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From the Committee Chair...

What you can do to stop ObamaCare

It's not the Ides of March and the assassination of Caesar... but it should be the death of the health care bill...

In a speech Wednesday, President Obama called for Congress to "finish its work" on health care reform. Obama and the Democrats have laid out a tentative strategy to ram their health care bill through Congress with a 50 + 1 strategy.

Their strategy hinges on three critical votes: the House must approve the \$871 billion Senate bill, and then both the House and Senate will vote on a budget reconciliation bill that will solve several objections to the Senate bill. It is a completely partisan strategy for the Democrats.

Key House Democrat votes include: Reps. Brian Bard (WA), Rick Boucher (VA), Bart Gordon (TN), Frank Kratovil (MD), Suzanne Kosmas (FL), Michael McMahon (NY), Scott Murphy (NY), Glenn Nye (VA), Bart Stupak (MI), John Tanner (TN)

Key Senate Democrat votes include: Sens. Evan Bayh (IN), Mark Begich (AK), Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA), Amy Klobuchar (MN), Mary Landrieu (LA), Joe Lieberman (CT), Blanche Lincoln (AR), Claire McCaskill (MO), Ben Nelson (NE), Bill Nelson (FL), Mark Pryor (AR), Jeanne Shaheen (NH), Mark Warner (VA)

The key to defeating health care will be the continued engagement of the American people on this issue. We have a great deal at stake in the current health care debate, and we cannot let anyone else make our health care decisions for us and our families. Even if it now seems more futile than ever, it is crucial that we continue to make our voice heard on this issue.

Please, PLEASE contact the congressmen above TODAY to let them know YOU want to make the health care decisions for you and your family!

**When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad.
That's my religion. ~ Abraham Lincoln**

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About our Chairman, Mike Sevak

by Leigh Nogoy

I was recently helping out at the Party Candidate Filing Table at the Courthouse. Sitting at the Republican filing table were Mike Sevak, Barbara Tillman, Henry Keith, Dee Vanlandingham and Mary Neal. I was there mostly as an observer and to help where needed. Interestingly, I noticed that lots of the people filing for public office, even those filing with the Democrats, seemed to recognize these people, more than just some entity that you have to deal with to file papers. But when one gentleman in particular asked Mike 'How do I know you?', Mike didn't say he was Chairman of the RPBC or anything else specific about title or authority, he just casually continued in conversation, doing his job, greeting people and making them feel comfortable. Mike isn't one to make a big deal about himself. He'd rather make a big deal about what his Party is doing to effect changes in government to let the people govern themselves and become successful. That is the nature of Mike.

Mike grew up as a son of a career decorated Army First Sergeant, Vollie Sevak, son of immigrant Czech -Russians, who served in the Korean War and three tours in Vietnam. Life was never easy for the Sevak family while he was growing up as an Army kid. At 17 he left home, found work in Texas in transportation and in 1990 eventually made it to Northwest Arkansas where his Father's relatives resided. Mike met and married his wife Angela in 1999 and started his family shortly thereafter. He has two children, Hayden, 9 and Emilee, 5. He started his business of providing concierge services to corporations and private individuals in 2007.

Mike's favorite place to be is anywhere outside. He spends his free time relaxing and fishing on the lake, as well as golfing and horseback riding. He enjoys traveling with his family to nearby scenic places in Arkansas and neighboring states. He feels it is important that our children get a school education but also to get to know the history, the habitats and humanity of the place they live. "We are privileged to live in an area of the country with many monuments and parks dedicated to both natural and cultural history."

Mike's public service began in 2004 as a volunteer for the Bush / Chaney campaign. He became the Chairman of the Benton County Republican Assembly and then also the Chairman of the RPBC Committee. As Chairman he enjoys interacting with people of different views and cultural standpoints. He wants every person's voice to be heard and vote to be counted. His message to everyone is that they can make a difference. Instead of incessantly complaining that the government needs to use its influence to make their lives easier, they should be shown that only they have power and authority to make real difference in their own lives. "Americans must do for themselves, helping each other out, growing jobs, making real prosperity is what it's all about."

Mike's message to the Republican Party is thus, "The actions of the Republican Party in the last three years have not been effective. Complacency, career politicians, and taking advantage of the good will of the voters without regard to their wishes has struck a chord with Americans and is why there are so many people standing up for what they believe in. We embrace the TEA parties and welcome them to stand with us to combat government spending. How can we save pennies when the government is taking quarters away from us? The elected officials are there by the people, of the people and for the people. A politician who is worried about re-election cannot possibly serve the public or the public interest, and this is a problem which should be addressed with Term Limits in order to not let ideas stagnate."

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A newsletter for Members, Republican Elected Officials, Candidates and Friends

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GOP Allied Club Notes...

Republican Women of Bentonville (BVRW) - is having a Senate Forum on Thursday, March 11, 2010 in the White Auditorium at NWACC. The time is 7:00pm. Visit our website: <http://republicanwomenofbentonville.org/>

Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RHNA) - State Committee meeting Saturday, March 13th. Please check the RPBC calendar for more information. Please come and bring a guest. Visit our website: <http://arkansasrnha.com/>

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) - Meeting being held Tuesday, March 16th at 12 p.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant located at 2605 Pleasant Crossing, Exit 81, Hwy 540 Rogers, AR. Buffet lunch which includes drink and gratuity is \$8.99 or \$7.99 for Seniors, or by the pound for smaller portions. March's meeting guest speakers will be Aaron Agnew and Bishop Smith. Please bring a guest. Visit our website: <http://www.bentoncountyrepublicanwomen.org/>

Bella Vista Republican Women (BVRW) - Meeting Monday, March 22nd at Concordia Retirement Village, 1 Concordia Drive, Bella Vista, 9 a.m. Social, 9:30 a.m. business meeting. Our speaker will be US Senatorial candidate Kim Hendren from Gravette...Among Hendren's many accomplishments, he has served NWA as a state senator. For more information on upcoming candidate speakers and activities please visit our website: <http://www.bv republicanwomen.org/> or call Michelle at 479-295-1722.

Siloam Springs Republican Women (SSRW) - Our next meeting will be Monday, March 22nd, coffee at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. at Signature Bank Community Room, 200 Progress Ave., Siloam Springs. Speaker and Program will be Mark Darr, candidate for Lt. Governor. Candidates are welcome. For information: Carrie Chastain, President, jdchastain@centurytel.net or call 479-524-3461.

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - Meeting Friday, March 26th at Metfield Club, 1 Euston Rd. in Bella Vista, at 12 p.m. Contact: For more information call Van Stone, President, lvstone3@hotmail.com

Save the Date:

NFRW Spring Board Meeting: Thu Mar 11 – Sat Mar 13, 2010 at the Renaissance Convention Center Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK <http://www.nfrw.org/index.html>

Special Meeting Call for 3rd District Committee on Saturday, March 20th at Creekmore Community Center - Azalea / Magnolia Rooms, 3301 S. M Street, Fort Smith

Lincoln Day Dinner: April 16th at the Clarion Hotel and Conv. Center, 211 SE Walton Blvd, Bentonville, AR

The Lincoln Day Dinner is the primary celebration and fundraising event for the Benton County Republican Party. Ticket are available for sale at <http://www.bentoncountygop.org>. This year's guest speaker is former U.S. Congressman and U.S. Attorney, Asa Hutchinson.

Last day to register to vote in the May 18th primary is April 18th!

AFRW 55th Anniversary on June 18th and State Committee Meeting on June 19th, 2010. <http://www.afrw.net/>

Support Our Troops:

Notes of thanks can be shared with the troops and posted at <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/Message.aspx?SectionID=5>

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Meetings / Further Information...

Next Republican Party of Benton County Meeting:

This month we are meeting at our regular time and place, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23rd. at the Benton County Public Services Building on Hwy 102 West of Bentonville. Our guest speaker will be Kirk Hartness.

Lincoln Day Dinner:

We are very proud to announce the speaker for our 2010 LDD event, one of Arkansas's own: former U.S. Congressman and U.S. Attorney, Asa Hutchinson.

We will need some volunteers for the event if you would like to help please contact Mike @ 479-936-1524 or mikeandangelia@sbcglobal.net.

The date is Friday, April 16th at the Clarion Hotel and Conv. Center , 211 SE Walton Blvd, Bentonville, AR. Doors open at 6 pm for the silent auction, dinner begins at 7 pm.

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Re: Newspaper Political Coverage... FYI

The way things are covered is a little different now with the merger of the newspapers. The best thing to do is to e-mail announcements about who will be speaking at your meetings to (bbowden@arkansasonline.com), Leana Walker (lwalker@nwaonline.com) and Mike Jones (mjones@nwaonline.com).

Bill Bowden covers "regional politics" and the 3rd Congressional District (basically covers races that go beyond the boundaries of one county, so that includes the congressional race as well as races for state Senate and the state House. He also covers the races for district judge.) If it's the race for, say, mayor of Rogers, the Rogers Morning News would cover that. And the same goes for Bentonville races and the Benton County Daily record. Overall, it's best to cc all three of the reporters, they will figure it out on their end. It's uncertain if a reporter will cover every meeting you have. It kind of depends on what's going on and who's speaking.

Annette Beard of the TIMES of Northeast Benton County can be contacted at 479-451-1196 or 479-445-4081 or email annetteb@nwanews.com

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**WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO
PLEASE COME TO OUR
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BENTON
COUNTY'S
LINCOLN DAY DINNER.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
ASA HUTCHINSON**

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2010

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. FOR THE
SILENT AUCTION**

DINNER AT 7 P.M.

Please visit our website:
www.bentoncountygop.org/LDD.htm
for more information and to
purchase tickets.



Dinner Tickets: Can be purchase online at www.bentoncountygop.org or by calling Mike Sevak at 479-936-1524 or through Committe members.

Tier 1 Tickets: \$75.00

VIP Table of 10: \$1000.00

Tier 2 Tickets: \$60.00

Table of 10: \$750.00

Tier 3 Tickets: \$50.00

Table of 8: \$400.00

Tier 4 Tickets: \$40.00

Candidate Display Booth: \$25.00

PowerPoint Presentation Ads:

Full Page Ad (Landscape orientation 10" wide x 7.5" tall)... \$100

Half Page Ad (portrait orientation 5" wide x 7.5" tall or landscape orientation 10" wide x 3.75" tall)... \$50

Quarter Page Ad (2.5" wide x 3.75" tall, or business card size)... \$25

If you are interested in your ad being part of this presentation, please

send the following information directly to me, Leigh Nogy at LDDADS@nogy.net or call 479-283-6365

Please mail check payment made out to RPBC to:

Republican Party of Benton County

Attn: County Committee / Lincoln Day Dinner Ad Sales Payment

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