



LoBiondo's congressional office, which handles all noncampaign-related business, regularly issues schedules of districtwide weekend appearances by the congressman. However, LoBiondo's separate campaign staff has not issued press advisories for public campaign events.

"The campaign has never published a schedule, and it is correct that there are no plans to debate," LoBiondo campaign manager Ron Filan wrote in an e-mail to The Press of Atlantic City.

During an editorial board meeting with The Press of Atlantic City on Friday, Stein, who runs an office-cleaning business, said he hoped voters will latch onto the idea of electing someone with zero political experience.

"Maybe if they could send the little guy to Washington - send the farmer, send the janitor - it would shock everybody," he said.

Stein, who describes himself as a fiscal conservative who is liberal on social issues, said it was difficult campaigning with a full-time job. But he said he tries to communicate his ideas in person and via local radio broadcasts.

"I started out wanting to knock on a lot of doors," he said. "But I don't have a lot of time."

#### Connecting with voters

Atlantic County Republican Chairman Keith Davis said he believes LoBiondo's approach has brought him into contact with the voters who live in the area and share concerns that connect with LoBiondo's platform.

"They are tired of the agenda being pushed by (Senate Majority Leader) Harry Reid and (House Speaker) Nancy Pelosi, and are tired of the millions and millions, if not billions, of dollars being wasted in runaway spending," Davis said. "They are tired of not being listened to. They know the congressman stands for something different from that, and his record proves that."

"He's not meeting them in political events - not rallies, that's not what I'm talking about," Davis said. "I mean pancake breakfasts, visits to firehouses, Columbus Day events."

Some of those community events promote successful projects backed by the congressman.

Today, LoBiondo will attend a ribbon-cutting for a solar-panel farm at the Procacci Brothers facility in Lawrence Township, Cumberland County, a new business that fits LoBiondo's stated commitment to green energy in southern New Jersey.

Other events, organized by the congressman's campaign but not publicized until after the fact, bring him in for meet-and-greets with Republican candidates.

In June, LoBiondo appeared in Elk Township, Gloucester County, during a meeting of local

Republicans, and his campaign website later stated that he had stuffed envelopes for Carolyn King-Sammons, who is running for Elk Township Committee.

On Sept. 23, LoBiondo ventured into counties at the edge of his congressional district, appearing at a rally for Republicans in Burlington and Camden counties at La Campagnola restaurant in Shamong Township.

On Oct. 21, LoBiondo is scheduled to appear at an Oktoberfest-themed rally in Somers Point, Atlantic County, for Republican candidates.

Davis, who is helping to organize the event, said the Atlantic County Republican ticket, including county surrogate candidate Jim Curcio and incumbent Freeholder Joe McDevitt, would attend.

"This would be to rally the troops and help fire up people to help volunteer, get out the vote," Davis said. "Frank LoBiondo continues to make a real effort on behalf of our whole ticket, and I'm sure we'll see that throughout the campaign."

Lending his help to other candidates is a good way to stay connected with his own base without venturing into unfriendly territory, said Sharon Schulman, executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Richard Stockton College in Galloway Township.

"You mean one of those empty-chair ones?" she said. "No, we're not interested in just becoming part of the political back-and-forth."

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**Oceancity Resident** 7:25 am

I'm not a big fan of Lobiondo, BUT!!!!!!!

Given the choice between Lobiondo, who on balance has done a good job, and a democrat who WILL NO DOUBT vote in line with Nancy Pelosi and Obama 99% of the time.....I'll take Lobiondo any day.

PS. Tarp was a mistake, as was the Stimulous bill. Those were both bad bills.

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**Gary Stein** 7:00 am

A note to LoBiondo supporters from a former Republican fiscal conservative- now his Democratic opponent. For all the times LoBiondo (or his stand-ins) mention Nancy Pelosi, remember this; he voted against G. Bush's TARP but was quoted the next day saying, he nearly voted for it- that is if he could have gotten a "sweetener" in the deal. One, he couldn't get that "sweetener" i.e., an earmark for the Millville speedway- probably because he's not effective.....really, two, where's the standing on principal in all that, and three WHY'S HE SO BUSY RIDICULING THE WALL STREET BAILOUT IF HE ALMOST VOTED FOR TARP. By the way, I'd have voted for TARP, it spared us from a "Depression"- and I said it to his face at a debate in Cape May Court House in 2008. Yes, a debate.

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**Jean Murray** 5:57 am

No one should be in office for years.

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