

U.S. must support all forms of energy

Energy is one of the most politicized issues facing the country today. Once a bi-partisan issue, energy production and consumption has now become somewhat, albeit not completely, a partisan issue between Democrats and Republicans.

The Obama-Biden ticket has made it clear from that start that fossil fuels are no longer in vogue. That is not too surprising given that in 2008, Obama built a strong coalition of special interest groups opposed to traditional fuels. The path forward is clear. We need all forms of energy. Just like a toolbox in anyone's garage, different tools are needed for different tasks. Romney's approach more closely resembles a true "all the above" energy plan while the current president's plan more closely resembles a "none of the below" energy plan.

Bankruptcies by green companies, higher prices at the pump and public opinion riding high of support of projects like Keystone XL pipeline will be highly utilized by the Republican ticket heading into <u>November</u>.

Oil, gas supporters stop in Cushing on highenergy bus tour

CUSHING - The pipeline crossroads of the world became a high-energy bus stop Thursday.

The American Energy Alliance, a group that advocates domestic drilling, brought its "American Products, American Power" bus to the home of the nation's largest oil storage and transport hub. The visitors from AEA and other oil and gas supporters praised Cushing as the "epicenter" of the energy industry and called loud and clear for greater production and more pipelines, including the controversial Keystone XL from Canada.

AEA spokesman Benjamin Ross noted that his visit comes five months after President Barack Obama spoke in Cushing to tout his "All of the Above" energy policy and explain his delay in approving the northern leg of the Keystone XL.

"Everybody knows Cushing is important," Ross said. "It was the height of political irony he would speak at Cushing. We have a bit of integrity when we come here, and the president was <u>lacking.</u>"