaders had hoped to bring in tanks and fighter planes, but had to settle for several 75 mm guns and 300



Missouri Ordnance Works employees stand in "Cardboard City," a mock town that was blown up as part of a groundbreaking ceremony for the company's plant in Louisiana on Nov. 9, 1941.  
Photo by ACME News Pictures Inc.

soldiers from a Fort Leonard Wood artillery brigade.  
"As they fired, red flares and smoke bombs indicated hits or misses," Jameson told readers. "When a direct hit was scored, the shell-like structures were blown high into the sky."  
Ten thousand people turned out, despite subfreezing temperatures and a chilly wind. The "peaceful valley" in which the attack took place "was a virtual quagmire as a result of recent snow and rains," Jameson wrote. Soldiers attacked from three sides and got practical experience in foul-weather training.  
The main speaker was Frederick Muhlenberg, a highly-decorated World War I veteran who was with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps contracted with Hercules Powder Company to build the \$20 million plant (more than \$638 million today) covering 620 acres.  
The lieutenant colonel told the crowd the Louisiana facility was "a most important link in the chain of national defense" and that America must be ready if war came.  
"It is a vital necessity," he said. "The country will be defended, cost what it may. If we fail in preparedness today, we fall tomorrow."  
Muhlenberg, a Republican who later followed six relatives in congressional service and retired from his architectural firm a week after turning 90, also addressed national divisions, especially those between workers and manufacturers — an issue of contention coming out of the Great Depression.  
"Whatever may be the differences between employers and employees, or between labor organizations, they are all on one side, while Hitler is on the other," he said, adding that Americans' "love of country must not in this national crisis be sabotaged by any opportunist."  
The plant provided hundreds of jobs during the war, sometimes bringing three shifts of workers by train from Hannibal to meet demand. The closest Nazis ever got to invading Louisiana was a prisoner of war camp near what is now the intersection of 15th and North Carolina. After the surrender of Germany and Japan, the facility made fertilizer, agricultural products and other chemicals.  
Hercules took full control of the plant from the government in 1954. The company merged with Ashland Inc. in 2008 and the facility later was acquired by Dyno Nobel's parent company, In-citec Pivot Limited  
The Louisiana Area Historical Museum has a room dedicated to Hercules. The collection includes a book about the company entitled "Labors of a Modern Hercules" by Davis Dyer and David B. Sicilia.

## Van-Far Alumni Announces Scholarship Winners

Winners of Van-Far Alumni and Friends scholarships were announced at the May 12 awards assembly.  
These include Trinity Skwirtz (Alumni renewable scholarship); Emma Freie (Carol Bishop Smith Memorial Scholarship); Lindsay Jones (Alan Adam Memorial Scholarship); Jackson Fischer (Dan and Margaret Wise Memorial Scholarship and Elaine Brookshier Memorial Scholarship); Lexie Jones (Muriel Beshears Memorial Scholarship); Easton Sharp (Class of 1964 Tech School Scholarship and Alumni Scholarship); Evan Utterback (Natalie Gibson Memorial Scholarship and Alumni Scholarship); and Makayla McCurdy (Alumni Scholarship).

At the Alumni and friends board meeting April 23, it was announced that applications for alumni college scholarships and the Zandra Dowell Memorial Scholarship (for a student pursuing an education degree) must be submitted by July 3. Applications are available at the high school.  
Board members made plans for the annual reunion. This year the members will host an open house at Family Life Center (First Baptist Church) immediately following the Prairie Days parade on Saturday, Sept. 26.  
Former Van-Far alumni, educators, staff members and friends are invited to gather at the center, allowing time for visiting and learning more about the

goals of the association. It is hoped that those attending Prairie Days activities will include this opportunity in their plans.  
Recent gifts to the association include a gift to the Alan Adam Scholarship by Lorelee Adam; Class of 1968 in memory of Mary Heim Hall; and gifts in memory of Sondra Arndt by Timmy Crow, Cynthia Branstetter, Marion and Sherry Allen, Ralph and Christy Nelson, Dan and Julie Pehle, Snuffy Smith, Lyle and Elizabeth Todd and anonymous gifts.  
Board members in attendance were Jim Current, Jim Deppe, Janet Heim, Brian Hummel, Debby Moore, Joyce Nolan, and Carol Schambach. Guest, Denny Wright also attended.



**CHS Valedictorian, Salutatorian**  
Campbell Lindsay was named valedictorian and Gracey MacLaughlin was salutatorian of the Clopton High School Class of 2026.



**Clopton High School Class Of 2026**  
Pictured are members of the Clopton High School Class of 2026 that graduated Sunday, May 17.



## NECAC Celebration

NECAC is participating in National Community Action Month in Pike County during May. Pictured, from left, are NECAC Office Manager Christina Ray, Energy Assistance Counselors Judy Worlitz, Rebecca Shade and Danielle Sanders, LI-HEAP Supervisor Angela Kattenbraker, Energy Assistance Counselor Paige Robinson, Emergency Services Coordinators Dawn Harrell and Toby McCreery, Rental Assistance Programs Director Michelle Worthington, Energy Assistance Counselor Cindy Lake, Administrative Assistant Lilly Murry, Housing Assistance Counselor Durinda Martin, Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon, Pike County Board Member Tommy Wallace and President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page. NECAC, founded in 1965, administers more than 60 social service, community health and public housing programs through contracts and grants with government agencies, private businesses and other non-profit groups. More information is available by calling Dixon at 573-324-2207 or visiting the NECAC Pike County Service Center at 805 Business Highway 61 in Bowling Green. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

# Community News

## NECAC Clients Benefit From Google Investment

NECAC will receive \$1.5 million for home weatherization projects in four counties as part of Google's development of a new data center and community upgrades at New Florence in Montgomery County.

Google made the announcement of the \$15 billion investment May 20 at the Laborers and Contractors Training Center in High Hill.

The \$1.5 million covering one year will pay for weatherization projects in Montgomery, Lincoln, Pike and Warren counties. NECAC anticipates hiring six people to join its weatherization team, which covers an additional eight Missouri counties. The agency tracks applications for the program year-round.

"NECAC is very excited to partner with Google and have the opportunity to weatherize more homes and make them energy efficient," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts. "Our core mission has always been to empower low-income families and strengthen our neighborhoods, and central to this is ensuring home energy

are proud to partner with companies like Google that are helping drive economic growth while making a meaningful difference in the communities they call home."

"We look forward to expanding Google's investments in Missouri and helping Missourians benefit from the next wave of American innovation," said Ruth Porat, President and Chief Investment Officer of Alphabet and Google. "To deliver the upside of technology, we are investing in workforce development and energy affordability, both directly and through our partnerships with local organizations. This commitment will provide thousands of Missourians with valuable technical and trade skills, while supporting energy affordability for residents in Montgomery County and across the state."

"We are proud to welcome Google's investment in our community," said Ryan Poston, Montgomery County Presiding Commissioner. "This project represents a major step forward in economic development—driving job creation, expanding our tax base to help reduce

infrastructure costs directly driven by its operations.

To date, Google has contracted to bring more than one gigawatt (GW) of new generation capacity to Missouri, and through its partnership with Ameren- Google is supporting the development of more than 500 megawatts (MW) of additional capacity.

Google also worked with Ameren and Evergy to bring the Capacity Commitment Framework (CCF) to Missouri, which ensures Google and other large energy customers pay for their electricity and infrastructure needs, protect local ratepayers and actively bolster the long-term resilience of the electricity grid.

"Google's major investment in Montgomery County reflects what's possible through strong partnerships with local and state officials to support significant economic growth," said Martin J. Lyons Jr., Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ameren Corporation.

"This is the largest economic development project in Ameren Missouri's service territory, and our new large load rate structure is designed to ensure we continue to deliver safe, reliable electric service for all customers at the lowest cost possible, with robust protections and generational benefits for the communities we serve."

To further address energy affordability, Google also announced a \$20 million Energy Impact Fund to support programs that drive down monthly energy bills for households in Missouri—focused on Montgomery, Clay, Platte, and other counties surrounding Google's planned data centers in Kansas City and New Florence. NECAC is one of the first recipients. In addition to weatherizing homes, funding will also support the NECAC Weatherization Apprenticeship Program by expanding its capacity and providing new equipment and tools to repair crews.

Protecting Local Water Supply

Google is committed to responsibly managing water resources where it builds and operates data centers, and ensuring its growth never comes at the expense of the communities it calls home.

The Montgomery County data center will use advanced air-cooling technology, limiting

water consumption to uses like kitchens. Google replenishes more freshwater than it consumes by supporting local watershed projects like the Missouri SWAN Smart Irrigation Initiative, which protects surface and groundwater supplies by helping participating farms optimize irrigation and reduce runoff.

Creating Local Jobs and Supporting Economic Opportunity

Google data centers serve as powerful economic engines, with every direct position generating nearly nine additional roles locally—spanning specialized construction, HVAC repair, maintenance and landscaping.

This powerful multiplier effect is clear in Missouri, where the project will create thousands of construction jobs over the build period and hundreds of direct, long-term operational roles once the facility is up and running.

To help prepare Missourians for skilled job opportunities, Google is collaborating with the Construction Laborers and Contractors Joint Training Fund of Eastern Missouri to support the Laborers and Contractors Training Center. This project will enable the center to train more than 2,300 construction laborers, including 1,500 apprentices, over the next two years.

"You can't build the infrastructure of the future without investing in the workforce of today," said Brandon Flinn, Business Manager, Missouri-Kansas Laborers' District Council. "Google understands that meaningful community investment means supporting the local workers. This collaboration significantly expands our ability to recruit, train, and graduate the next generation of construction craft laborers. By aligning technical infrastructure projects with robust workforce programs, we are creating family-sustaining career opportunities that strengthen local communities, support working families and fuel Missouri's economy for generations to come."

These workforce development investments complement Google's Skilled Trades and Readiness (STAR) Program in Kansas City that equips local talent with the entry-level skills needed for rewarding careers in construction and the

trades.

To date, nearly 130 Missourians have graduated from the program, with the majority now actively employed in related construction or trade roles. Also in Kansas City, the company is supporting a major new workforce development facility and expanding K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) programs to prepare students with the in-demand skills and digital capabilities needed for the future economy.

To further root Google's commitment to Missouri, Google is helping launch a first-of-its-kind mobile sensory and accessibility resource center at festivals, sporting events, schools and community gatherings across Missouri to remove barriers to community participation.

"For years, our community has worked strategically to prepare for transformational investment opportunities like this, and today that vision is becoming a reality. Google's decision to invest in a new data center here is a testament to the strength of our infrastructure, workforce, leadership and long-term economic development planning," said Brent Speight, Chairman, Greater Montgomery Economic Development Council. "Beyond the immediate construction activity and high-quality jobs this project will create, the long-term tax revenues generated by this investment will provide meaningful support for our local schools, public services and community priorities for decades to come. This project represents more than economic growth—it is an investment in the future of our residents, students, and region as a whole."

"Google's continued growth in Missouri reflects both the strength of our state and the company's long-term commitment to the communities where it operates," said Sbash Alias, Chief Executive Officer of Missouri Partnership. "Across Missouri, Google has demonstrated that it is more than an industry leader—it is a strong corporate citizen that invests in local partnerships, workforce development and community impact. This investment in Montgomery County represents another significant milestone for our state and reinforces Missouri's position as a leading destination for technology and innovation."

"This project will deliver lasting economic benefits through new investment, support for local businesses and meaningful community partnerships that help create opportunities for Missourians," said Michelle Hataway, Department of Economic Development Director. "Google's commitment to community engagement, workforce development and local initiatives demonstrates the type of corporate partnership that helps communities grow and prosper for generations to come."

By anchoring Google's infrastructure growth to tangible investments in generation capacity, energy affordability and career opportunities, the company is reinforcing its dedication to being a responsible, long-term neighbor, and active community member in the Show-Me State.

Learn more about Google's commitment to its data center communities at datacenters.google and Google in Missouri at g.co/economicimpact/missouri.



NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Page and Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts meet with Montgomery County Commissioner and NECAC Board Member Dave Teeter before the ceremony.

costs are truly affordable. With this partnership, we are directly addressing the burden of high utility bills through vital home repairs and upgrades, while investing in our future workforce."

Google said the investment is built on a commitment to build data centers the right way—through responsibly increasing local infrastructure capacity, expanding energy affordability programs and funding thousands of jobs in the region.

"Google's historic investment in Montgomery County is a testament to Missouri's growing reputation as a premier destination for innovation and next-generation technology," said Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe. "Beyond the significant economic impact and job creation, Google has demonstrated a true commitment to strengthening the community through local partnerships, investments, grants and support for area businesses. This project represents more than infrastructure—it's an investment in Missouri families, communities and long-term opportunity. We

property tax for local citizens and creating resilient long-term growth for Montgomery County. It's a clear example of what strong partnerships can accomplish."

Increasing Local Infrastructure Capacity and Expanding Energy Affordability

When Google builds data centers, the company pays for 100 percent of the power it uses, and it will cover the in-



Google's Ruth Porat, left, poses with NECAC's Carla Potts.

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# Community News

## From The Mayor's Desk...

\$4.29 for a gallon of gas?... ..really? As I was watching the dial at the fuel pump race past the C-Note mark while filling my tank, I thought to myself, Man, I haven't seen prices like these for a couple of years. What am I really paying for?

We have all the oil we could ever use beneath our feet, and I'm still paying this much for fuel? After pondering about it for a little bit, I got to thinking about our freedoms, and about the article I wrote last week. Freedoms are not free, and sometimes they hurt our pocketbook for a bit.

Iran has threatened the U.S., and has wished death upon us for the past 47 years. They have enriched uranium, the essential ingredient for nuclear weapons, and nobody on the face of the planet wants them to have nuclear capabilities. If action wasn't taken now to stop this evil regime, it would not have been done for a long time. In my estimation, at least seven years! Every U.S. President knows that doing something like this could mark the end of their political career, and

possibly create irreparable damage to the party that they represent.

That being said, no first term President would ever consider going into this battle, unless they had to, and then it might be too late. The next President of the United States of America is going to be in his/her first term, and without an incredible amount of provocation, would hesitate, possibly even refuse to act during it. So, three years left of this current administration, and four years of the next administration equals seven years. That is too long to sit around and hope that Iran does the right thing. This, of course, is if our next President gets reelected for a second term. Seven years could grow to 11 or more very quickly.

Yes, times are tough right now, and unexpected financial hiccups, such as rising fuel costs, can feel debilitating. With that I ask you, when filling up your tank next time, to really think about what you are buying? Odds are, it is a heck of a lot more than a tank of gas.

Have a great weekend, Bowling Green!

## Flags Fly High Over Mark Twain State Park

America is turning 250 this year, and Mark Twain State Park near Florida, Missouri, is making sure the milestone doesn't go unnoticed. Throughout the park, a new wave of flags marks the park's role in the national celebration, inviting visitors to reflect on two-and-a-half centuries of history in the namesake park of one of the country's greatest icons.

The team at Mark Twain State Park is known for their patriotism. Rachel Hoemann, park superintendent, said the flags at the park represent not only the spirit of America, but also the spirit of Missouri's state parks.

"Seeing these flags will remind our guests that history isn't just in books; it's in the land as well," Hoemann said. "Mark Twain said true patriotism is loyalty to your country all the time. By placing these flags in the park, we aren't just celebrating a date on a calendar; we are honoring the honest and often humorous spirit that Twain gave to the American identity."

For those spending time camping, fishing or hiking the trails of Mark Twain State Park this year, the message is simple: America is still unfolding, and its history is as vibrant and enduring as the Missouri hills themselves. Hoemann invites guests to visit the park and reflect on the past as well as the future, and to celebrate our beloved country.

The primary source of funding for the state park system, is half of the dedicated constitutional tax of one-tenth-of-one-percent Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax. The tax provides about three-fourths of the division's budget for operation and development of state parks. All additional funding for Missouri's Division of State Parks comes from revenues generated in the state park system and some federal funds.

## Summer Reading Program

### At Vandalia Library

"Unearth a Story" is the theme for the 2026 Summer Reading Program at the Vandalia Library.

Sign up begins on June 1st for Pre-K through age 17. We have scheduled some fun programs suitable for all ages. Weekly prizes begin June 22nd for children Pre-K through 12 years old.

Big drawing prizes are awarded to participants who complete the program. Stop by the Vandalia Library and register. For questions, call the library at 573-594-6600.

#### Programs:

- July 9 at 1 p.m. - Uncovering Reptiles - Dept. of Conservation
- July 16 at 1 p.m. - T.B.A. - Mark Twain Lake Corps of Engineers
- July 20 at 9:30 p.m. - Bubble Time with Rick (alternate program indoors if raining)
- July 23 at 1 p.m. - Unearthing Our Native Americans and Missouri Resources - Dept. of Natural Resources
- July 30 at 1 p.m. - Tour the Vandalia Museum

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Ella Weber is the daughter of Doug and Bridget Weber. She plans to attend Benedictine College-Atchison, Kan., to major in nursing and minor in art.



### Rita Deters

Rita Deters is the daughter of Pat and Catherine Deters. She has been accepted to St. Mary's College-St. Mary's, Kan.



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Abygale Schnitzer is the daughter of Brad and Bethany Snitzer. She plans to attend St. Mary's College-St. Mary's, Kan.



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Michaela Deters is the daughter of Michael and Jessica Deters. Her future plans are undecided.



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Madeline McManness is the daughter of Dale and Mayne McManness. She plans to attend Maryville University to study exercise science.



## Celebrate National Dairy Month

From protein and calcium to the taste people love, dairy delivers the whole package for every age every day. June is National Dairy Month, making it the perfect time to celebrate dairy foods and the hardworking dairy farmers who make milk, cheese and yogurt staple foods across the United States.

"Whether you are heading to practice, the classroom or work, dairy delivers the nutrients your body needs," said Jessica Kassel, nutrition educator with the St. Louis District Dairy Council. "Milk, yogurt and cheese add protein, calcium and B vitamins, just to name a few nutrients, to meals and snacks. It's nutrition that shows up for you every day. When you build

a robust meal that supports whole body health, you will have the energy and stamina to meet the day's demands."

All dairy milk, whether whole, 2 percent, low-fat or fat-free, offers 13 essential nutrients, including high-quality protein; calcium; potassium; phosphorus; iodine; zinc; selenium, vitamins A, D and B12; riboflavin; niacin and pantothenic acid. These nutrients support bone health, muscle synthesis and repair, energy production and immune system health across the lifespan. Yogurt and cheese, which are made from dairy milk, also deliver protein, calcium and B vitamins.

Diverse dairy products abound

Stroll the dairy section of the grocery store, and you

will find a variety of milk, cheese, yogurt and other dairy foods. With so many options, it's easy to meet the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendation of three servings of dairy a day. The guidelines also encourage the inclusion of nutrient-dense dairy foods across a range of fat levels as part of a balanced eating pattern.

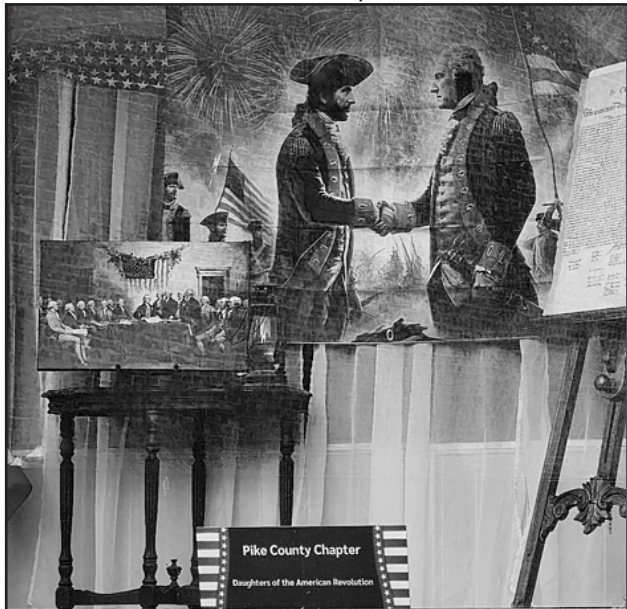
This June, discover dairy's nutrition package. Try new dairy foods to expand your mealtime experiences and enjoy the food with your family. Your meal choices support the local dairy farmers in your community who work every day to feed America.

Visit [www.stldairy-council.org](http://www.stldairy-council.org) for more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Jessica Kassel at 314-835-9668 or [jkassel@stldairy-council.org](mailto:jkassel@stldairy-council.org). Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/STLDairyCouncil).



## America 250! Celebration

The Pike County Chapter, NSDAR, officers set up a two-window America 250! display in the Louisiana Area Museum in downtown Louisiana. The concept was developed by Vice Regent Cindy Blaylock who enlisted the following Chapter officers for this particular project. Those assisting Cindy in setting up the display in the two windows were Secretary Alice Holtzouser, Chaplain Jill Perkins and Regent Sandy Orf. The display is to remain in place for the duration of the local America 250! celebration. Pictured above is the window with the mannequin.



Pictured are posters, etc., in the windows of the Louisiana Area Museum in downtown Louisiana for the America 250! celebration.

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# Obituaries



## Susan Gamm

Susan Gamm, 76, of rural Bowling Green died at Maple Grove Nursing Home Monday, May 18, 2026.

Visitation for Susan was Thursday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green from 4-8 p.m.

A memorial worship service was at Curryville Baptist Church on Friday at 10 a.m.

Susan was born Dec. 20, 1949, to Billie Joe and Doris Rader Chapman. She was a member of Second Baptist Church of Bowling Green where she grew to know Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized as a child. She graduated from Bowling Green High School with the class of 1967. Susan married Jerry Gamm on Sept. 18, 1968, and was blessed with two children, Stephanie and Tim.

Susan taught in the Bowling Green School District for 30 years. She started working as a teacher's aide for two years and decided to continue her education earning a teaching degree from Northeast Missouri State University. Mrs. Gamm then taught fourth grade at Bowling Green Elementary for 26 years. She retired from full-time teaching to begin tutoring at Frankford Elementary for an additional four years. Throughout her teaching career, she touched the lives of countless students, colleagues, and families.

Jerry and Susan started their ministry at Curryville Baptist Church in July 1999, where Susan served in many capacities, the most important keeping Jerry focused on "the next thing!" and organizing various church ministries.

Susan is survived by her husband, Jerry; one daughter, Stephanie Bailey and husband, Brock; and a son, Tim Gamm and wife, Felicia; a brother, Marty Chapman and wife, Debbie; an aunt, Rita Junger and husband, John; and their nine GRANDS, Austin Bailey, and wife, Ashley, Micah Bailey and wife, Shaylen, Noah Gamm and Allison, Elise Luebbering and husband, Ben, Hannah Readnour and husband, Eli, Jessica Kroencke and Kaleb, Breanne Kroencke, Chloe Kroencke and George, and Avery Gamm. They have also been blessed with GREAT grands, Addison, Ashtyn, Tristan, Garth, Aria, Harvey, and Theodore. Susan is also survived by nieces, Lee Ann Ledford and husband, Kelly, their children, Liam, Luke, and Ella; and niece, Jenny Chapman Fowler; and her son, John.

Susan had a focus in life, simple but very profound; "FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS!" The Lord blessed her with all, and her favorite line to share with others was "bless your heart".

Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Weable, Austin Bailey, Micah Bailey, Noah Gamm, Ben Luebbering, and Eli Readnour.

Donations can be made to the Curryville Baptist Church or Community Loving Care Hospice in Bowling Green.



## Michael George Schroeder

Michael George Schroeder, also known as "Old Mike", 71, of Bowling Green died Friday, May 15, 2026, at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling

Green.

The family will hold a private graveside service. A Celebration of Life was held Friday beginning at 4 p.m., at Double A's Haus in Bowling Green.

Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory of Bowling Green handled cremation rites.

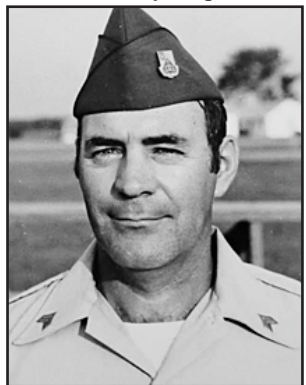
Mike was born Feb. 5, 1955, to Leo Henry and Frances Elizabeth Niemeyer Schroeder. He was united in marriage to Debbie Lloyd on June 7, 2012. She preceded him in death on March 8, 2017.

Mike spent most of his life in Pike County. He was a 1973 graduate of Bowling Green High School. He was employed with St. Louis Bridge Company for over 25 years. Mike was an avid outdoorsman, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting; especially quail. He was a proud lifetime member of the NRA.

Mike is survived by children, Mike Schroeder and wife, Charlotte of Curryville and Marcia Howland and Zachery Cameron of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Michala Rudder and husband, Trenton, Mitchell Schroeder, Madison Miller and husband, Trey, Chase Haddock, and William Howland II; great-grandchildren, Bonnie Calhoun, Maverick Rudder, and Evie Rudder (expected June 2026); sisters, Debbie Cox and husband, Butch, Lisa Sisson, and Rebecca Schroeder; along with nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and a brother, Danny Schroeder.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Hope.



## William 'Bill' Fred Hughlett

William "Bill" Fred Hughlett, 90, of Monroe City, formerly of Louisiana died Sunday, May 17, 2026 at the Monroe Manor in Paris.

It was his desire to be cremated and his ashes will be buried at Riverview Cemetery at a later date. No services are scheduled at this time.

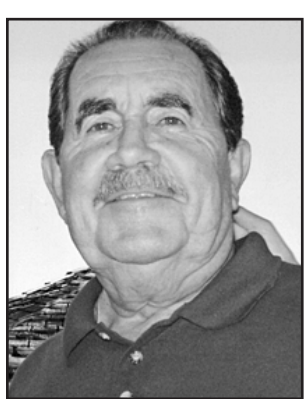
He was born Dec. 30, 1935 in St. Louis to Fred Moore Hughlett and Emma Mae Pritchett Hughlett. He married Elizabeth Moore on Sept. 14, 1958. To this union was born a son, William Hughlett, Jr.; and daughters, Debra Hughlett and Lisa L. Burns.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Lisa Hughlett Burns; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

William graduated from Louisiana High School and attended one year at Culver-Stockton College. He then went into the United States Navy and after several years joined the United States Army National Guard and spent enough years to retire. He worked most of his life in law enforcement.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana is in charge of cremation rites.

Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.



## William 'Bill' James Orr Sr.

William "Bill" James Orr, Sr., 84, of Liberty entered the gates of heaven to meet His Heavenly Father on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

He was born to Burl and Aurelia Feldman Orr on

April 24, 1942 at home in Vandalia. He married, Betty Lee Tyree on June 17, 1964 in Kansas City. Bill joined the United States Army on Nov. 29, 1963 and he became a drill sergeant. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 28, 1969. Bill was a manager and a district manager for both P.N. Hirsch and Walmart. He was highly respected and adored by his employees. Years after he retired, they still would tell him that he was the best boss they ever had and appreciated his encouragement and willingness to step in to help, no job too small or too large for him to undertake. He was a hard-working, selfless man who was admired and loved by so many. He had a great sense of humor. He was a faithful servant of His Heavenly Father by his service as a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and faithful volunteer at the different churches he attended throughout his life's journey. Even witnessing to his nurses while in rehab after his stroke.

Bill enjoyed spending his time with his family, he loved woodworking and doing other projects in his shop, gardening, flower and lawn care. He suffered a massive stroke in August of 2018 which left him paralyzed entirely on his left side, never to be able to walk again. Bill went from an active sun up to sun down lifestyle to a devastating sit in a chair until his healing as he entered Heaven. This was extremely hard and very humbling for him. His devoted wife, Betty, cared for him in their home for seven years with the help of family before having to move him into a care facility.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Gary, one brother-in-law, Rick Rippetto, and a great-niece, Collins Rippetto.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Betty Tyree Orr; his children, Bill Orr and wife, Brenda, Kathy Payne and husband, Kelley, and Kevin Orr; as well as seven grandchildren, Brea Chipman and husband, Will, Justin Payne and wife, Erika, Dawn Orr, Amber Phillips and husband, Dylan, Dani Orr, Aubrey Hartley, and Tyler Orr; four great p-grandchildren, Lily and Layla Payne, Elijah and Elliana Phillips; a brother, Burl Orr, Jr. and wife, Connie; three sisters, Jan Rippetto, Donna Mudd and husband, Dale, Deedra Fischer and husband, Tom; and many nieces and nephews.



## Beverly Ann Barnes Largent

Funeral services for Beverly Ann Barnes Largent, 81, of Vandalia, were at 3 p.m., Sunday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with pastor Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial followed in Vandalia Cemetery.

Visitation was Sunday from 1 p.m., until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Beverly Ann Barnes Largent died very peacefully Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at Boone Hospital in Columbia.

She was born Sept. 27, 1944 to Loyd and Annie Kelly Barnes. On Aug. 5, 1960 she married Earl Thomas Largent. They lived in the Mexico area for six years and after Earl was drafted they were back in Vandalia from then on. They were together for almost 50 years until his death on April 30, 2010.

To this married union of Bev and Earl, they had one daughter, Tara LeeAnn Lewis and husband, Brent. She has three beautiful granddaughters, Taylor Michelle Shireman, Gracey Katherine Rule and husband, Lane, and Kelley LeeAnn Lewis and Will. She was also blessed with two handsome great-grandsons, Chael Michael Shireman and Rhett Thomas Rule.

Beverly loved the Lord with all her heart and was a witness for her Faith daily. She was a member of the Vandalia First Assembly of God Church. She was the Sunday School Superintendent for four years. She taught Bible School for more years than we can count. She was president of Women's Missions from 1993-2004. She was a member of the Women's Full Gospel Fellowship. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 2173. She was a member of the Women's Monday Bible Study Club. She also coached Tara's Khoury League softball team the Purple Streaks for nine years.

As far as working, Bev

did many things. In her younger years she was a bartender at the local Corner Tap in Vandalia where she was know by many. She loved cooking for the locals, frying fish, tenderloins, and grilling hamburgers. Bev worked at several local and neighboring garment factories including Bobbie Brooks that was in Vandalia, and Leisure Wear that was in Laddonia. In the 90's she went to work for the Corp of Engineers at Mark Twain Lake.

Bev loved to go camping. She loved to sew and made many of Tara's clothes and also some for the granddaughters. There wasn't anything she could not make. Quilting was a favorite of hers as well. She did many crafts and painted for several years as well. Two of her most favorite things to do though were to go fishing and to be in the garden, both vegetable garden, and flower garden. Bev loved plants of all kinds. She also loved her birds. She always had to make sure her bird feeders were filled and that the bird bath had water.

Bev's most treasured things were not things but are her daughter, her granddaughters and her great-grandsons. They are what made her world go round. She thanked the Lord daily for them. She described them as her greatest reward in this life.

Bev is survived by daughter Tara and son-in-law, Brent; granddaughters, Taylor, Gracey, and Kelley; grandson-in-laws, Lane and Will; and her great-grandsons, Chael and Rhett; a brother, Buford Barnes; sisters-in-law, Virginia Howdeshell, Mary Helen Eskew, Dorothy Largent, Barbara Hawkinson and husband, Marion, Barbara Largent, Cathy Largent, and Dorothy Reichardt. Bev also has many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Annie Barnes, father-in-law, Otis Sherwood Largent,

mother-in-law, Mable Eskew, a sister, Dorothy Stuart and husband JR, sister-in-law, Wilma Barnes, brothers-in-law, Charles Largent, Bill "Otis" Largent, Gene Largent, JR Largent, Gene Eskew, and Jim Howdeshell.

If Bev had one wish it was that everyone would have a relationship with the Lord. She was saved in March of 1974 after what she said was always a battle of her wanting to do things her way until finally surrendering to the Lord and asking Jesus into her heart and life. She started her walk with him and her faith grew incredibly and she was bold about her love for Jesus. She is now with her Lord and Savior, no more pain, and no more worry.

We thank the Lord for the life of Beverly Ann Barnes Largent

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to the Vandalia Historical Society (VAHS) flower fund. It supports the flowers downtown Vandalia from mid-May until mid-October. Memorial contributions may be mailed c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

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## Card Of Thanks

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped celebrate a very special lady, Mary Alice Wright. Whether you sent a card or text, came to the funeral home or Mass, sent flowers or gifts, cooked and served food, shared memories, or kept our family in your thoughts and prayers - it was all deeply appreciated.

**Sincerely,  
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The Vandalia Cemetery Board and Association would like to express our appreciation for the generous donations received during the month of May and the 2026 Memorial Day weekend.

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# Community News



## Day of Service Activity

Clarksville Memorial VFW Post 4610, Auxiliary and Youth participated in Day of Service activity and barbecue fundraiser on Friday, May 1, both were a great success, with four post members, seven auxiliary, and one youth.



NECAC Self-Help Housing Supervisor Howard Sommer measures a board to be trimmed on a project in New London. The agency has been awarded a two-year, \$379,335 grant from USDA Rural Development to continue the program in eight Missouri counties.

## NECAC Seeks Homeowners For Free Renovation Program

NECAC is seeking homeowners for a program that provides free materials with participants doing the labor.

The agency has been awarded a two-year, \$379,335 grant by USDA Rural Development to administer the Self-Help Housing program in Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Shelby and Warren counties.

Participants must meet income guidelines. They will work with NECAC Construction Supervisor Howard Sommer, who will provide one-on-one instruction on the skills they need to do projects. Supplies and tools will be purchased by the program, but the labor will be contributed by the families and volunteers.

"This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and be a part of making your home more energy efficient," said NECAC Deputy Director for Housing Development Programs Carla Potts. "Upgrading the housing stock will also benefit communities."

NECAC has been involved with Self-Help Housing since 1999. Under

## Floating Gardens On Display At Convention

Learn how to build a garden that floats on water at the 2026 University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener State Conference, June 4-7 in Springfield.

During one of the tours at the home of a local Master Gardener, attendees can learn how floating gardens improve water quality, filter pollutants naturally and create habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

Other tours will visit the Baker Creek Seed sorting facility, Ozarks Food Harvest's Full Circle Gardens, Springfield-area home gardens, Extension Master Gardener demonstration gardens and local parks. There will be shuttle service for off-site tours and classes.

For more information or to register, visit <https://pears.io/events/mu/5436>.

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## Della Myers Graduates, Makes Dean's List



Della Myers graduated from John Woods Community College recently.

She earned an associates degree and earned a place on the dean's list.

Balancing school, full-time work, and motherhood is no small accomplishment, yet she handled it all with determination and grace.

Her hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and this achievement is so well deserved.



## Simulation Preps

NECAC Pike County Service Coordinator Penny Dixon sorts dolls that are used as part of the agency's poverty simulations. The programs are done at schools and community events. Participants spend three hours getting a glimpse of how their neighbors in need live from day-to-day while juggling work, family, school and unexpected hardships. To schedule a poverty simulation, call Dixon at 573-324-2207. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

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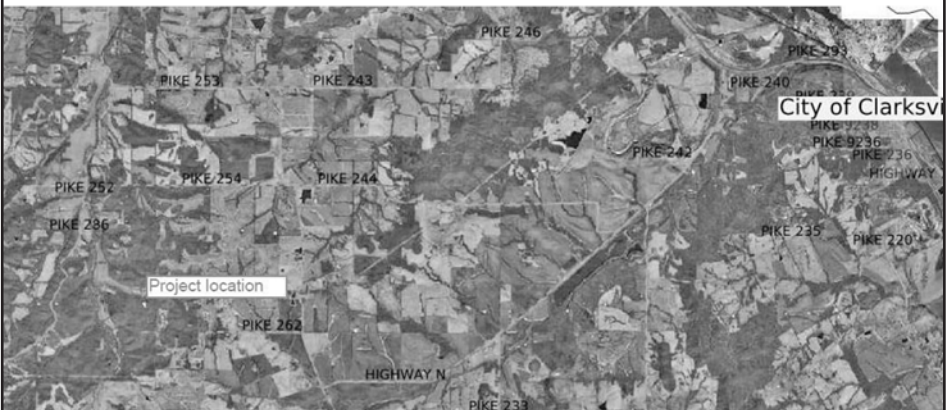
The new bridge will be a 34' 6" single span bridge with a roadway 24' wide. Approaches will be modified as necessary to access the new bridge. This project will greatly improve the access for all emergency vehicles. Construction is expected to start in 2027.

The project is a collaboration between the Pike County and the Missouri Department of Transportation using Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BRO) funds to assist in the costs of the project.

Comments will be received until June 1, 2026. Written comments may be sent to Pike County at the following address:

Bill Allen  
Pike County  
115 W Main ST  
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Comments may also be submitted via email to Bill Allen at: [ballen@pikecounty-mo.gov](mailto:ballen@pikecounty-mo.gov)



## Public Notice of Proposed Bridge Replacement on Pike CR 31

Pike County is in the process of designing plans to replace the existing Bridge No. 2780014 over an unnamed tributary located on CR 31 in Pike County, Missouri. The nearest address is 15539 Pike CR 31.

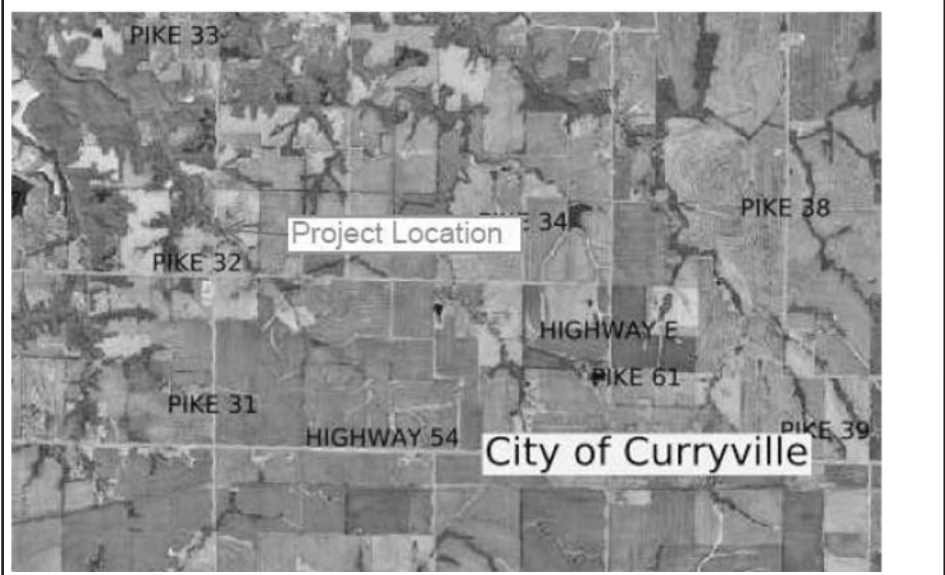
The new bridge with a new (34') single span bridge with a 24' wide roadway capable of handling legal loads. Approaches will be modified as necessary to access the new bridge. This project will greatly improve the access for all emergency vehicles. Construction is expected to start in 2027.

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All classified ads are payable in advance. 40-cents per word, \$4 minimum. Deadline: Monday at 9 A.M.

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# Community News

## Hickerson Named To SEMO President's List

Southeast Missouri State University has announced its President's List for undergraduate academic achievement during the spring 2026 semester.

Natalie Hickerson of Bowling Green has been named to the list.

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## SEMO Announces Spring Dean's List

Southeast Missouri State University has announced its dean's list for undergraduate academic achievement during the spring 2026 semester.

Students named to the dean's list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit. They received no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

Area students named to the list include: Natalie Hickerson of Bowling Green; Evan Peggs of Silex; and Gabrielle Ramirez of Frankford.



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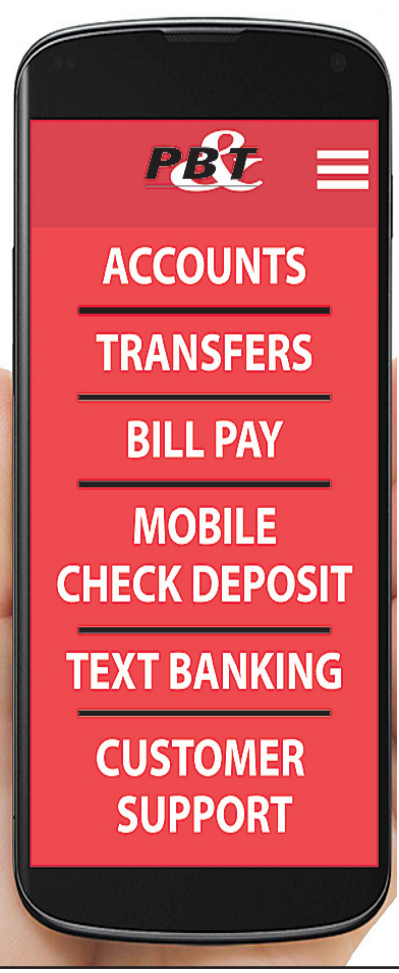


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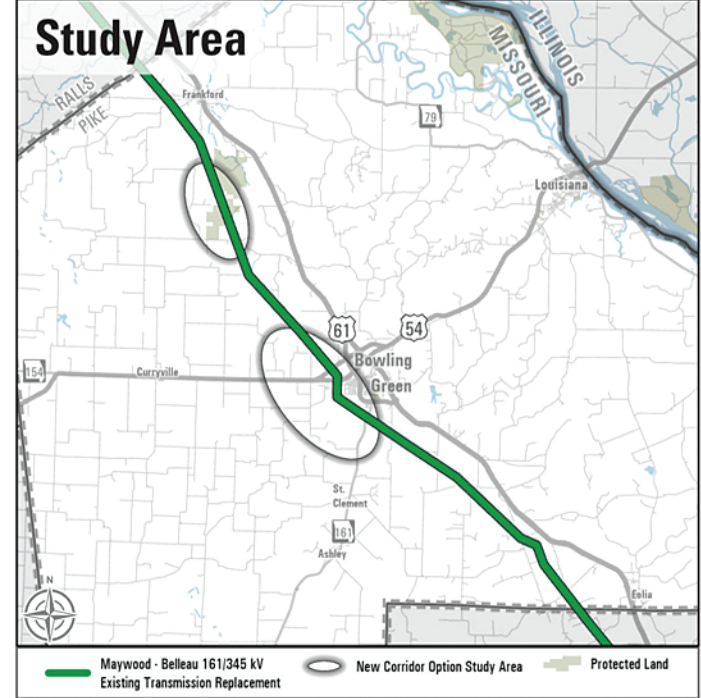
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