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OUR OPINION

Google invests in data for central Ohio

A big tech company is making another big announcement about investing in central Ohio. Good news. But even better news is that Ohioans and their public officials are starting to figure out what that really means.

Upon Google's announcement that it would be investing another \$2.3 billion into its data centers in New Albany, Lancaster and Columbus, WBNS noted the data centers consume immense amounts of electricity without creating a large number of jobs, once construction is finished.

"Every sector of our economy is going to rely on some form of digital interface with cloud computing. The house that is right now in the Midwest is central Ohio," Lt. Gov. Jon Husted said, according to the WBNS report. "We just need to keep up with the infrastructure. It creates huge energy demands, water demands. We have to do this in a sustainable way."

After appearing to understand the need to ride this wave sustainably, Husted turned right around and told WBNS it will not be possible to make up for the demand on the grid with solar and wind energy. Fossil fuels and nuclear power will be necessary.

Google says it wants its data centers to be on carbon-free energy by 2030. One has to wonder whether Husted understood how near that is.

But so far as working toward energy efficiency and clean technologies, one also has to wonder whether Google would take a page from a smaller player's book. Surely SAITech's Organization of Clean Energy and Climate, and its Computing Heat Recycle Center Education Program could teach the folks at Google a thing or two.

So far, the tech investment boom has branched very little from that "Columbus Flood Region" of which the politicians are so proud. It's time they look to other corners of the state — including the southeast — where big ideas are hatching, too. Rather than simply leaning on AEP and the other friends they know a little too well in Columbus, it's time to look elsewhere for ideas that will help move ALL of Ohio forward, cleanly.

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Automobiles in 1908 were an adventure

ROUND AND ROUND DELVES INTO MARIETTA'S EARLY AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY, DISCOVERS ENACTMENT OF "NOVE RULES OF THE HIGHWAY."

This scene was taken on Newport Pike in the fall of 1908. The cast of characters and the automobile are easily identified by YE EDITOR after a familiar 10 years studying vintage photographs of early 1900 local scenes and Mariettaans. LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. L. PEDDINGHAUS and in the rear seat are Mr. and Mrs. WM. G. YOUNG. The automobile is a 1908 No. 34 RAMBLER. Brewster Green color and equipped with Dunlop tires. This is the 4th Rambler purchased by Mr. Peddinghaus who lived at 478 Fourth Street. For you see, TOM SHEETS has the hood raised on his POPE TOLEDO auto, owned by Mr. and Mrs.

Early Marietta David B. Baker

TOM SHEETS who lived in the big white house at Third and Sacra Via now occupied by the Marietta City School Board. Occupying the front seat with Mrs. Sheets is the Sheets' family dog TOWSER. In back are the HAMILTON sisters who resided on Fifth Street. Worth mentioning is the fact that the SHEETS automobile won FIRST PRIZE for being "beautifully decorated" in the 1908 Fourth of July parade. Maybe the two party Hamilton Sisters in the rear seat might have influenced the judges' decision.

But back to "RULE NO. 1" on the highway in 1908 (which was "Stop and help your unfortunate neighbor." For you see, TOM SHEETS has the hood raised on his POPE TOLEDO and is turning abruptly. It looks like tired PEDDINGHAUS is about to jump down and assist — or maybe is chiding TOM a little. Or, on second thought...this man LEW PEDDINGHAUS besides being an expert jeweler, was also a remarkable photographer with an uncanny sense of proportion and drama. He also had a copy device, little known in 1908 — an automatic timer. He might just have set up his tripod, focused his camera, and engineered this dramatic scene for the record in the tree-and-tree museum of Hollywoodian experts...

This was the day of apple-hand steering wheels, acetylene headlights, air bulb horns, and when you had a flat tire, you got out your kit and tire pump and you worked and you pumped and pumped and pumped. Many thanks to HAROLD BARTMESS, 129 Muskingum Drive who unearthed the photograph of the good old days, nearly 60 years ago.

Want to know more? Scan QR code. David B. Baker is the



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author of local history blog earlymaricats. Note: Mr. Peddinghaus's jewelry business was sold in 1918 to Walter A. Baker, your author's grandfather, and his cousin Henry Baker. The store became Baker & Baker Jewelers, operated today by Laury Hall and his family.



READERS' LETTERS

Marietta AMVETS Post 1788

AMVETS is a nationally known, chartered Veterans Support and Advocates Organization with Posts in every State in the Republic. Your local Post #1788 is very active and growing and has been providing helpful services throughout Washington County.

Our next immediate event will be our first All American Picnic open to the public, free, and starting at 11:30 on Independence Day at the Gold Star Park, formerly Lookout Park, on Lancaster Street, Harmar Hill, in Marietta. You are invited to come celebrate July 4th with picnic, food, and beverages, fun games, variety music, and a fun time in a very nice park.

AMVETS has completed our first year of outreach into the Schools of Washington County with the Americanism Program. This had opportunities for Kindergarten and First Graders to color in an American Flag poster, the Second through 5th graders composed posters with the theme of "Importance of Voting" and grades 6-12 were challenged to write essays, also on the topic of voting. We awarded Winner Certificates and \$500 total of prize money which was a gracious gift of support from our monthly meeting hosts at Marietta Elks Lodge.

Look for this program to continue into our second year, for school year 2024-25, at all private and government schools in our County, as well as home schoolers.

Every week, our AMVETS Honor Guard members take time to attend important ceremonies at the Community. All the major National Holiday observances and parades, flag raising, and paying last respects to our fallen Veterans at funeral homes and graveside services.

AMVETS has a new tradition of gathering and gifting presents and groceries for Christmas.



for needy Veteran families, which we plan to continue this December. Before that, you will see us at the Freedom Ride in July, perhaps a few fairs or festivals, Veterans Day, and our Pearl Harbor Day observance event, Saturday, December 7.

We are always welcoming new Members, Guests, and folks who simply want to take action to support local Veteran needs and outreach. We meet for social hour every second Tuesday at 6:00 PM, at our host, the Marietta Elks Lodge meeting room at 414 Colegate Drive. Feel free to stop in and enjoy a light snack and get to know your local AMVETS.

Bruce Edward Haas Public Relations Officer AMVETS Post 1788 serving Washington County

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Veterans Service Officers: Chad Wright and Tom Kukulka. Emergency Financial Assistance Coordinator: Karen Petelousis Director of Transportation in Marketing: Charles Thompson.

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SCOTUS takes on Congressional malaise and Executive Branch overreach

The United States Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress. Yet, over the past century, we've witnessed a disturbing trend of legislators increasingly delegating much of the authority to set the laws that govern the land to the executive branch, which includes myriad officials and administrative agencies. This undermines democratic accountability, contributes to government dysfunction and abuse of powers, and disrupts the balance of power created so carefully by the framers.

Viewpoint Veronique De Rugy

another of its primary jobs by passing legitimate budgets on a timely basis.

Nevertheless, there is some light at the end of the tunnel, as the Supreme Court might soon step in to defend essential to executive branch agencies in interpreting the laws set by Congress.

As I understand it, "Chevron deference" is a judicial doctrine created by the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court ruling Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. This ruling counsels courts to defer to a federal agency's interpretation of ambiguous language tasked with administering.

In theory, the deference

allows agencies to implement complex statutes. In practice, it limits the judiciary's proper role in holding the other two branches of government responsible for carrying out and sticking to their constitutional duties. One result is too much discretionary power exercised by agencies who were empowered to enforce, rather than create, the law.

Some plausibly argue that the concentration of power placed in the executive branch by Chevron deference leads to excessive, overreaching regulation by agencies with wide latitude to essentially set policy. Another argument against Chevron is that it encourages Congress not to do its job. Because members of Congress understand that courts will defer to agencies, they can write vaguely worded statutes, knowing that the agencies will fill in the details without much judicial oversight. It can also remove the grounds

for judiciary recourse on behalf of individuals whose lives and liberties are negatively affected by regulators' overreaches.

This brings us to the case of Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, Loper Bright Enterprises, a family-owned herring-fishing company, and other fishing companies, challenged a rule issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The rule requires these companies to pay federal observers to collect data on board their vessels to prevent overfishing.

The fishermen argued that the MSA did not explicitly authorize the NMFS to non-voluntarily impose such costs on the fishing industry. In 2021, the U.S. District Court for D.C. used Chevron deference to rule in favor of the NMFS, stating that even if the statute was ambiguous, the NMFS interpretation was reasonable. The U.S. Court

of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld the lower court's decision, again relying on Chevron's deference.

This case and a similar one involving Roleless, Inc. were argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in January. The decision, to be released soon, could be pivotal.

If Chevron is overturned, it could significantly impact how courts review and interpret agency regulations. That could in turn curtail the extent to which agencies can interpret ambiguous statutes without direct congressional authorization. One hope is that agencies will exercise more discretion without direct congressional mandates under existing statutes. A second hope is that Congress will pass care and precision, thus being clearer — for agencies and the public — about what it intends and doesn't intend.