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Here's what you need to know about the Hammond Central ribbon cutting

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Skillman Corp. gave an update Tuesday night on Hammond Central High School to the School City of Hammond board.

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HAMMOND — School City of Hammond will celebrate its new high school with a ribbon cutting later this week.

On Thursday, students, staff, district officials and community members will gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Hammond Central High School.

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Join Tristan DeFord, Jami Rieck, and Nancy Zakutanksy on a shift working for Superior Ambulance in Merrillville.

"It's an enormous privilege to help usher in the first generation of Hammond Central students for the 2021-2022 school year," said Superintendent Scott Miller.

The aging Clark, Gavit and Hammond high schools were closed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, resulting in students being redistricted between Hammond Central and Morton High School, according to a news release from the district.

Incoming Hammond Central student ambassadors will lead tours of the new \$100 million facility. There will also be performances in the Black Box Theatre by Hammond Art and Performance Academy students.

Those students who attend the new school will become the first pack of Hammond Central Wolves, a name and mascot that came from in-person and virtual town hall meetings and two community surveys conducted over more than two months.

The project has been years in the making, and the district worked directly with architecture firm Schmidt Associates and construction company The Skillman Corporation.

Having worked with the district since 2017, Schmidt Associates CEO Sarah Hempstead said she has been inspired by the community investment in this school.

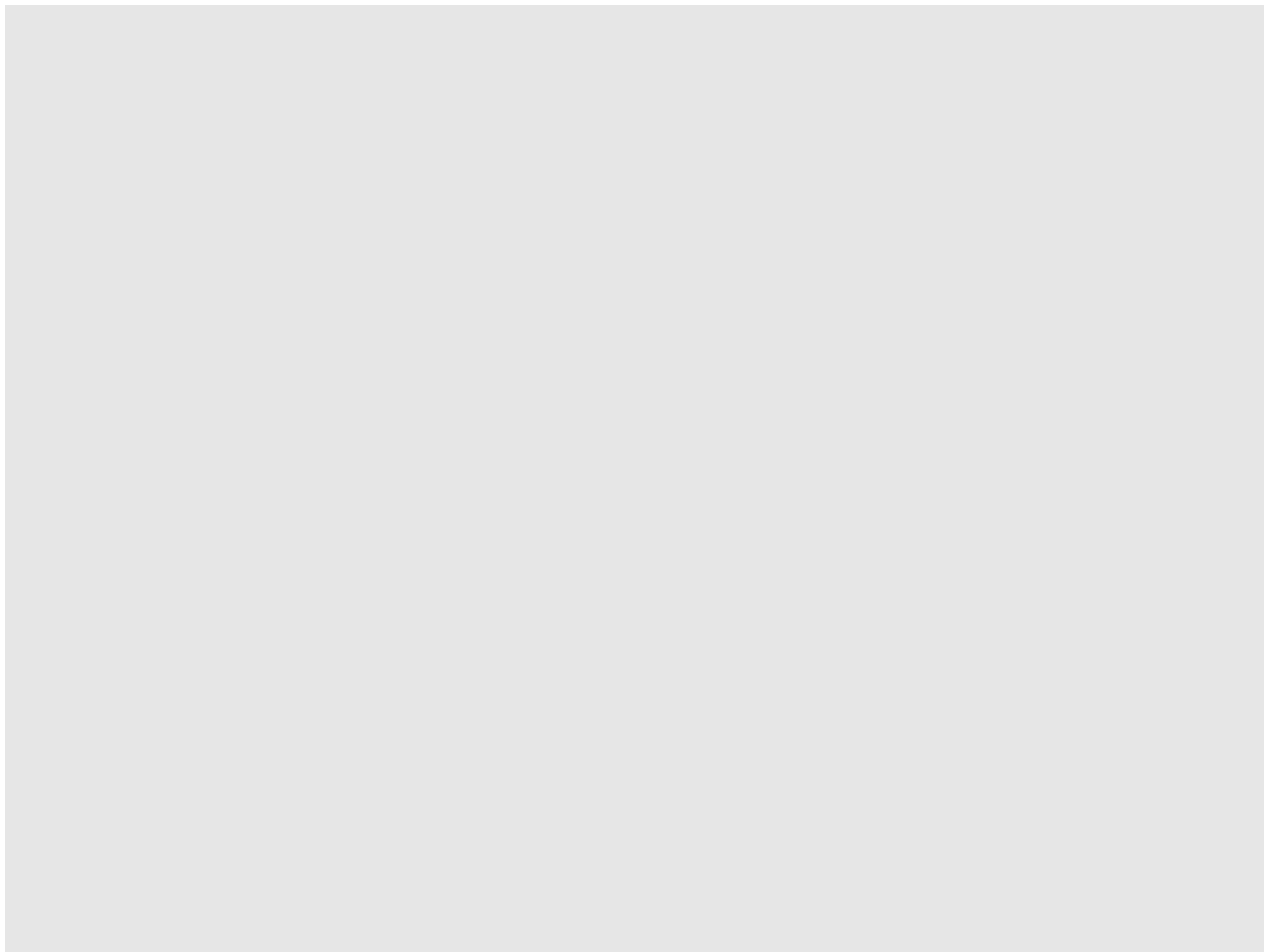
"Partnering with a community task force, the School Board, school leadership, parents, and even students, we envisioned and brought to life a space that will serve the community and enhance learning outcomes for many years to come," she said.

"We could not be more proud of the final product."

The ribbon cutting will run from 3-5 p.m. at 5926 Calumet Ave. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

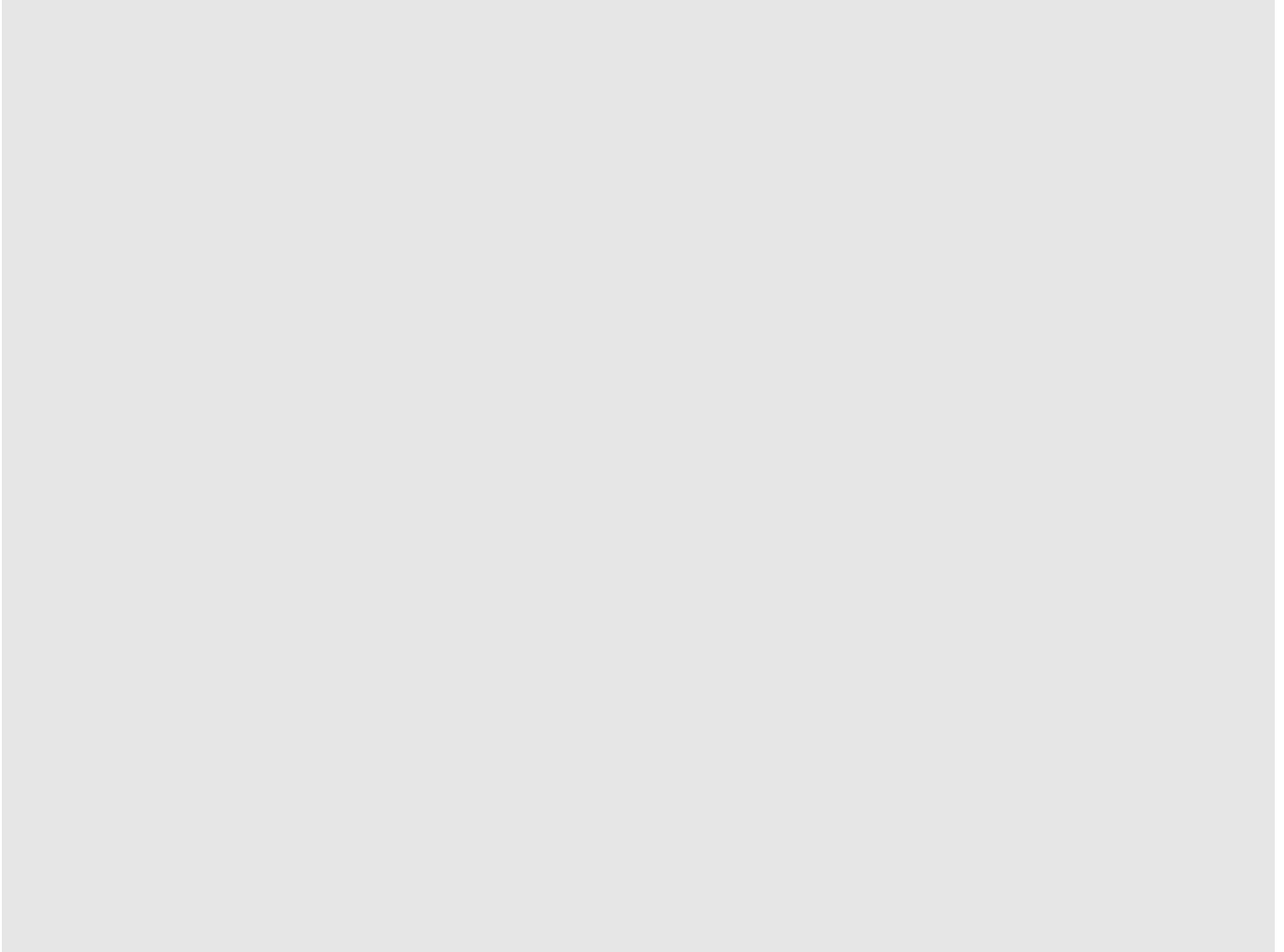
Parking will be limited to the south lot because of the ongoing demolition of Hammond High School. If needed, attendees can park in the overflow south of the Swanel Beverage Inc. lot located across the street.

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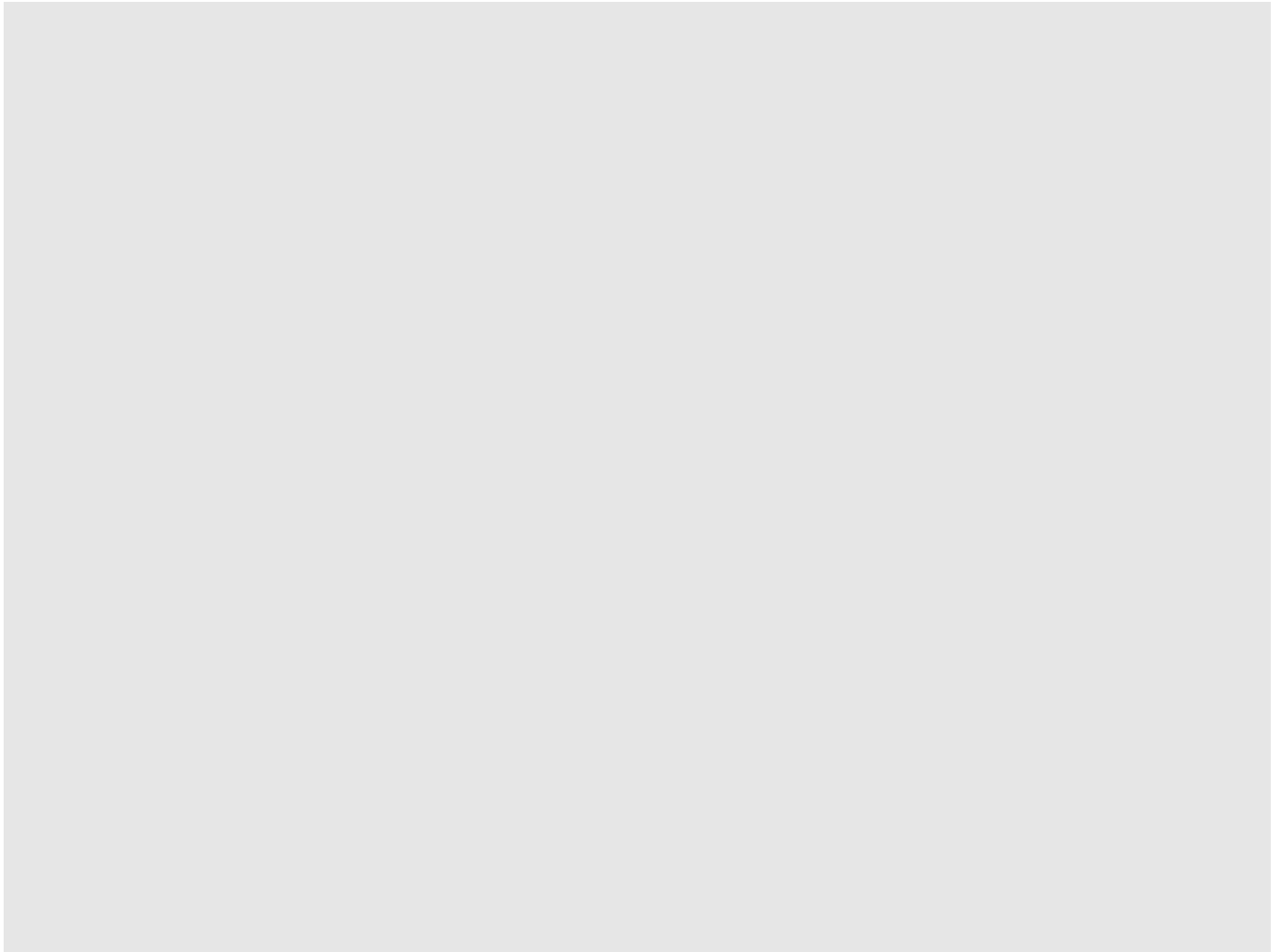
PepsiCo delivery workers acknowledge the support from passing drivers Monday while picketing outside the company's Munster facility.

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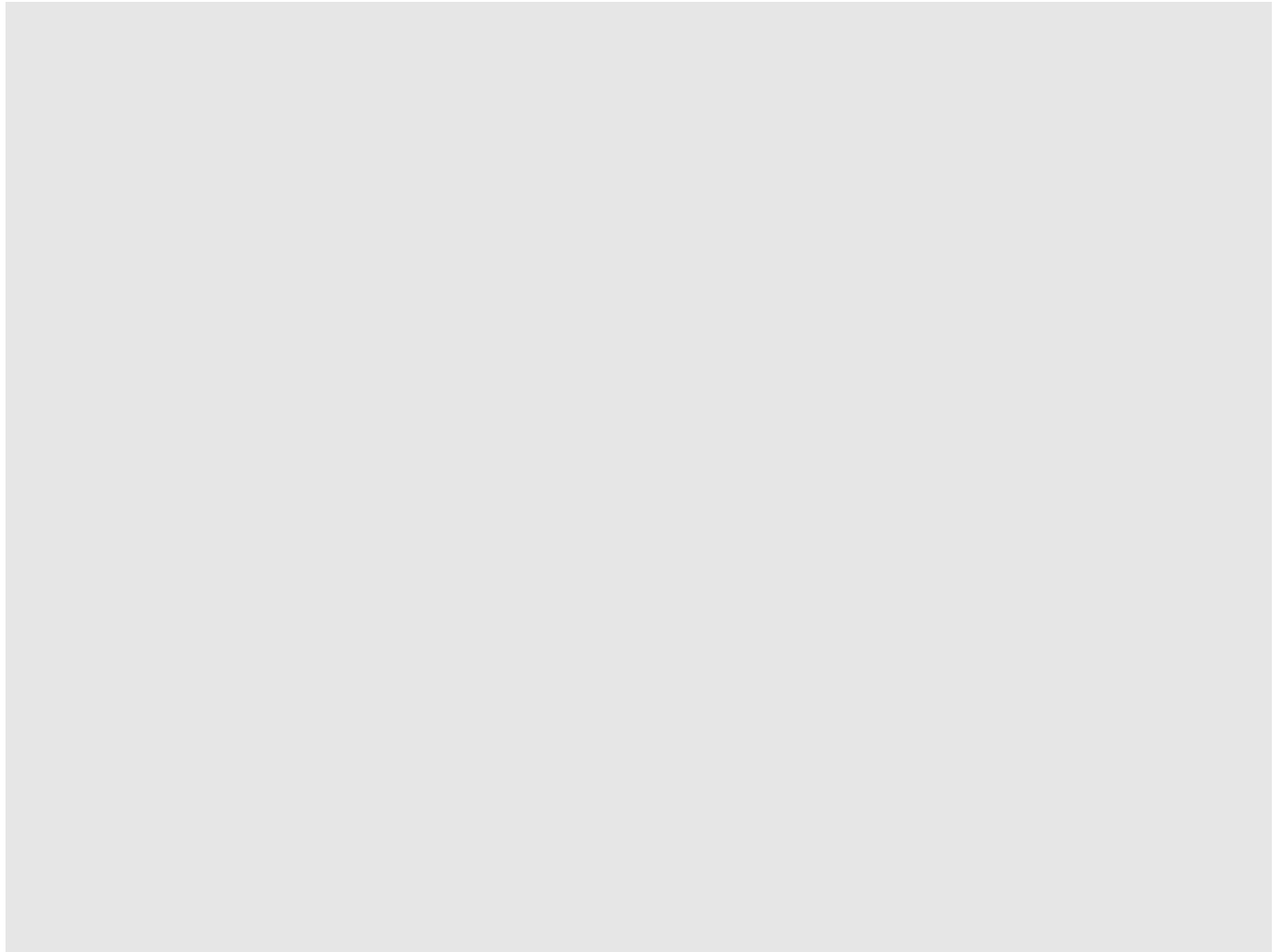
Truck drivers and other motorists beep their horns Monday to show their support for the PepsiCo delivery workers currently on strike.

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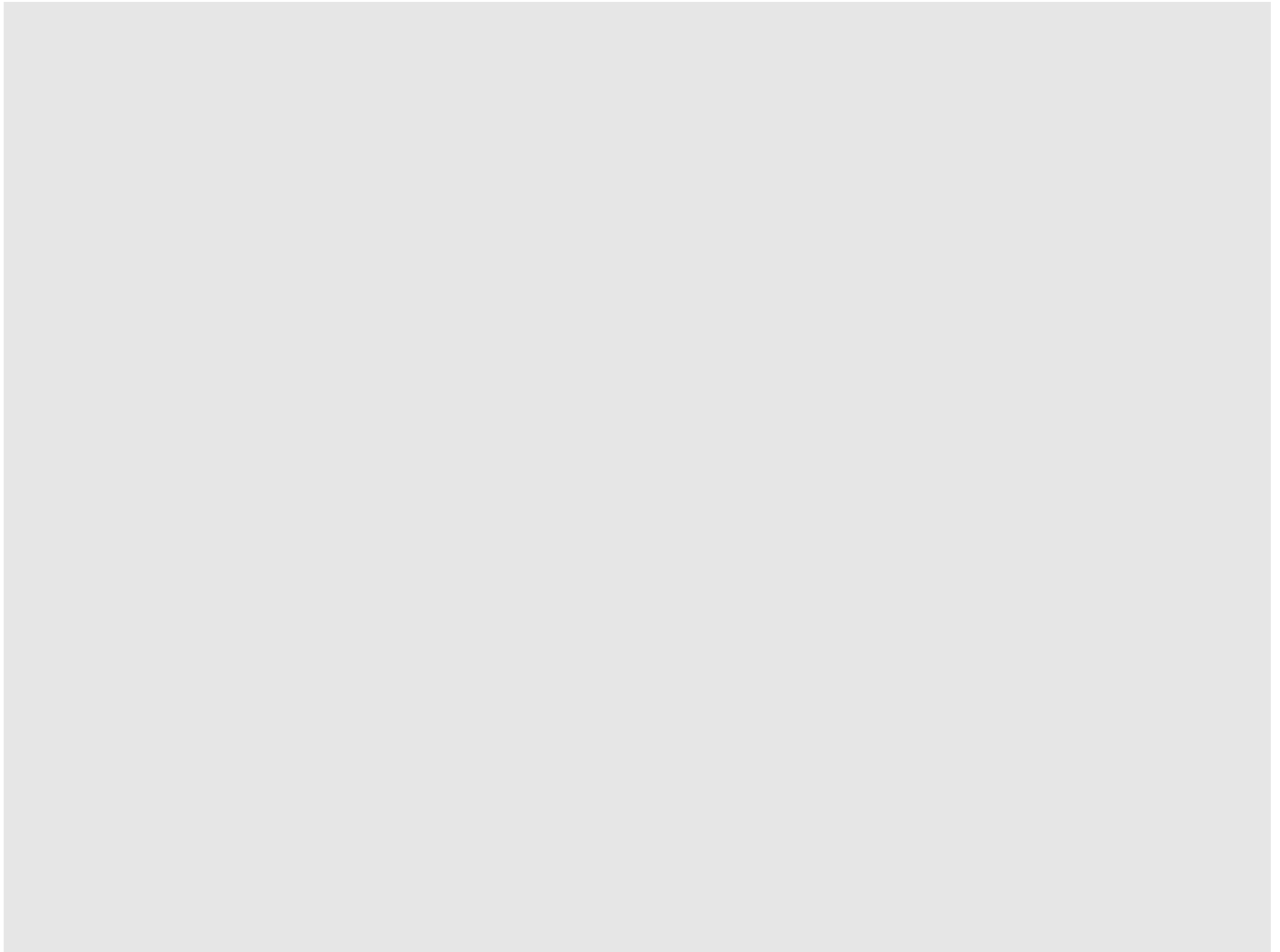
PepsiCo workers on strike cheer Monday morning after gaining the support of passing drivers along Calumet Avenue in Munster.

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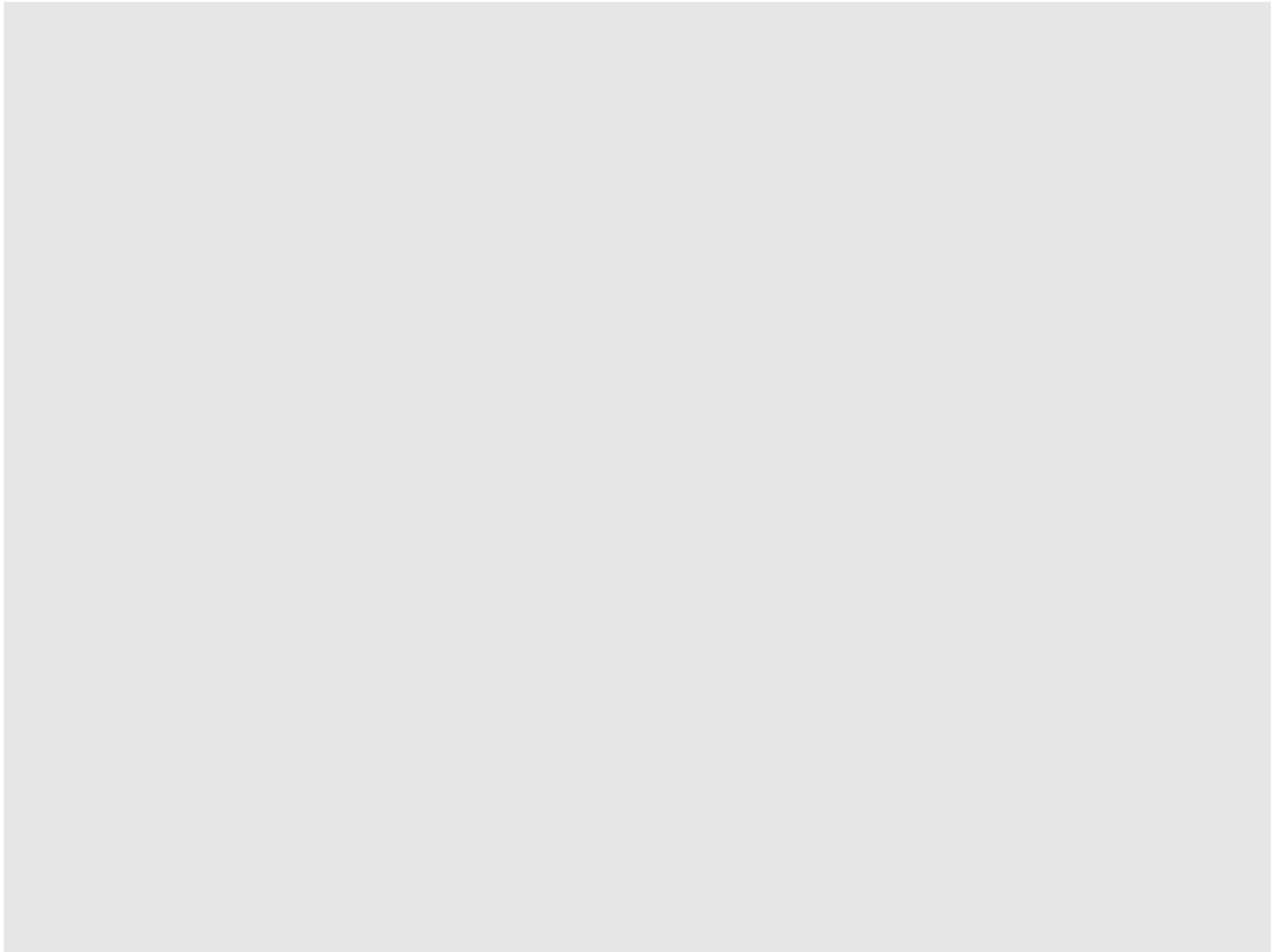
PepsiCo delivery workers picket outside the company's bottling facility in Munster last week after the company and Teamsters Local 142 union failed to reach a contract agreement.

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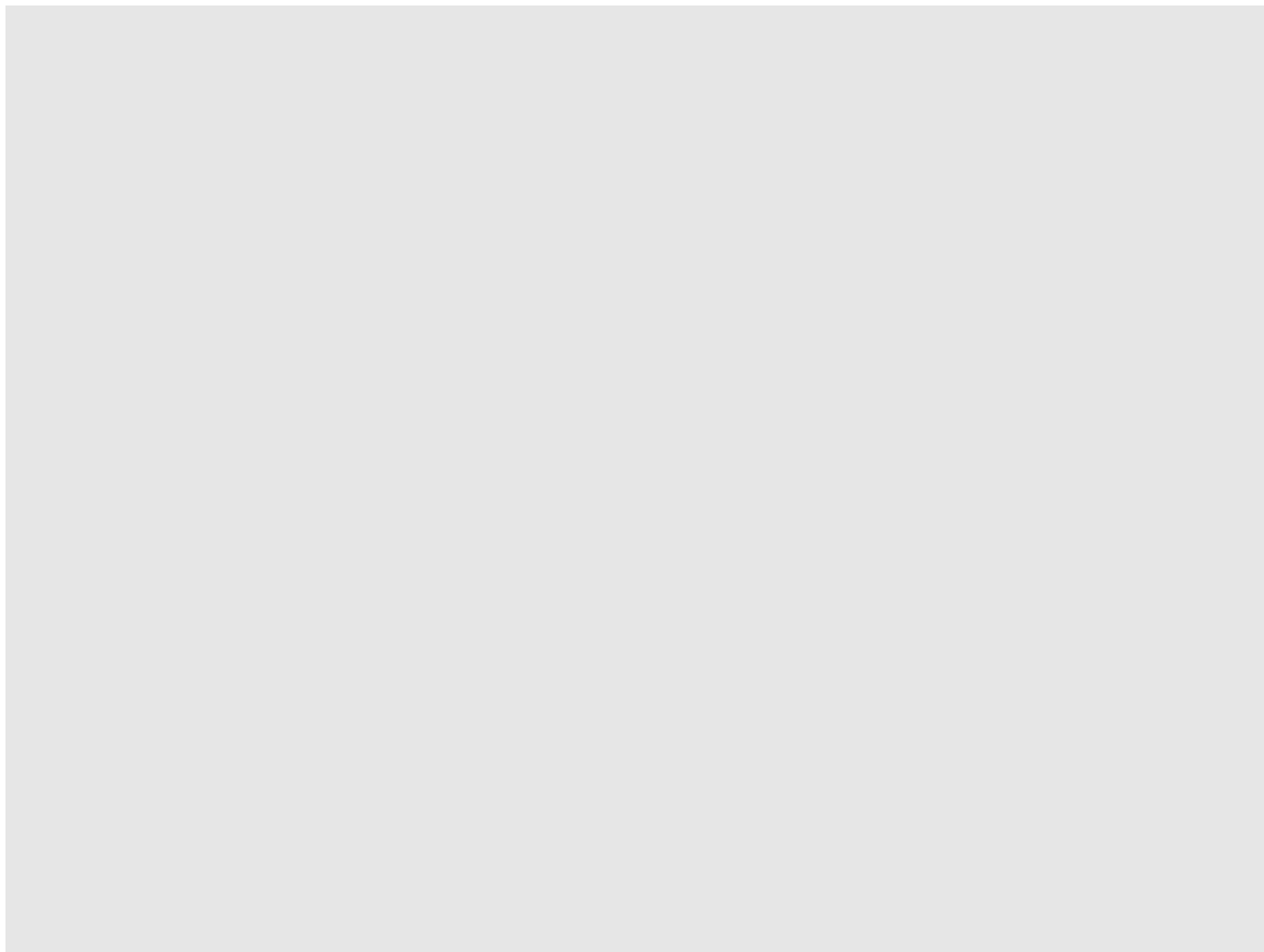
Stylist Dafne Reyes assists Kami Walter, of Greenville, Michigan, as she tries on a wedding gown at Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear in Highland.

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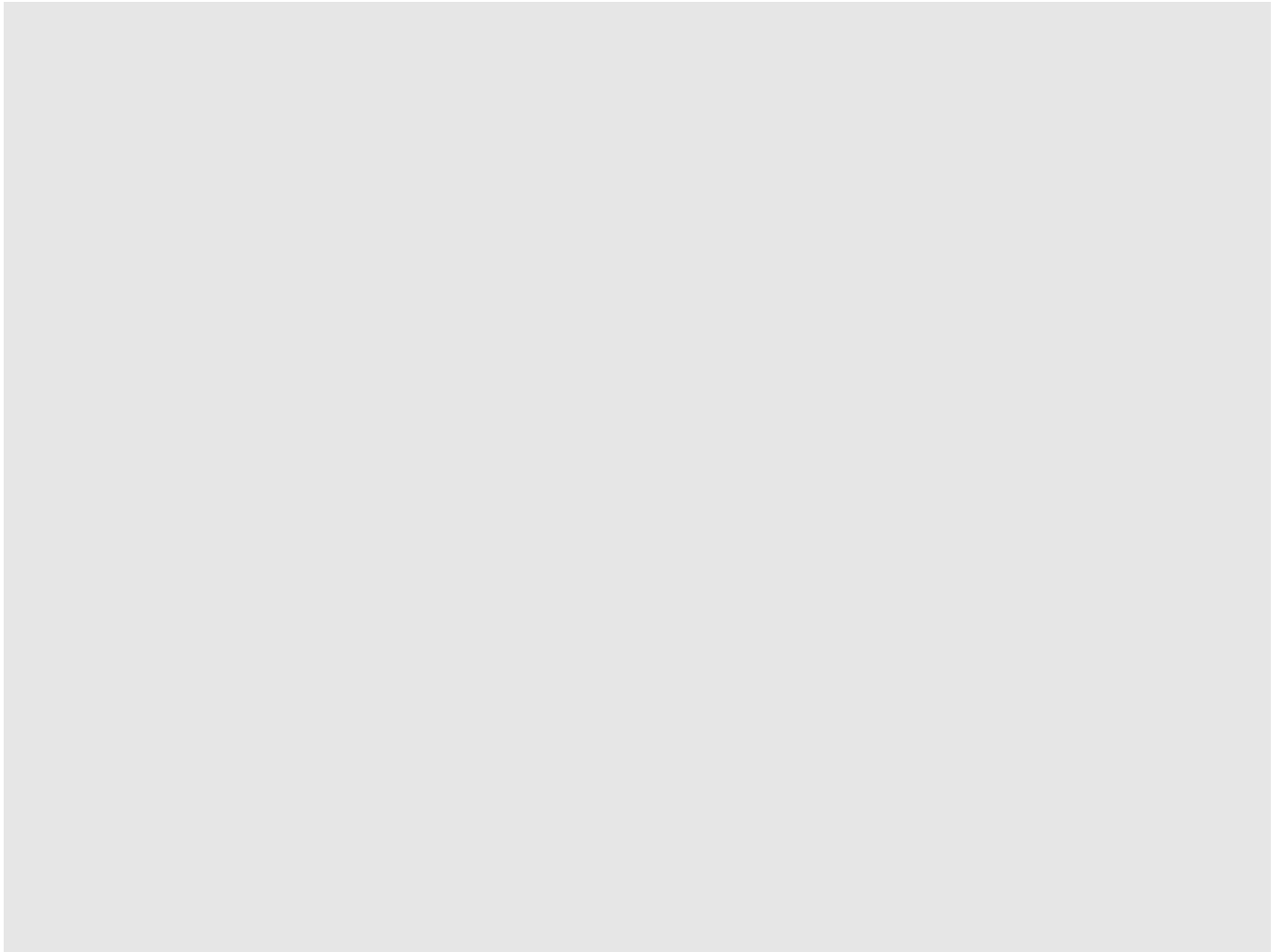
Kami Walter shows off her ring Tuesday while dress shopping at Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear in Highland.

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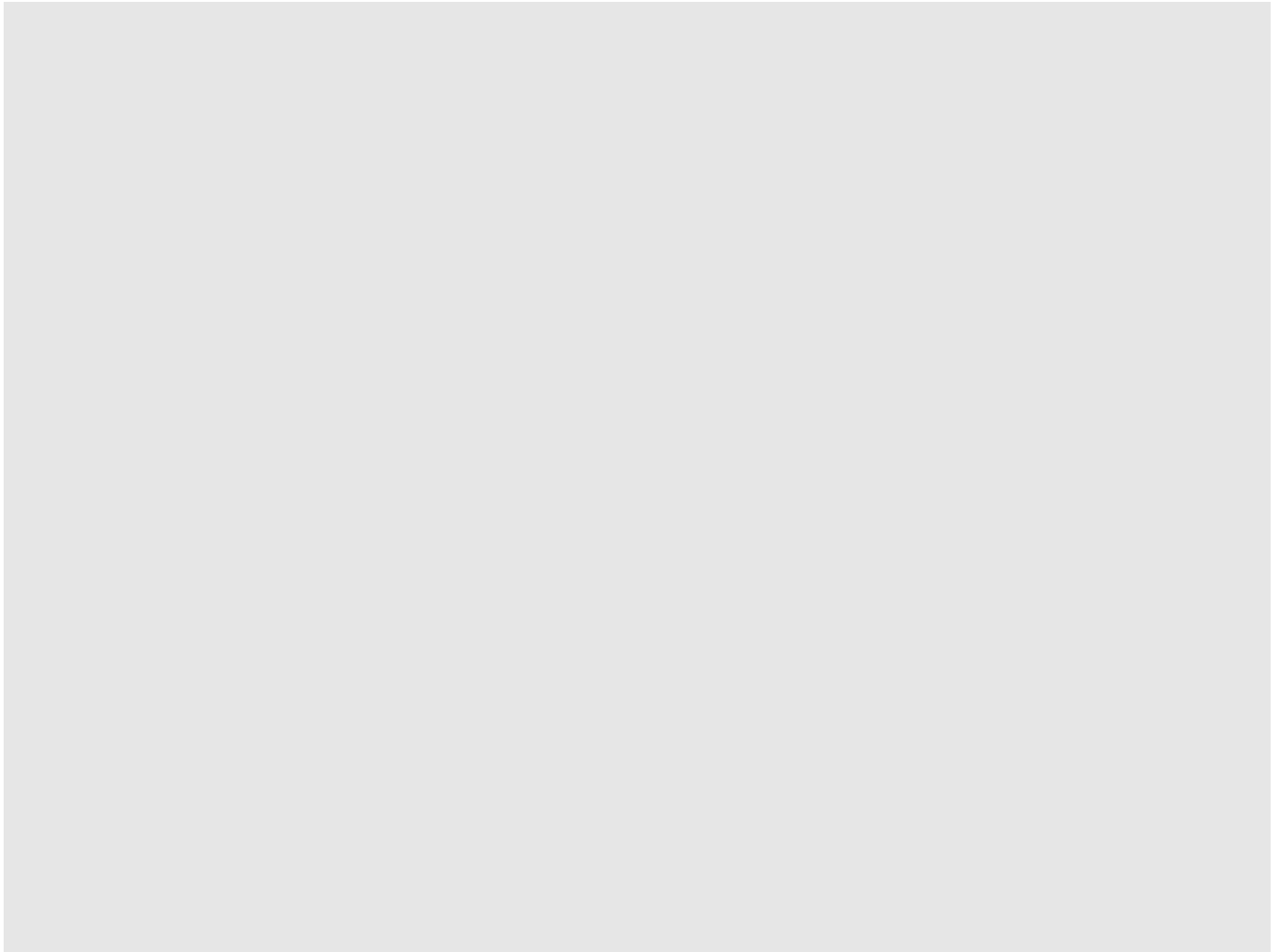
Bride Kami Walter, of Greenville, Michigan, gets some advice from stylist Dafne Reyes on Tuesday at Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear in Highland.

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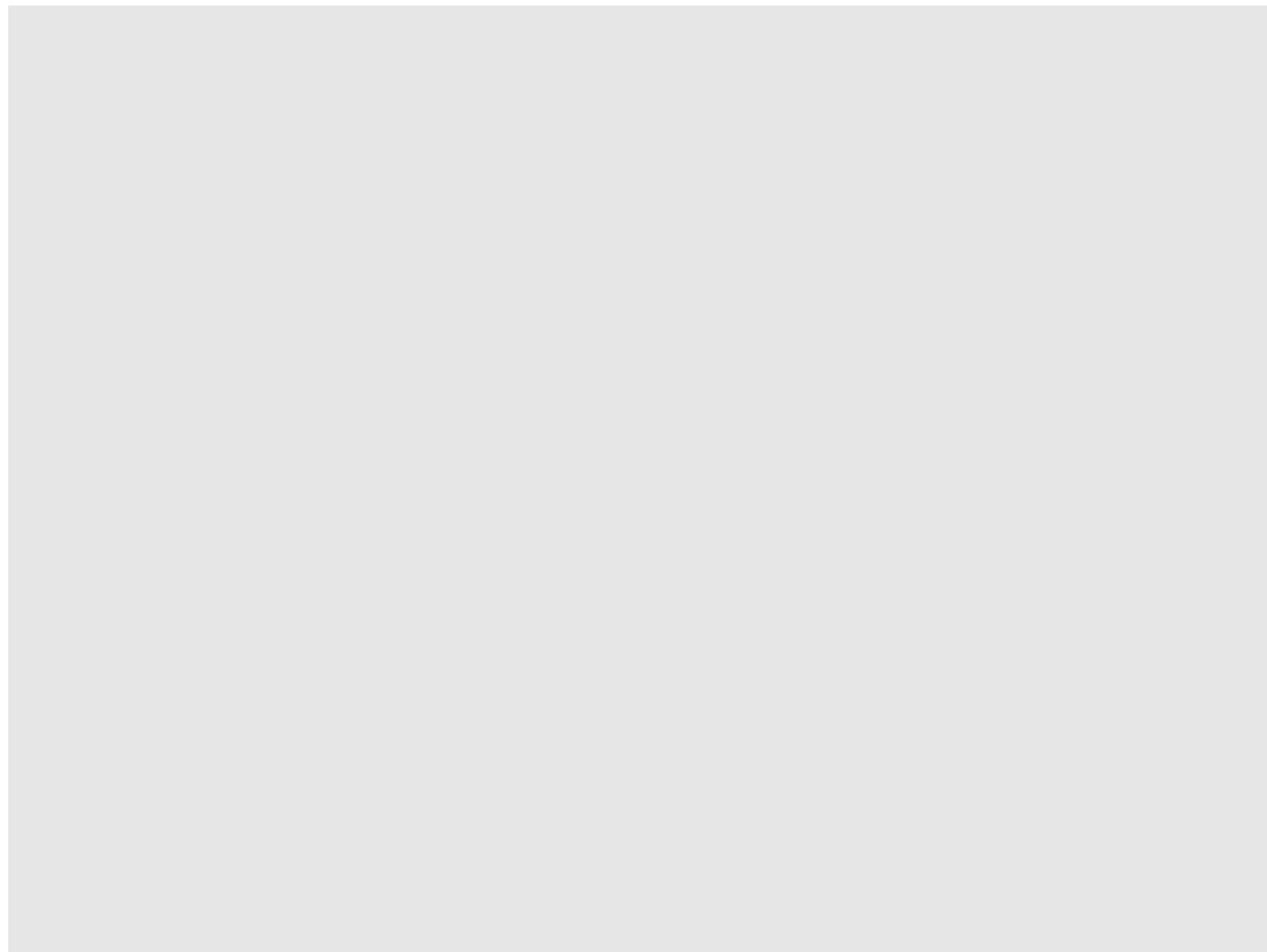
Elizabeth Martinez, of Indianapolis, looks through some bridal gown offerings at Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear in Highland.

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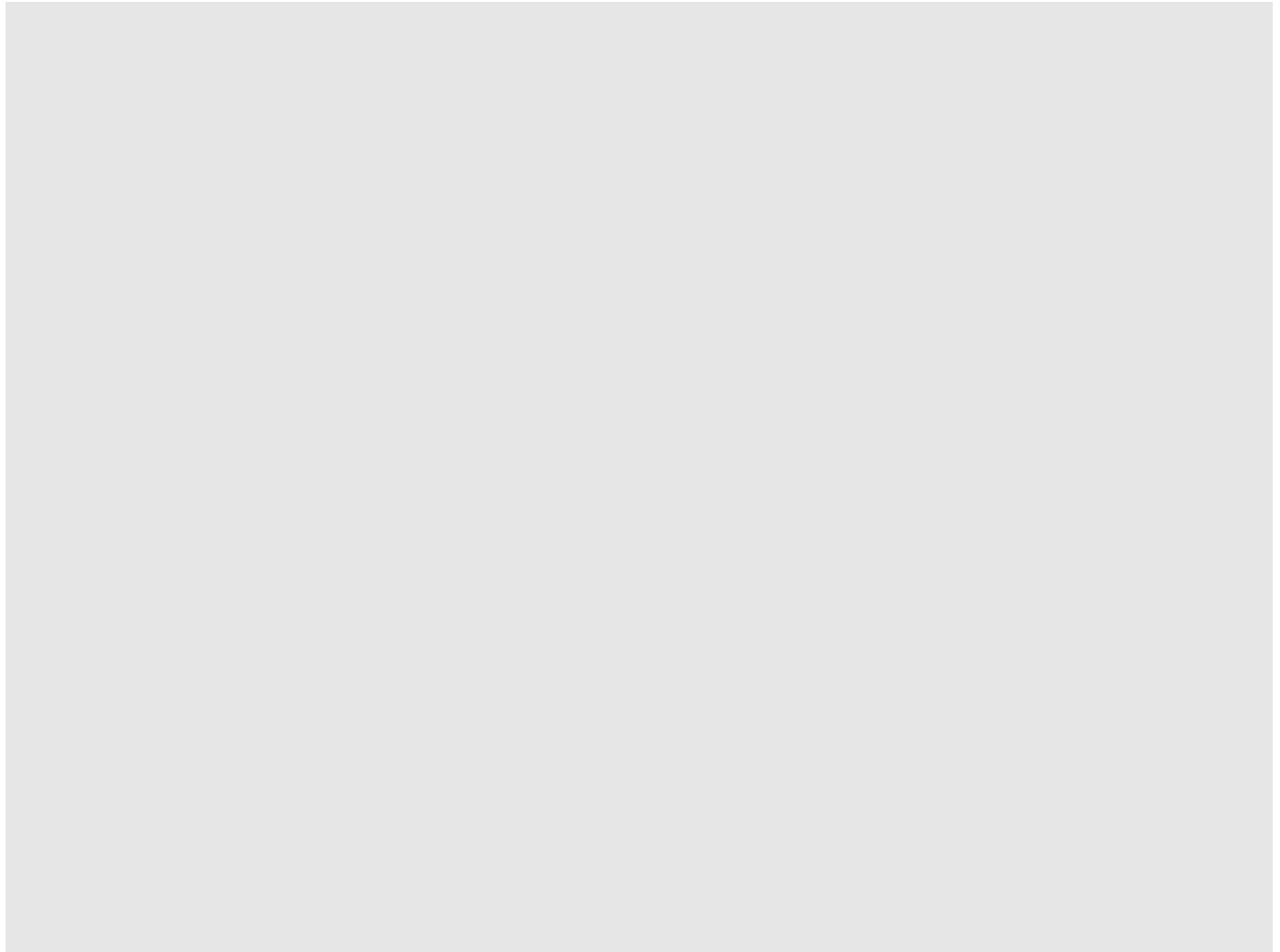
TF South's James Muth connects on a pitch against the Lansing Police Department during Tuesday's charity softball game at the Lansing Old Timers Sports Complex.

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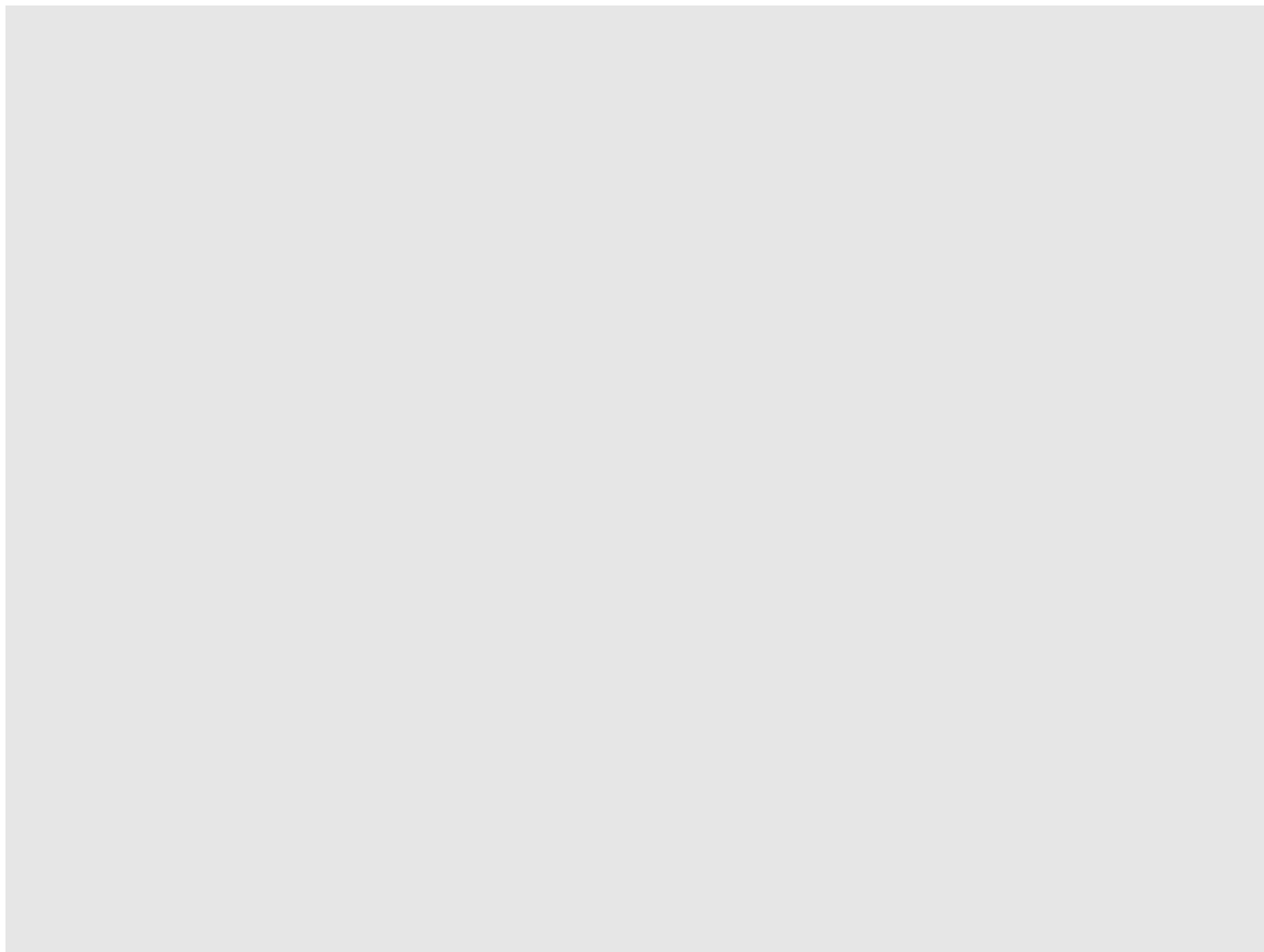
Lansing Police Chief Al Phillips pitches in the second inning against the TF South baseball players during Tuesday's charity softball game at the Lansing Old Timers Sports Complex.

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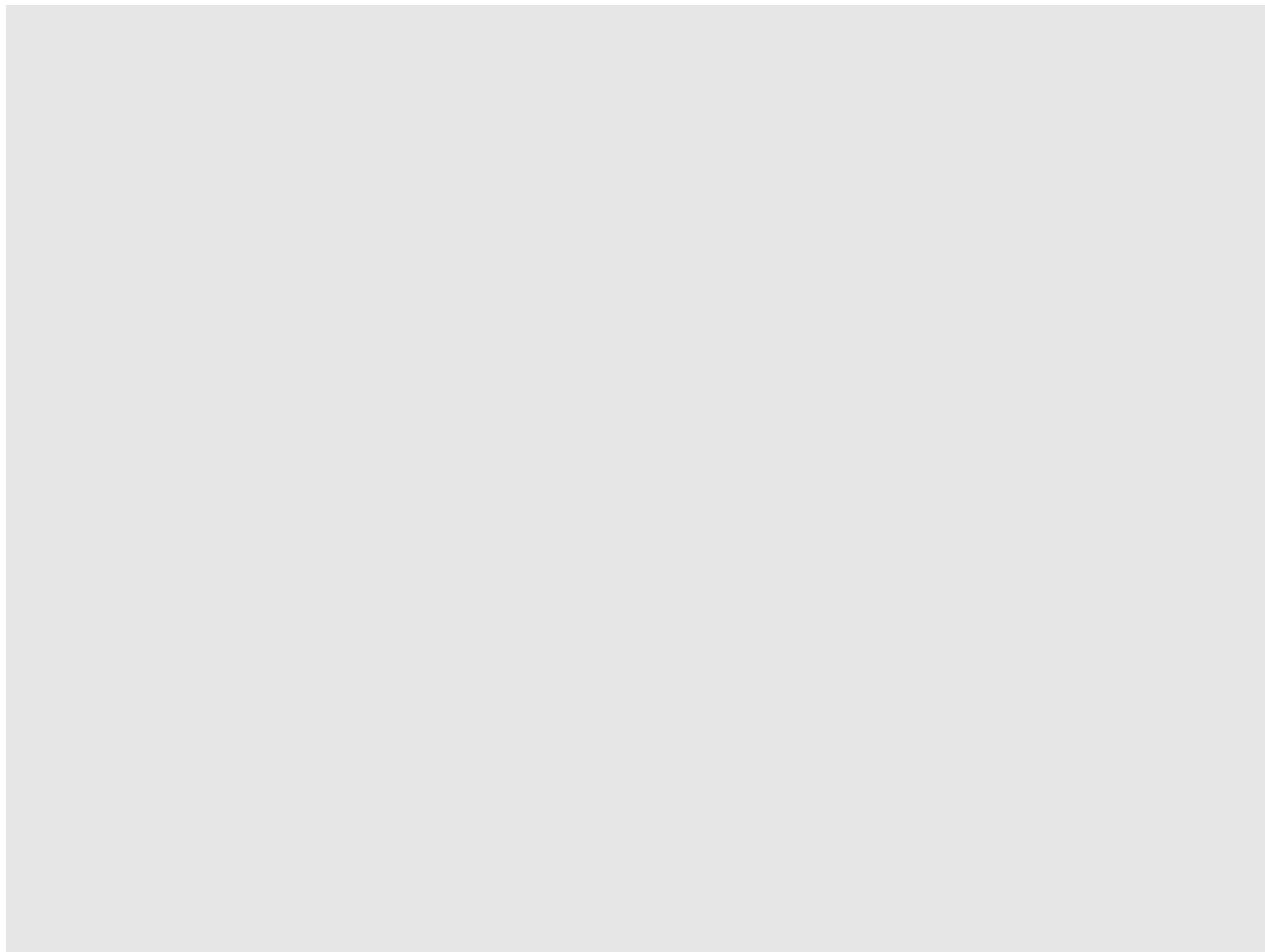
The Lansing Police Department's Denny Murrin heads out to the field in the seventh inning during of Tuesday's charity softball game against TF South baseball players at the Lansing Old Timers Sports Complex.

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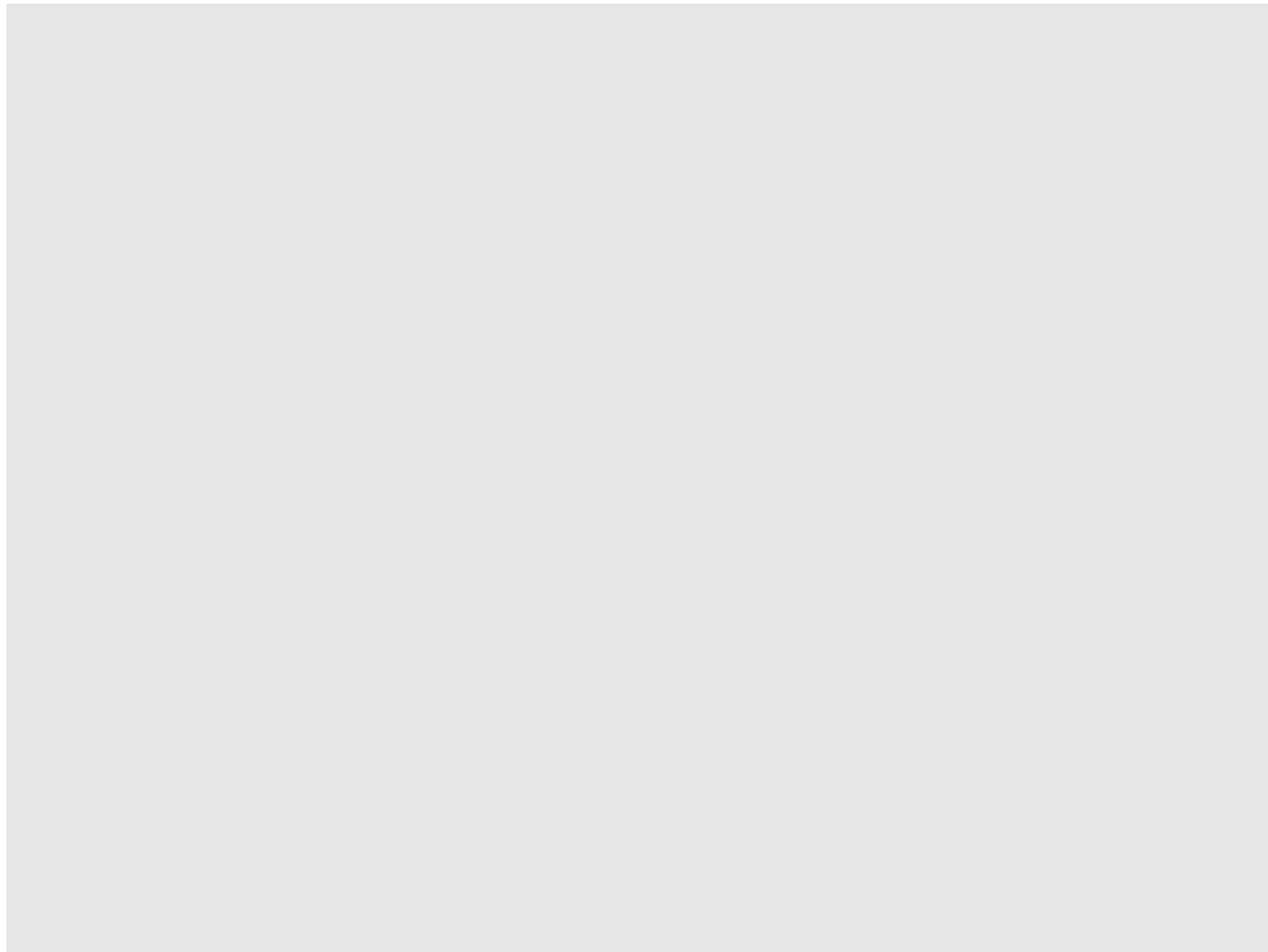
Lansing Police Sgt. Chuck Weeden, left, and Deputy Chief Steven Roberts work the grill during Tuesday's charity softball game at the Lansing Old Timers Sports Complex.

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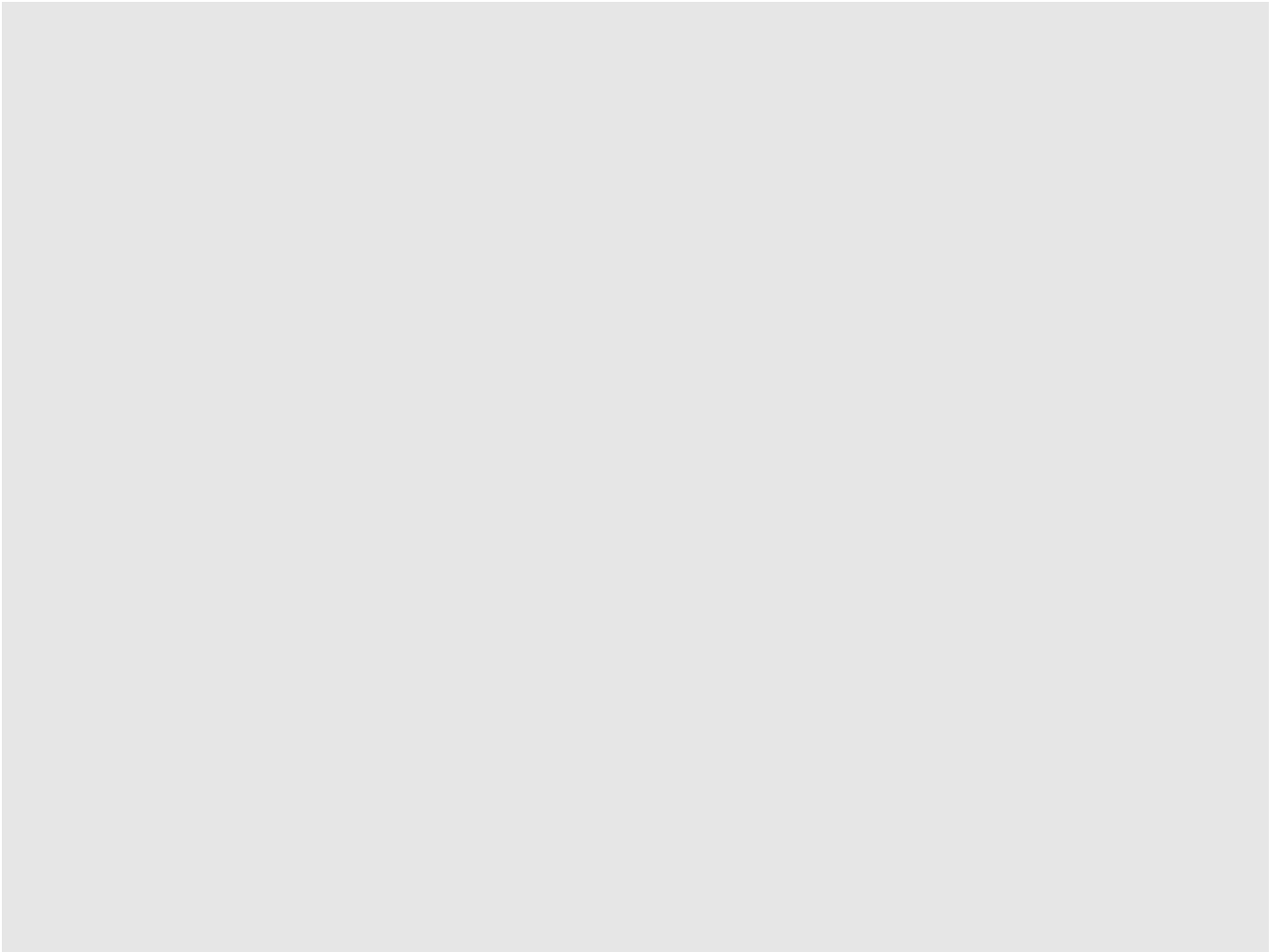
Indiana State Police Trooper Dwayne Halliburton talks with a truck driver Wednesday on the northbound Interstate 65 shoulder. The trucker was pulled over for a traffic stop during ISP's Trooper-in-a-Truck traffic enforcement initiative. The particular driver was observed without a seat belt and speeding.

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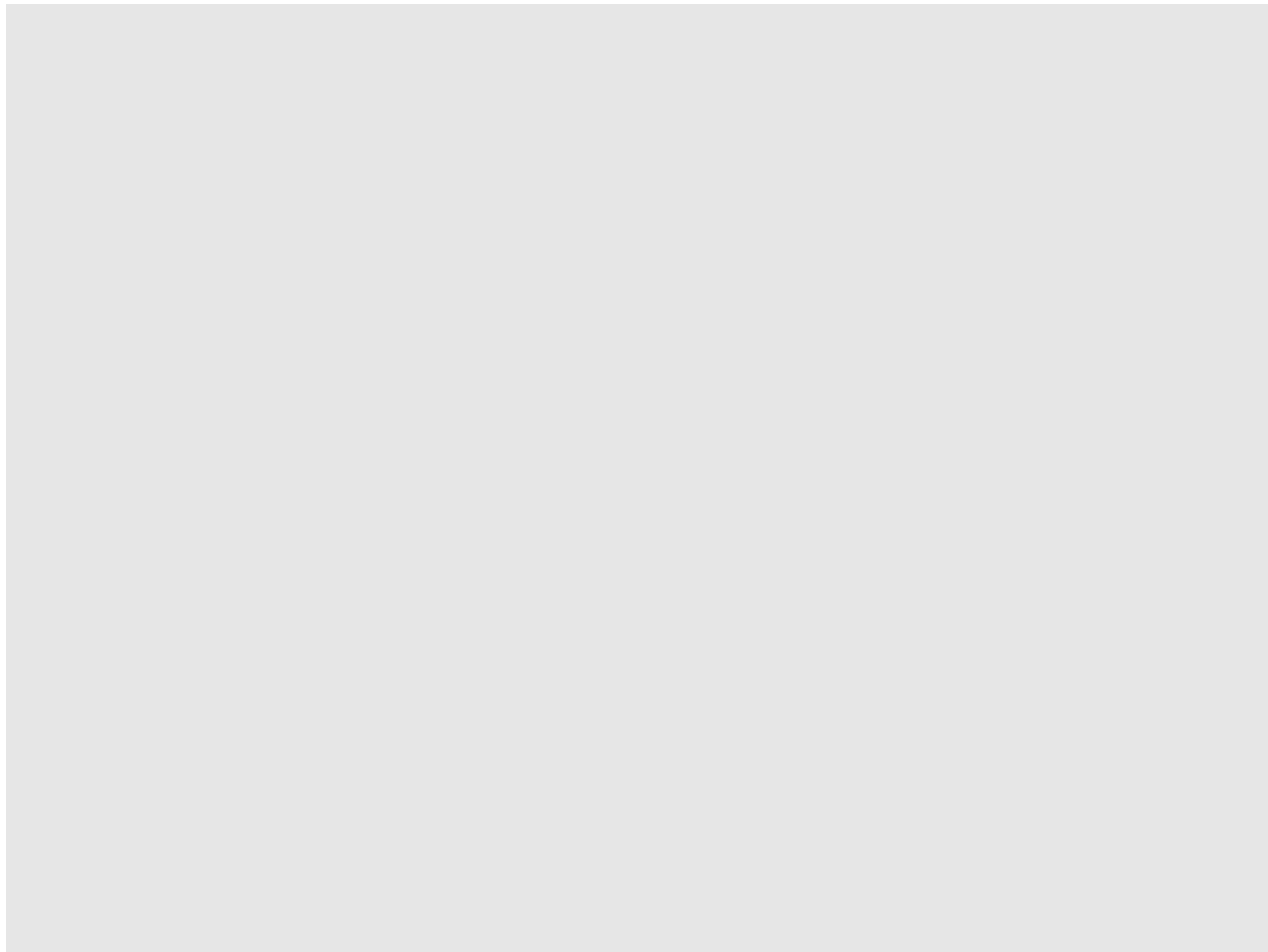
Indiana State Police Trooper Tom DeVries bids "hello" to some goats being hauled by a driver Wednesday on Interstate 80/94. While on a traffic enforcement initiative, DeVries checked on the driver, who had pulled over to the shoulder in Lake Station. The vehicle, hauling the goats from Michigan, was bound for a county fair in Illinois.

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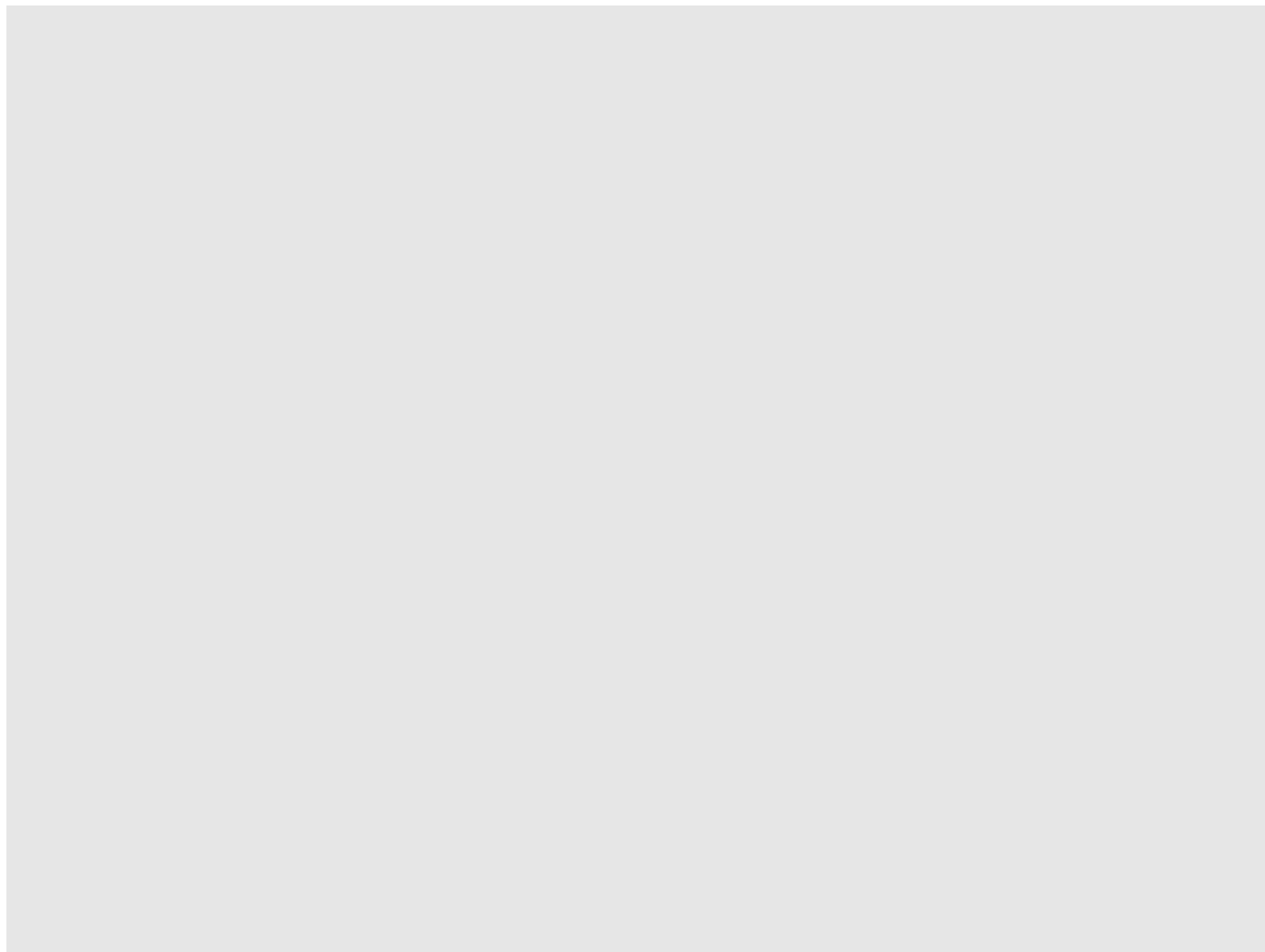
Indiana State Police Trooper Tom DeVries makes notes Wednesday during a traffic stop on northbound Interstate 65 in Gary.

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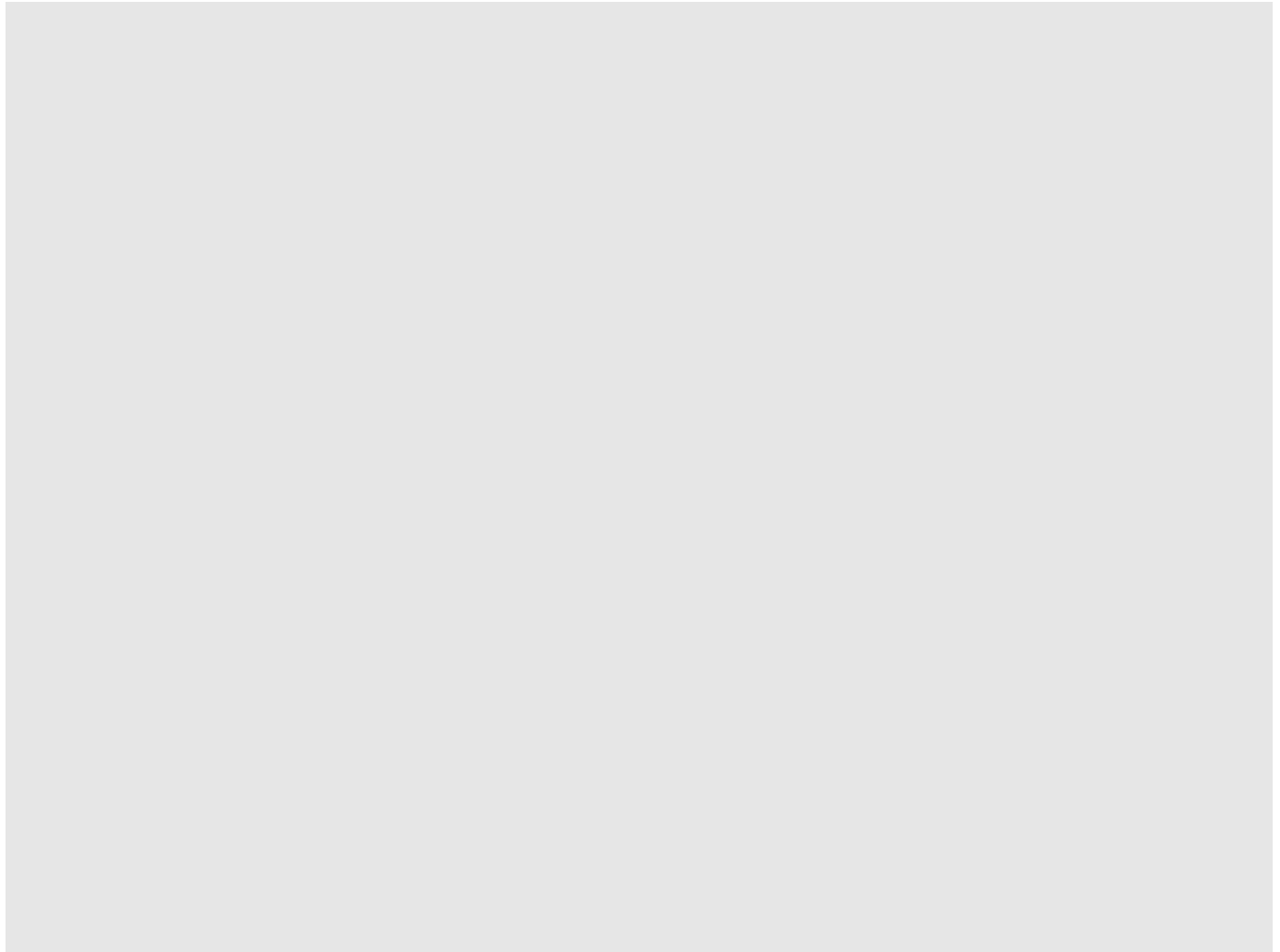
Indiana State Police Trooper Lee Wright huddles with other troopers Wednesday ahead of the Trooper-in-a-Truck initiative in Gary. Wright rode in a semitrailer to gain a different perspective as a part of the initiative for spotting traffic infractions on the Region's highways.

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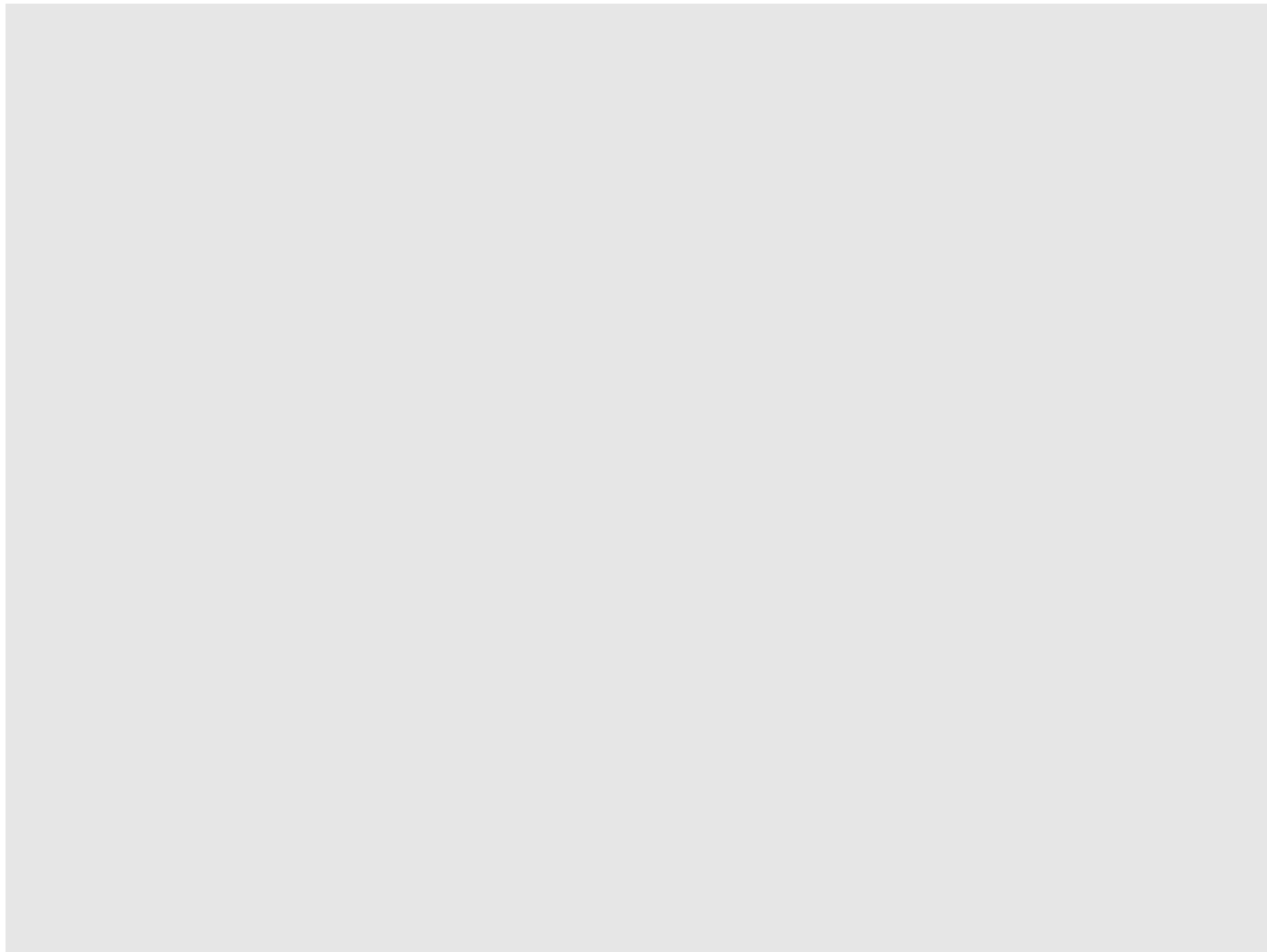
Samuel Hall and his wife Vernina join hundreds of people turned out at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center Wednesday for the town of Merrillville's first job fair, featuring more than 50 different companies.

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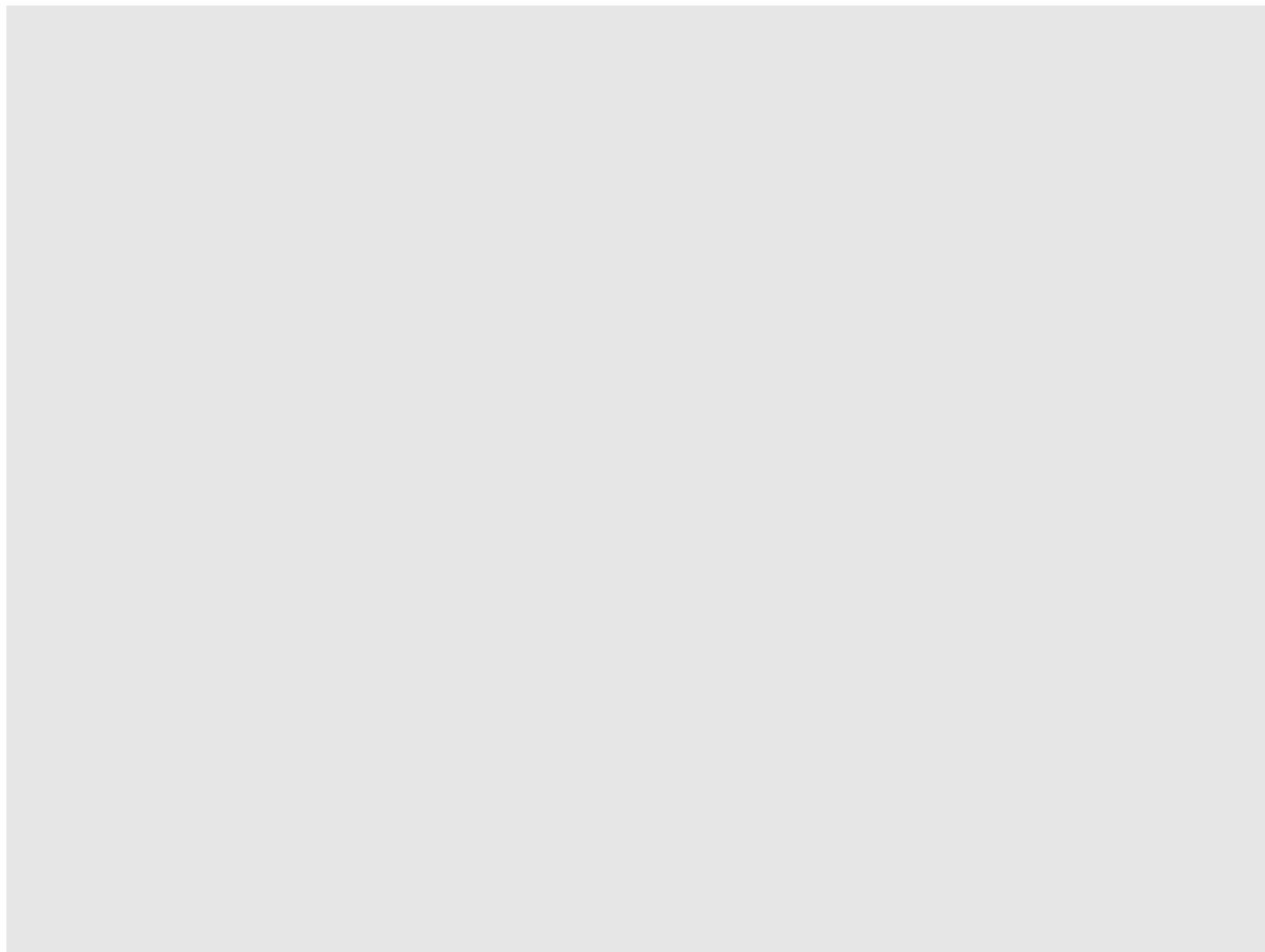
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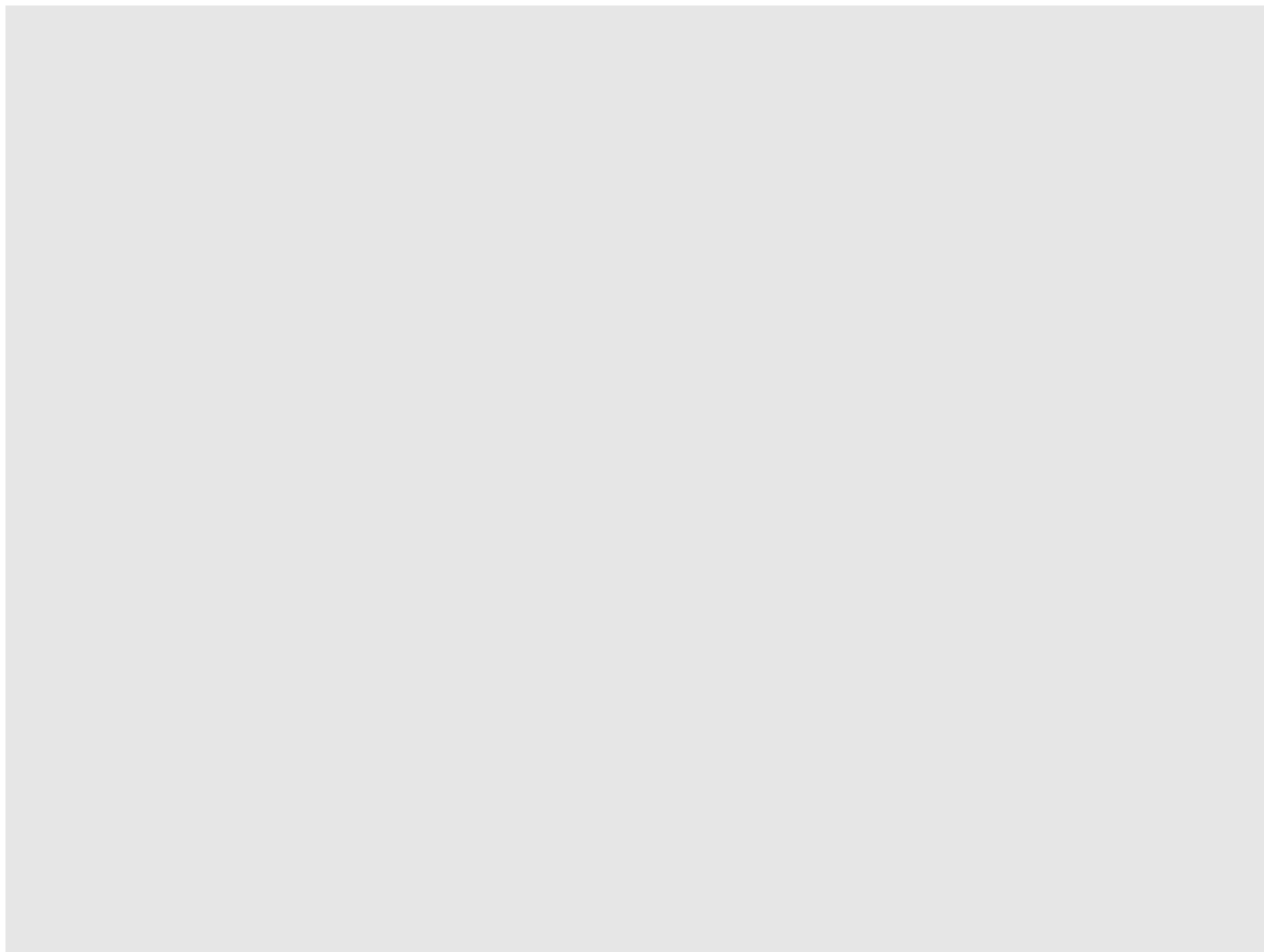
Indiana State Police Sgt. Davonne Barlow, left, and Master Trooper Dwayne Halliburton talk to career seekers Wednesday at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center during the town of Merrillville's first job fair, featuring more than 50 different companies.

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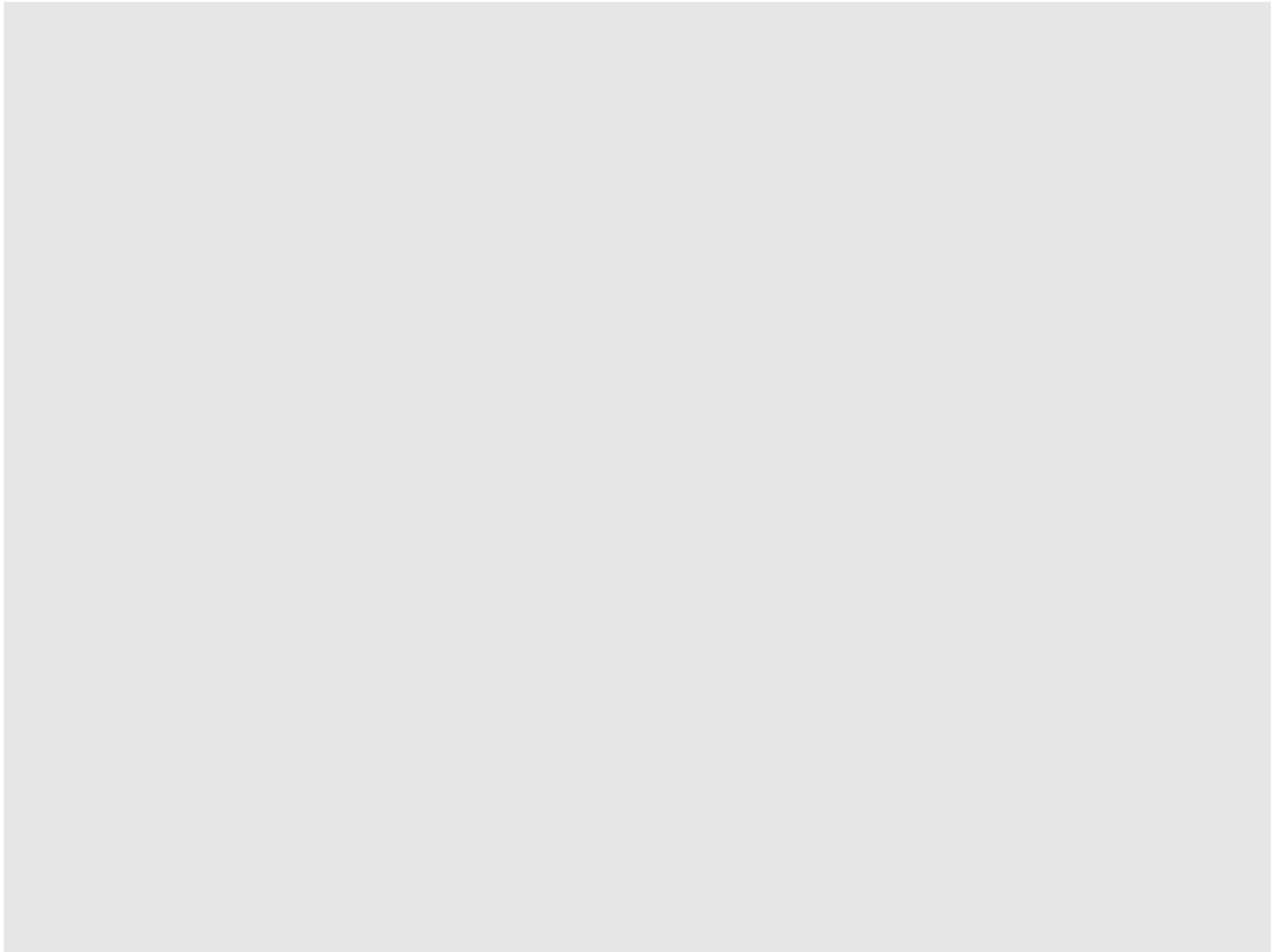
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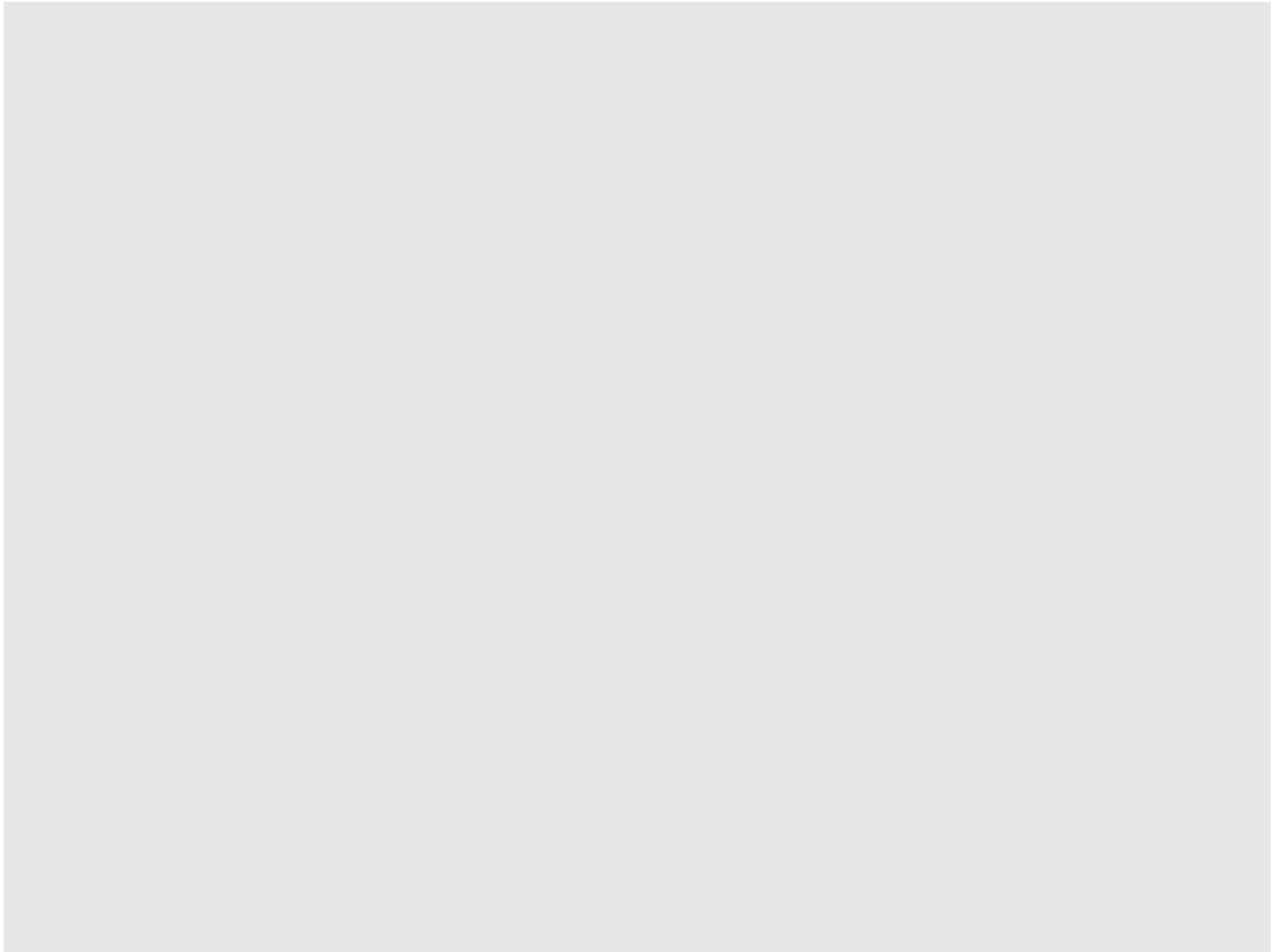
Former Merrillville Clerk-Treasurer Eugene Guernsey has had a solar field installed on his large parcel on the east side of town. He said he sells power to NIPSCO from his field.

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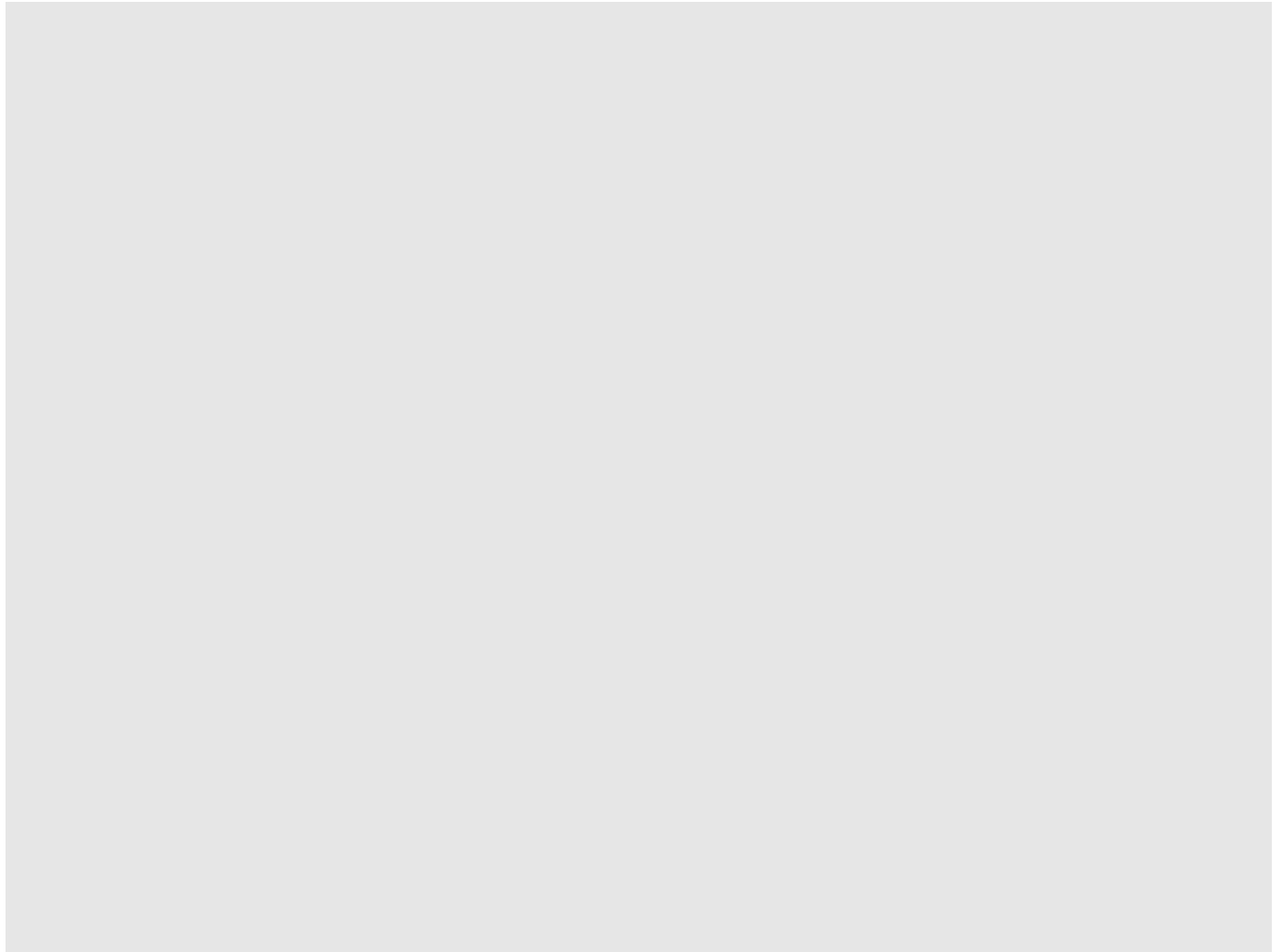
Haley Austin, of Chicago, and Rich Zeller, of South Haven, hope to get lucky Thursday as they fish off the Lou Kuchta Bridge above Lake George in Hobart.

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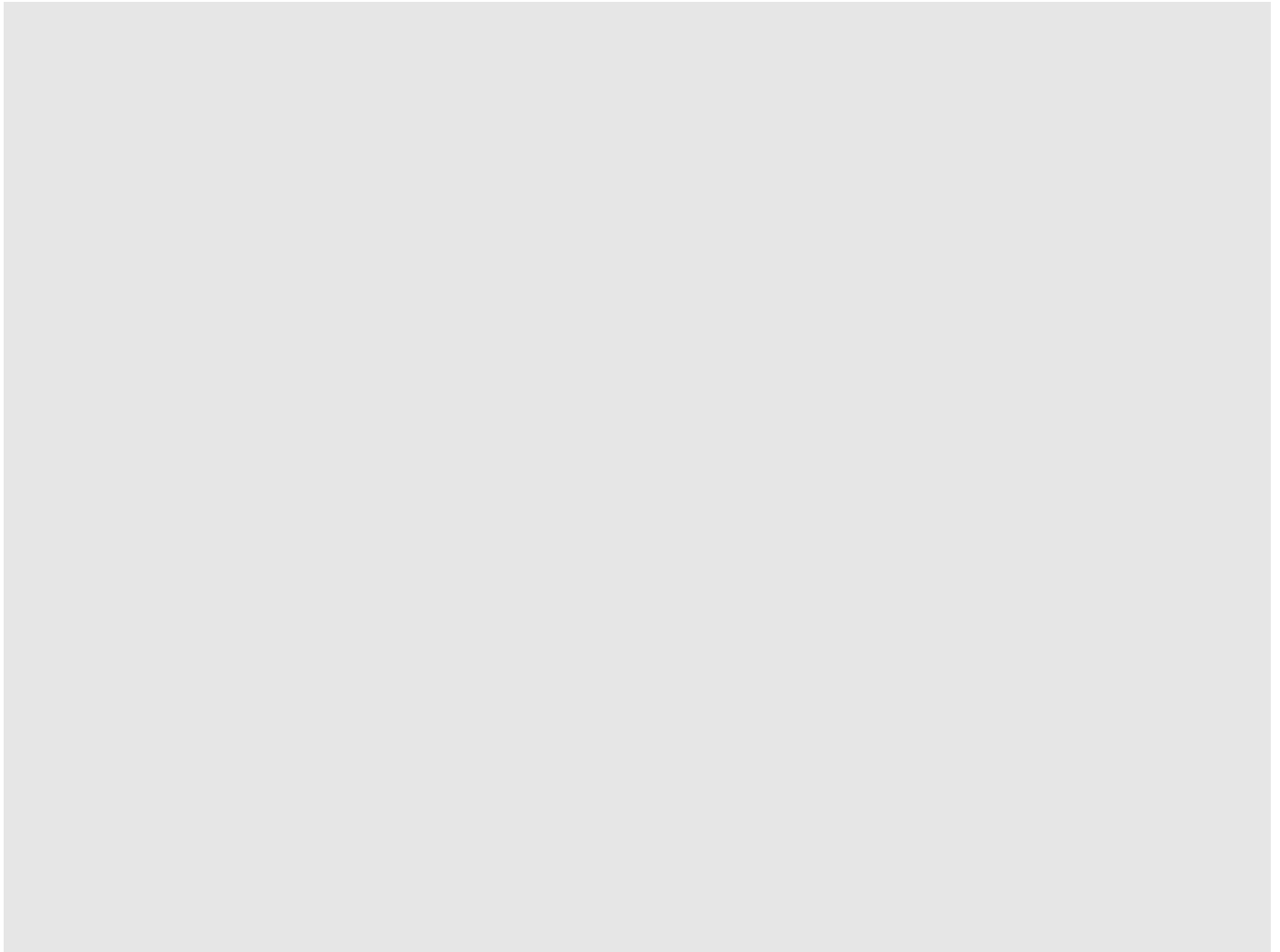
A crane takes a break along the Lake George dam Thursday. The bird was popular with visitors to Lou Kuchta Bridge near Festival Park.

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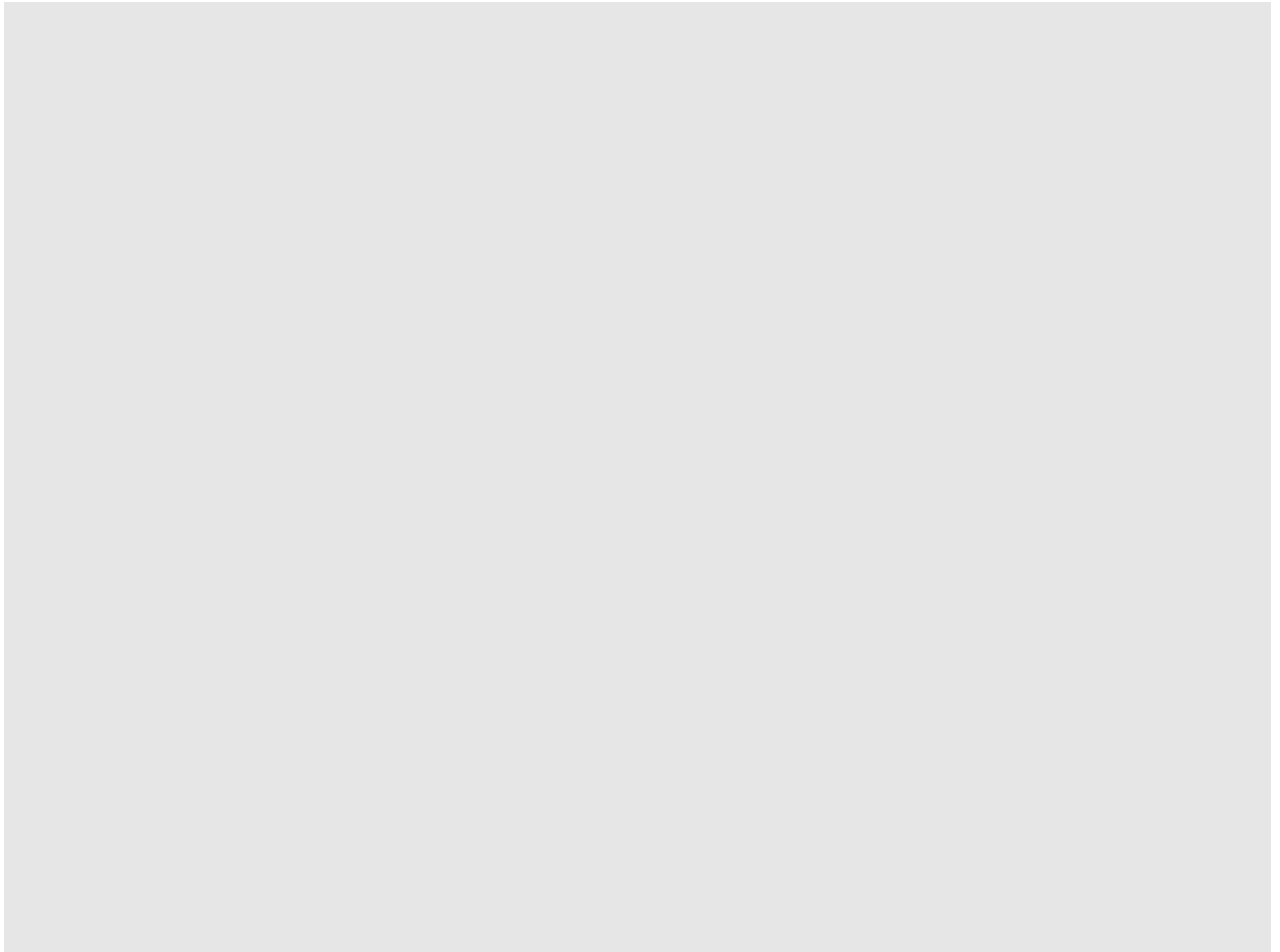
A Gary firefighter sprays water on a house that caught fire Friday on Jackson Street near Fourth Avenue, one of four houses next door to each other that burned.

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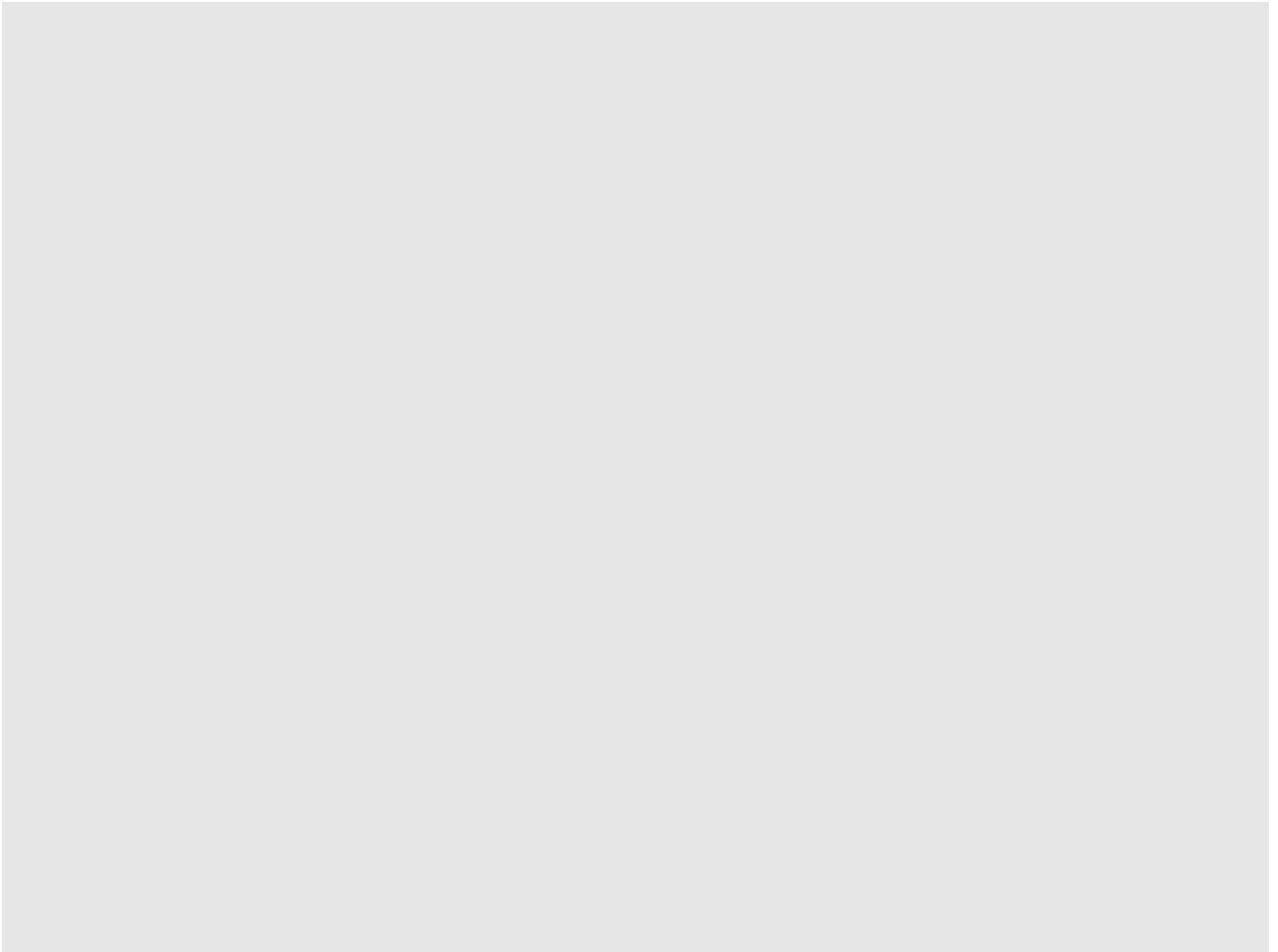
Gary firefighters work amid the wreckage of one home that burned on Jackson Street near Fourth Avenue Friday.

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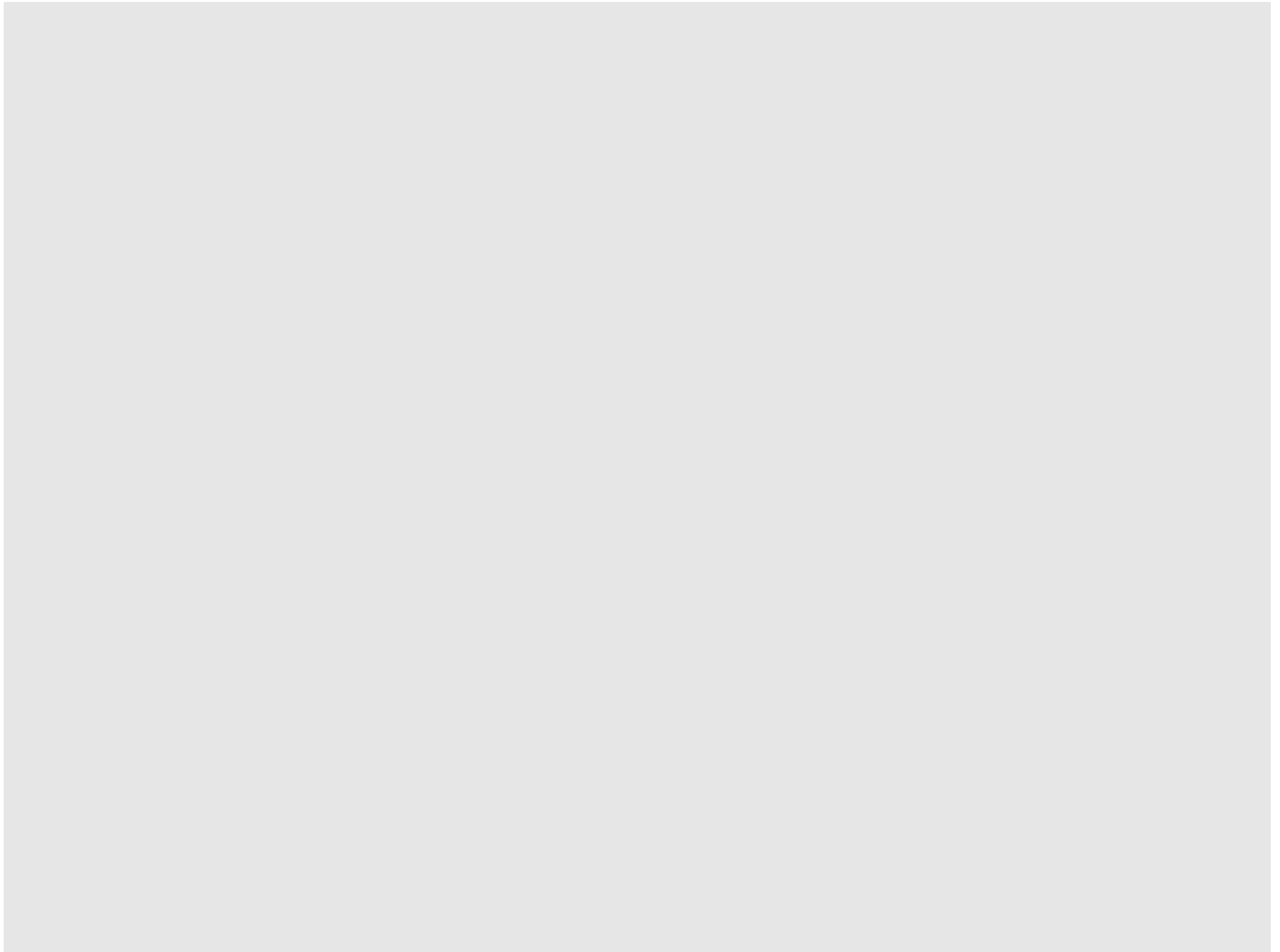
Dave Benson and Ryan Olson grill Dragobobs Friday at Taste of Crown Point.

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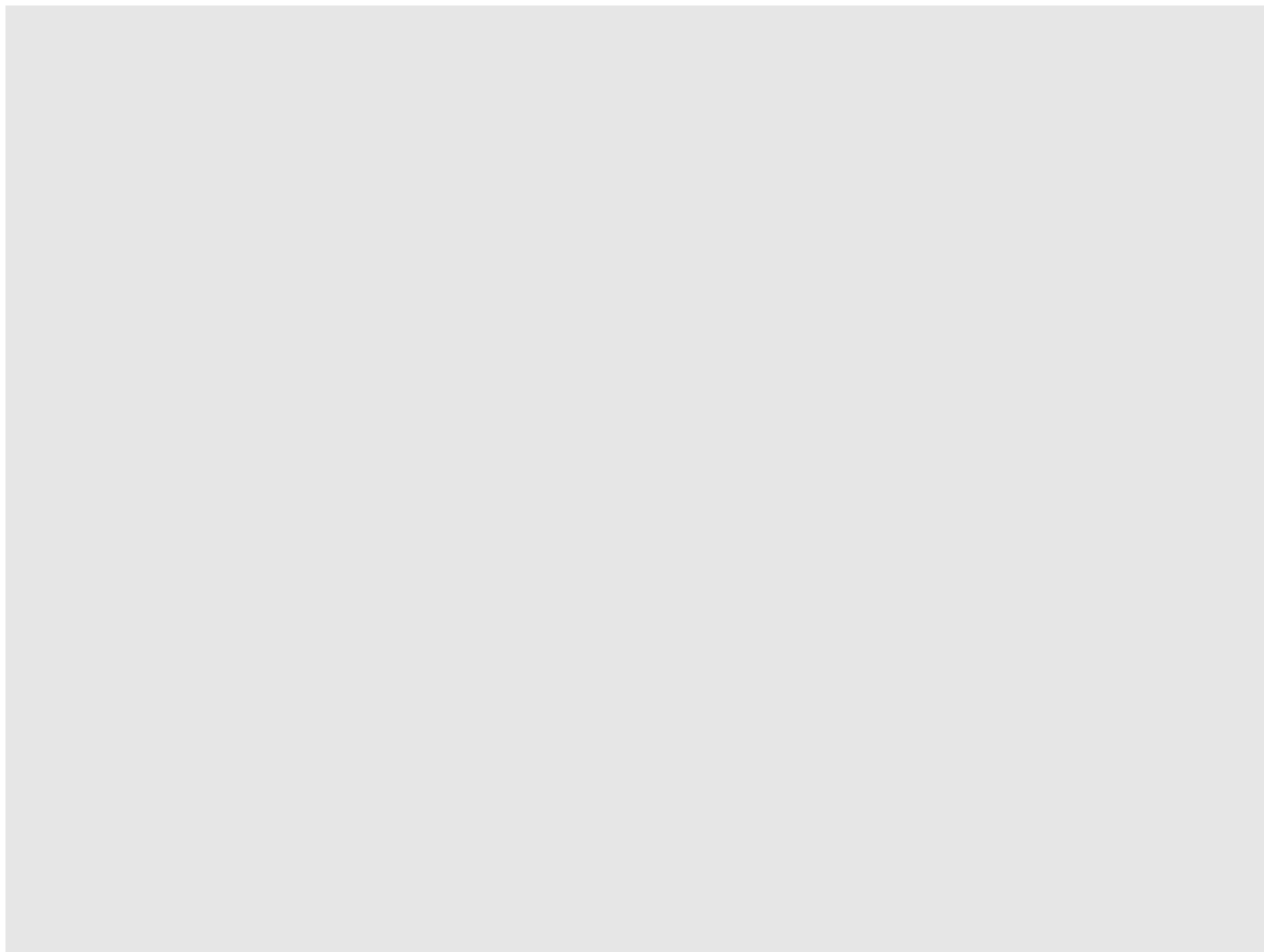
Eadyn Gaal keeps an eye on the pizza Friday at Battista's Wood Fire Pizza.

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Two-year-old Madeline Sechrist enjoys her pizza Friday at the Taste of Crown Point.

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Six-year-old Emma Storm has her face painted Friday by Ashley Cunningham from Face Skin Colour at The Taste of Crown Point in Bulldog Park.

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