



T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 11.5.09

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- Print: 6
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Coverage Summary:

The Lawton Constitution published an op-ed by Pickens and Rep. Tom Cole discussing natural gas in Oklahoma, the NAT GAS Act and the need to move away from foreign oil.

A *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist discussed the dangers of imported oil dependency, quoting several of Pickens' key messages. The column mentions China's efforts to buy up reserves around the world, including Iraq, while the U.S. has nothing to show for the lives lost or money spent in that country. The piece also includes a link to the Pickens Plan website.

Futures Magazine reported on Pickens' speech at the Global Financial Leadership Conference this week, highlighting natural gas legislation.

An *Equities Blog* looks at the Pickens Plan and stocks that would benefit if it is enacted, including Clean Energy, TransCanada Corp., and Enbridge Inc.

Highlighted Placements (Full Articles Below)

- **Guest Commentary: T. Boone Pickens and Rep. Tom Cole** – *Lawton Constitution* 11/4/09
- **Importing Oil, Money Hurts U.S.** – *Chicago Sun-Times* – 11/5/09
- **Energy Independence: The Plan** – *Futures Magazine* – 11/5/09
- **Powering Tomorrow: Two Energy Paths for the Future** – *Equities Blog* – 11/4/09
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Print Placements (Full Articles Below)

- **T. Boone Pickens Helps Downtown Dallas YMCA Get in Top Shape** – *Dallas Morning News* – 11/5/09
 - *Denton Record Chronicle*
 - *WFAA*
 - *Texas Cable News*
- **Wind-Energy Plant Plans Expand in Scope** – *Wisconsin Rapids Tribune* – 11/5/09

HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

Guest Commentary: T. Boone Pickens and Rep. Tom Cole – *Lawton Constitution* 11/4/09

By T. Boone Pickens and Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK4)

Oklahoma has been at the center of energy production since the first commercial oil well was drilled at Bartlesville in 1897 – ten years before the Oklahoma Territory became the 46th state.

For most of that history, it was oil which was the fuel of Oklahoma's economic engine. But, more recently Oklahoma and the rest of the nation are looking toward natural gas to take its rightful place in the 21st century economy.

Although one of us has a degree from the University of Oklahoma, and the other a degree from Oklahoma State University, we are united on this: Natural gas is America's energy future and critical to our national security.

Not so long ago, reserves of natural gas were limited and shrinking fast. There was competition among industries which needed natural gas – chemicals, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, home heating and cooking and electricity production – to make sure they had a sufficient supply in a crowded market.

Over the past decade new drilling techniques have made the natural gas contained in the shale deposits under the continental United States available for recovery. There is so much natural gas – perhaps as much as 2,000 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) – that some studies now predict we have enough natural gas reserves to last 118 years.

Here in Oklahoma the Woodford Shale has already been tapped using these new techniques.

This is crucial because the amount of oil which is available for drilling on-shore is diminishing. Because our principal transportation fuel is refined from oil and because we don't have enough oil being produced domestically to support 250 million cars, light trucks, and 6.5 million heavy-duty trucks, we have to import nearly two-thirds of the oil we use every day.

In September this amounted to 357 million barrels of oil which cost us \$25 billion. At that rate we will spend a third of a *trillion* dollars this year to import the oil we need to drive our cars and trucks.

Hydrogen fuel-cell technology is a great option, but it isn't ready yet. In any event, a battery will not power an 18-wheeler today. Only two forms of fuel now available will do that: diesel and natural gas.

Natural gas is cleaner than foreign diesel – it is also cleaner than gasoline. And it produces virtually no particulate matter, unlike diesel which anyone who has ever waited for a child for the school bus on a cold Oklahoma morning understands.

Natural gas is cheaper than imported oil and because we have an abundant supply in the continental U.S. we don't have to worry about being held hostage for oil by our major suppliers, many of whom are from unstable areas of the world, don't have our best interests at heart, or both.

Russia supplies a significant amount of the natural gas Europe needs to heat its homes in the winter. This past January Russia, in a dispute with Ukraine, cut off natural gas supplies to much of Europe to bring pressure on Ukraine.

We do not have to be in the position of worrying about whether Saudi Arabia, or Angola, or Venezuela will decide to try and influence our foreign policy by shutting off some or all of their oil sales to us.

There is a bill currently in Congress – the NAT GAS Act of 2009 – which will help jump start the natural gas vehicle (NGV) industry in the United States. Around the world there are about 10 million NGVs, but only about 130,000 in the U.S.

H.R. 1835 will provide tax incentives to replace vehicles burning imported gasoline or diesel with cars and trucks running on domestic natural gas. Any vehicle which goes home to the "barn" every night is a candidate – utility and express delivery trucks, school and municipal buses, and taxi fleets are examples.

H.R. 1835 has 110 bi-partisan co-sponsors in the House. Because of the importance of energy to Oklahoma's well being, we are encouraging the Congress to pass and send to the President H.R. 1835, the NAT GAS Act of 2009.

Importing Oil, Money Hurts U.S. – *Chicago Sun-Times* – 11/5/09

By Terry Savage, Sun-Times Columnist

Q.What is your greatest concern for America's financial future?

A. On a national basis, the two worries that rise to the top of my list (among many others) are the twin dangers of our growing dependence on imported oil and on imported money to fund government spending. Even worse, we import both from countries that are not our friends. Here's a quick look at the basics of each situation.

Danger of our national debt

Almost every year, the U.S. government spends far more than it takes in through tax revenues. In the fiscal year just ended, our government spent about \$1.8 trillion more than it collected -- a record budget deficit. The sum total of all our deficits, going back through the years, is our national debt. It is approaching \$8 trillion dollars. That's money we borrow by selling IOUs -- Treasury bills, notes and bonds.

The real problem with all that debt is that 47 percent of it is owed to foreigners! Nearly half our debt is owned by foreign central banks, including China -- one of our largest creditors. They have lots of dollars -- money we've sent to them as we purchased their consumer goods. So far, the Chinese and others have been willing to lend us money, buying our Treasury bills, notes and bonds, at the current very low interest rates. But what happens when they see the U.S. is also creating more dollars -- inflation -- to help pay its bills?

At some point, those lenders are going to suggest that they would like higher interest rates -- or some other important concessions -- in order to keep lending us money to finance our government spending.

And that will be a critical moment -- when our lenders start making demands! We give away our future freedoms when we grow indebted to those who do not necessarily have our best interests at heart.

Danger of imported oil dependency

The second great dependency is on imported oil. The statistics are frightening. In the United States, we use 21 million barrels of oil a day. Of that amount, 13 million barrels are imported. In fact, the United States, with only 4 percent of the world's population, uses 25 percent of the global supply each day!

This huge financial issue came into focus recently when I heard legendary oilman T. Boone Pickens speak about our vulnerability. Before you jump to the conclusion that the view of an "oilman" might be self-serving, the reality is quite the opposite.

Pickens has spent more than \$62 million of his own money trying to educate Washington leaders in both parties to the dangers of U.S. dependence on imported oil from countries that are potential enemies. He has backed everything from wind power to solar to geothermal to natural gas (which we have in great abundance) as alternatives to importing oil. Pickens says the world sees it as both piggish and foolish -- using too much oil, and not demanding enough from the countries we protect. While the Chinese buy up reserves around the world -- and even have a deal with Iraq to develop their oil fields -- the U.S. has nothing to show for the lives lost and the money spent in that country!

Pickens is doing more than complaining. You can find his suggestions and join his attempt to inform Congress at www.pickensplan.com/theplan/.

One central aspect of Pickens' solution is to offer immediate tax credits to move our nation's fleet of more than 6 million 18-wheel trucks from diesel to natural gas fuel. Because about about 5 million of the 13 million barrels we import daily come from OPEC, a switch to natural gas as truck fuel could cut our dependence on OPEC in half! America is overflowing with new natural gas discoveries that have pushed its price down to record lows compared with oil. We would cut our dependence on foreign oil -- and our vulnerability to sworn enemies and fickle friends.

The greatest fear

These two growing dependencies -- on imported money and imported oil -- top my greatest fears for the future of our free enterprise system. The truly sad thing is that we could solve these problems if only our representatives in Washington -- in both political parties -- would focus on these dangers. And that's The Savage Truth.

Energy Independence: The Plan – *Futures Magazine* – 11/5/09

By Daniel P. Collins

Oil trading legend T. Boone Pickens thinks we can cut by half the amount of oil we import from the Middle East in seven years and he has spent \$62 million of his own money to do it.

Pickens, speaking Tuesday at the CME Global Financial Leadership Conference in Naples FL, laid out his plan to replace the energy source for the roughly 6-million truck fleet of 18-wheelers, which transports goods across the United States from diesel fuel to natural gas.

Pickens said he was on a mission to help solve our security problem. The problem as he sees it is we import more than 65% of our crude oil about half of which from countries that are not friendly to us. Pickens says it is essential for our national security though he is quick to point out that switching to natural gas would also create jobs and have significant environmental benefits as well.

He hasn't abandoned previous initiatives on harnessing wind power but he says with natural gas we can have an immediate impact on the amount of crude oil we import.

"You will see numerous advantages of using natural gas over diesel but the biggest advantage is its yours, diesel is foreign," Pickens said.

There are two bills working their way through both houses of Congress, which could get passed this year according to Pickens. "This is one that the politicians can feel good about it. You are getting over 1 million jobs."

Pickens is optimistic regarding current legislation that would put his plan in affect because it would appeal to all sides of the political spectrum. "This administration is going to have to have a non-partisan issue of some substance to pass and pass quickly. This bill will pass quickly. I am confident that a year from now we will have legislation that will start to clear up the problem on security."

He adds that there is a 50/50 chance legislation would be passed by yearend.

"It doesn't have anything to do with politics, it is all about America. We are going to solve a problem," Pickens said.

Powering Tomorrow: Two Energy Paths for the Future – *Equities Blog* – 11/4/09

By Gant Morgner

How will potential initiatives in the energy sector affect your portfolio?

Just more than a month into its existence, the Car Allowance Rebate System, known colloquially as “Cash for Clunkers,” has been one of the U.S. government’s most successful stimulus programs in recent history. More than 250,000 cars were sold in one week alone, providing a much needed boost for the beleaguered car industry, while at the same time slightly reducing our dependence on foreign oil because the new vehicles purchased had an average 61% increase in fuel efficiency, according to the Department of Transportation. With the initial \$1 billion for the program exhausted by July 30, 2009, Congress scrambled to approve an extra \$2 billion to keep the program afloat.

The immediate and influential effect of the “Cash for Clunkers” program on consumer and government spending stands in stark contrast to the lack of spending in the energy industry so far this year. Under the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law in February, more than \$61 billion was entrusted to the Department of Energy to “jump-start our economy and build the clean energy jobs of tomorrow,” a White House press release stated.

Given the sheer size and complexity of the energy sector in the United States, significant initiatives have proved difficult to enact on a national scale given the litany of red tape and regional monopolies that often get in the way of progress. However, two energy initiatives that are gaining support could provide an immediate solution to some of the country’s energy issues, while at the same time stimulating the economy: the Pickens Plan and the Department of Energy’s plan to install smart meters in homes across the country. It is important to monitor the success of these initiatives because the immense scope of their aims will create great windfalls for companies catering to these new markets.

Pickens Plan

According to T. Boone Pickens, a former oil tycoon turned clean energy advocate, energy independence is the most important challenge facing America today. Because nearly 70% of our oil inventories are imported from abroad, Pickens asserts that even a minor disruption in oil deliveries could send our already weak economy reeling. Therefore, he argues we must act fast to curb this addiction through the use of an abundant and cost-effective domestic fuel. Pickens’ self-titled plan states that natural gas will be this “bridge fuel” that will help us lessen our addiction to foreign oil, while at the same time “buying us time to develop new technologies that will ultimately replace fossil transportation fuels.”

Commercial 18-wheel trucks are critical to this program’s success because they will provide the quickest and cheapest impact from a conversion to natural gas. Nearly 20% of every barrel of oil imported by the United States is used to fuel the 18-wheelers that create the backbone of our domestic shipping industry. Pickens claims that by incentivizing trucking companies to replace their heavy diesel-burning trucks with trucks that run on clean-burning natural gas during the regular course of fleet renewal, the U.S. government could immediately take great strides toward lessening our foreign oil dependence. If the government helps subsidize the conversion of 350,000 of the nation’s fleet into natural gas-burning vehicles—roughly equal to the amount of trucks that break down every year and need to be replaced anyway—Pickens posits that petroleum imports will be reduced by more than 5%.

However, the Pickens Plan comes with a hefty price tag. For the government to provide the incentives Pickens proposes, it would take nearly \$23 billion, more than one-third of the stimulus money currently directed to the Department of Energy. Also, that amount would only cover the first 5% of diesel replacements, leaving the government hard-pressed to deny the next round of incentives if the program gets off to a good start. Nevertheless, Pickens has some powerful supporters in Congress and is one of the most effective lobbyists in the energy industry. If anyone is capable of stimulating government action for far-reaching energy reform, he is.

If the Pickens Plan is accepted by Congress and stimulus money is paid out to trucking companies, many publicly traded companies stand to profit from this transition, and possibly none greater than Pickens' own Clean Energy Fuels Corp. (NASDAQ: CLNE). Pickens' company covers the whole spectrum of services for natural gas fueling stations. It not only designs, builds, finances, and operates these stations but also supplies the needed compressed and liquefied natural gas. Aside from the stations themselves, the market for transportation of natural gas will see a marked increase if the Pickens Plan is enacted.

Companies like

TransCanada Corp. (NYSE: TRP) and Enbridge Inc. (NYSE: ENB), which own and operate much of the natural gas infrastructure in the United States and Canada, are well-positioned to profit from this increased demand.

However, the Pickens Plan is far from guaranteed to be accepted by Congress, so anyone with an investment in these companies must closely monitor the government's actions regarding this revolutionary initiative.

Smart Meters

For a safer play, you might want to look at the Department of Energy's plans to build a smarter national energy grid complete with smart meters. Our national electric grid is fighting a losing battle between the ever-changing array of demands placed on it and the century-old infrastructure it has to work with. Unless we aggressively invest in updating this infrastructure over the next few decades, not only will we continue to have the troublesome blackouts that result in losses of around \$80 billion each year, but we will also restrict our ability to cope with new sources of renewable power.

A smarter grid will do this by enabling consumers and businesses to interject their own profit motive into power usage by efficiently linking their prime usage to off-peak times and selling back excess energy generated from renewable energy sources in their home, business, or car. However, the development of a smarter energy grid does not provide an immediate solution to our energy problems. To the contrary, it will take decades to fully realize the benefit of the \$11 billion stimulus the government has set aside for retooling our energy grid. Nevertheless, tax credits or incentives directed at installing new smart meters in homes and businesses across the country could help make an immediate impact on energy consumption.

The initial gains would allow the meters to automatically shut off appliances when energy demand is high. Future uses would include the ability to use plugged-in electric cars to act as an enormous energy storage system, enabling consumers to sell power back into the grid. The Department of Energy has mandated that 40 million smart meters be installed in American homes, but implementation of this goal has been sporadic. Smart meters cost about \$125, and installation fees can amount to several hundred dollars more, so it may still be cost-prohibitive for the average household to put one in place on their own.

If the Department of Energy enacted a detailed implementation plan similar to that carried out in the United Kingdom, I believe hundreds of thousands of environmentally conscious households across the country would join this power revolution. If this happens, you would be wise to own stock in the largest smart-meter manufacturers in order to profit from this potentially immense market.

Unlike the gains to be realized if the Pickens Plan is initiated, smart-meter manufacturers are seeing strong growth worldwide, and they would only benefit further once the U.S. government initiates smart-meter installations on a grand scale. The market is so attractive that technology giant Google Inc. (NASDAQ: GOOG) has worked to unveil a prototype meter called PowerMeter that would effectively link all household energy systems into one easy-to-use control center. Also, General Electric Co. (NYSE: GE) has worked closely with Cisco Systems Inc. (NASDAQ: CSCO) to produce a similar product that was successfully installed throughout Miami earlier this year. If you want to invest in companies that focus primarily on this new technology, take a look at Itron Inc. (NASDAQ: ITRI) and ABB Ltd. (NYSE: ABB). Considering we live in a world with a growing population and shrinking natural resources, governments worldwide will continue to look at ways to get the most mileage out of the energy they have, increasing the necessity for smart meters in households everywhere.

The Department of Energy is in the enviable position of still having billions of dollars available to interject to make a lasting impression specifically in the economy and energy industry. For the intelligent investor, it would be wise to track how, when, and where the department is spending this stimulus money. While the Pickens Plan could bring windfall profits to natural gas companies, I believe the safer play is to load up on stock of the smart-meter manufacturers and installers because this revolution is definitely here to stay.

PRINT COVERAGE

T. Boone Pickens Helps Downtown Dallas YMCA Get in Top Shape – *Dallas Morning News* – 11/5/09

By David Flick

T. Boone Pickens attended YMCA camp in Davis, Okla., when he was 13 years old and enjoyed himself immensely.

For this, downtown property owners along Ross Avenue can only be grateful this morning.

At ceremonies today, the billionaire businessman will help formally open the renovated downtown YMCA, refurbished with \$5 million from his foundation and renamed in his honor.

The unveiling of the T. Boone Pickens YMCA at Ross and Akard Street updates one of the city's oldest institutions (124 years old this month) – and fills in another piece in what has been a startling few weeks along downtown's northern tier.

Three weeks ago, the \$354 million AT&T Performing Arts Center debuted a few blocks to the east. On Sunday, leaders of First Baptist Church of Dallas, just across the street from the Y, announced a \$130 million building plan.

Last week, celebrity chef Stephen Pyles opened his newest restaurant – also located along Ross. And officials with the Downtown Dallas Association said several retail projects will be announced in the next few months.

"As our real estate guy told us, we're kind of at the walk/don't walk corner of downtown," said Gordon Echtenkamp, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas.

To the degree today's ribbon-cutting is another step in the revitalization of downtown, it is in part because Pickens had a good time at camp as a boy.

"We played sports, we had rifle practice. It was just fun every day," he recalled in an interview earlier this week.

The oilman-turned-wind-power-advocate said he has been a member of the Y in many of the cities where he has lived during adulthood. When, a few years ago, he was asked to donate to the local facility, he said, it was not a hard sell.

"I'm 81 years old, and I've always been generous with my money. They approached me, and I decided to give. I love the YMCA," he said.

He said he did not direct how the money would be spent.

In any case, the donation from the T. Boone Pickens Foundation will be most obvious from the street.

Windows were punched in the facade on the third and fourth stories, giving the formerly blank wall a street-friendlier face.

Inside, there have been changes in the first-floor lobby and parking garage. Upstairs, the locker rooms have been updated. But the larger renovations are in the workout areas on the third and fourth floors.

The two main exercise floors have been divided by theme and connected by a grand staircase in the center of the building.

The third floor is the quieter, less intense of the two. It includes a reception area, running track, aerobics rooms and a seating area where some of the club's 4,100 members – clearly, not all at once – can relax or meet with trainers.

The fourth floor, which Echtenkamp describes as "more robust," features new racquetball and basketball courts and 70 pieces of cardiovascular equipment lined up near the new windows looking north toward the Fairmont Hotel.

John Crawford, president and CEO of the DowntownDallas Association, said the YMCA renovation and the First Baptist project will add luster to the blocks just west of the Arts District.

"This is proof that there are things happening all over downtown," he said. "It's gratifying to see them put investment in downtown right now. It sends the right message to other people thinking about investing downtown."

If nothing else, he said, it will give people one more thing to do.

"It's an amenity for people who live downtown or work downtown or just visiting," he said.

Wind-Energy Plant Plans Expand in Scope – *Wisconsin Rapids Tribune* – 11/5/09

By Nathaniel Shuda

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on the next steps for Energy Composites Corp. as it moves ahead with plans to build a wind-energy plant and create about 600 local jobs. The first installment appeared in Wednesday's Daily Tribune.

A planned manufacturing plant that company officials expect to create about 600 local jobs has grown significantly in size and production levels, the company's chief executive said.

Energy Composites Corp. announced plans March 31 to build a 350,000-square-foot plant in the Rapids East Commerce Center, but now, those building plans have expanded to more than 500,000 square feet, CEO Sam Fairchild said this week.

"Because of the process we went through, we have been able to engineer a much more productive, completely streamlined process," Fairchild said Tuesday during an interview with the Daily Tribune.

"We'll also be automating some very important aspects of the production that haven't been automated before."

The new designs also will boost annual production capacity from 1,500 blades to about 2,100 and allow the company to increase the maximum length of the industrial wind-turbine blades it will produce from 55 meters to 70 meters, Fairchild said. The increase could make Energy Composites the only independent plant in the United States to build the larger-size blades, he said.

Members of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council unanimously approved the \$43 million plant Tuesday evening, committing \$5.3 million in taxpayer money to help support the project.

"The design and the information they have presented in their profile demonstrates a unique technology," District 7 Alderman Jim Stack said at the meeting. "They're also providing in-depth services to the purchasers of their products."

Although the expansion has caused company leaders to push back the timeline of the project by about three months, the new expected completion time -- the fourth quarter of 2010 -- now better lines up with what experts believe will be a boost in the market, Fairchild said.

"It will be happening just in time as the wind market is returning with a vengeance in 2010," he said. "We are very confident we will have a very robust market."

Meanwhile, company leaders continue to work with officials at Mid-State Technical College, the U.S. Department of Energy and Det Norske Veritas, a global certification company, to finalize a first-of-its-kind, internationally accredited wind-energy blade fabrication curriculum.

Energy Composites also remains committed to its long-term effort to promote the construction of wind farms on the Great Lakes, having attracted the attention of many in the industry, including Texas billionaire and alternative energy tycoon T. Boone Pickens, Fairchild said.

"We'll be able to be uniquely positioned," he said. "It really will be the best in the world, and that's exciting."

BROADCAST COVERAGE

1. Fox 4 News At Five **DMA: 5**
KDFW-TV CH 4 (FOX) Dallas/Fort Worth **Spot Cost: \$1,579**
11/04/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM **Est. Audience: 123,175**

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

00:07:54 **T. Boone Pickens**: Billionaire **oilman T. Boone Pickens** preached **energy** independence and gave updates to his **Pickens** Plan before a group of Dallas business leaders today. V; **T. Boone Pickens**, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Stemmons Corridor Business Association Luncheon. SB; **T. Boone Pickens, Energy** Mogul, talks about **energy** independence. 00:08:36

2. CBS 11 News At Six **DMA: 5**
KTVT-TV CH 11 (CBS) Dallas/Fort Worth **Spot Cost: \$1,921**
11/04/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM **Est. Audience: 152,441**

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

00:12:37 **Pickens**: Texas **oilman T. Boone Pickens** spoke today to the Stemmons Corridor Business Association. V; **Pickens**. 00:12:52

3. NBC Five News **DMA: 5**
KXAS-TV CH 5 (NBC) Dallas/Fort Worth **Spot Cost: \$2,307**
11/04/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM **Est. Audience: 183,834**

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

00:05:15 Tycoon: **T. Boone Pickens**, at the Stemmons Corridor Business Association, says he has a plan to reduce **oil** consumption. SB; **Pickens** talks about **oil** plan. 00:05:50

4. NBC Five News **DMA: 5**
KXAS-TV CH 5 (NBC) Dallas/Fort Worth **Spot Cost: \$1,454**
11/04/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM **Est. Audience: 112,800**

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

00:09:29 **Pickens**: Dallas city leaders met with members of the Stemmons Corridor Business Association today. **T. Boone Pickens** served as the keynote speaker. PC; **T. Boone Pickens**, a businessman, talks about **fuel**. 00:10:07

5. Pnews At 5
KVII-TV CH 7 (ABC) Amarillo
11/04/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

DMA: 131
Spot Cost: \$102
Est. Audience: 11,528

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:06:21 Just ahead on Pnews 7 at 5:00 p.m., keeping an eye on failing hearts without having to go to the hospital, later in today's medical breakthroughs. Plus, **wind energy**. We've heard from **T. Boone Pickens** about the subject. Now hear from a local **wind energy** executive about the future of the industry in our area. 00:07:39

[CC] 00:21:24 This week on Pnews 7 you've seen our Mitch Roberts exclusive interview with **T. Boone Pickens**, talking about his **energy** plan and his plans for America to gain control of our **energy** and financial future. Specifically, he spoke about **wind energy** and his plans to build a **wind** farm in Gray County, though that project is now on hold. We're joined by A.J. Swope. He is now the executive director of Class 4 Winds, an advocate for **wind energy**. Thank you for joining us, A.J. We've been talking about watching Mitch's stories with **T. Boone Pickens**. Why don't you just tell us a little bit about Class 4 Winds and **wind** in our area in general. "Class 4 Winds is a non-profit **energy** advocacy group. We were designed primarily as a central hub of education and information for land owners, public officials and business owners in the area because **wind** is such a new industry, so a lot of people have questions. We're here to not only answer those questions, but also to promote our region and businesses within the region to the **wind energy** industry.".... 00:21:36