



PA Ag Republican Newsletter

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A message from Ag Republican Chair Mike Firestine

I would like to thank Jim & Sharon Dell and Mark & Irene Harris for all their hard work in making our Ag Republican Booth @ Ag Progress Days- a huge success. I would also like to thank **Taylor Doeblor, III** for supplying the corn for the children to play in.

The meet and greet for Attorney General Tom Corbett held @ Ag Progress Days was well attended, thank **you Taylor Doeblor, III** and Barron Hetherington. The PA Ag Republicans also had a fund raiser for Congressman GT Thompson which had a great turnout! Congressman Thompson told me- he was amazed at the number of people that were seated in the upper floor of the barn. I would like to thank Galen and Nancy Dreibelbis for allowing us to have the event on their farm.

There are two events the PA Ag Republicans are sponsoring in October. The first is a fundraiser for Tom Corbett for Governor on 10/30/2010 The breakfast fundraiser will start at 8:30 am, and will end at 9:30 am. If you are an interest ed in being a sponsor, there are several levels: Gold \$1,000; Silver \$500; and Bronze \$250. If you are interested in tickets the cost is \$75 per couple or \$50 individual. Scott Sechler; CEO of Bell and Evans, 154 W Main Street, Fredericksburg, has graciously agreed to host the breakfast event. Please RSVP to Jen Holman Zamorney at 717-903-3598 or JZamorney@TomCorbettforGovernor.com .

The second event the Ag Republicans are sponsoring will also be on October 30, 2010 at 3 pm. We are having a luncheon/ fund raiser for Senator Elder Vogel @ Dawsons Orchards - 122 Petersburg Rd, Enon Valley PA. Senator Vogel has always been a strong advocate for Agriculture in PA. We are offering sponsorships at \$250, the cost to attend the event is \$50 per couple or \$35 individual. The beef for the fundraiser is being supplied by McElhaney Family Farm.

Please try to attend these events to show our strong Agricultural support for Tom Corbett -candidate for Governor and Senator Elder Vogel.

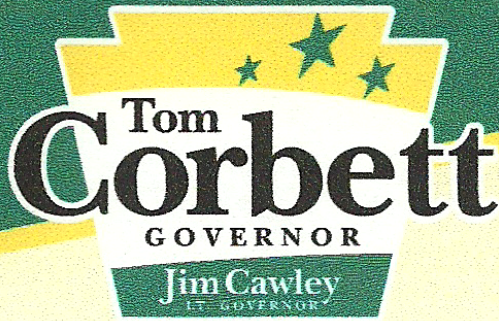
I would like to ask for your help and support for Joyce Haas, who is a candidate for 72 House District. Joyce has been a supporter of Agriculture and the PA Ag Republicans. I would like for you to take the time to read the background information on Joyce Haas, found in this newsletter.

Thank you for all of your support. We will get the job done on November 2nd, 2010 . Please vote, and remind your neighbors and friends to vote.

Sincerely,

Mike Firestine

Don't forget to vote on November 2, 2010



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David Brubaker ★ David Chirico
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Would like to invite you to a breakfast with

ATTORNEY GENERAL

TOM CORBETT

REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010

8:30 TO 9:30 AM

BELL & EVANS

154 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, PA 17026

GOLD SPONSORSHIP – \$1,000

SILVER SPONSORSHIP – \$500

BRONZE SPONSORSHIP – \$250

\$50 PER PERSON/\$75 PER COUPLE

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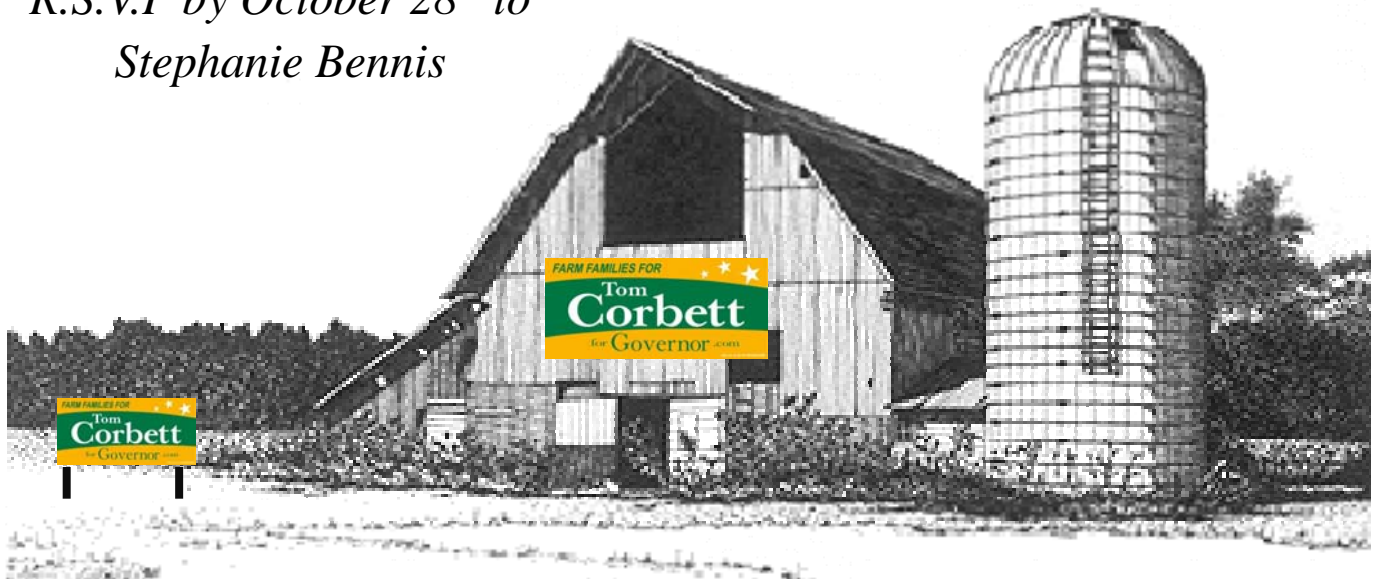
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You're invited
to a
FARM FAMILIES FOR CORBETT
RALLY WITH
LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATE
JIM CAWLEY

Friday, October 29, 2010
9:00am

Four Seasons Farm
117 List Hill Road
Valencia, PA

R.S.V.P by October 28th to
Stephanie Bennis



On November 2nd
vote Republican!

Jim Cawley for Lt Gov!



www.cawleyforlg.com

Pat Toomey for Senate!



www.toomeyforsenate.com

Tom Corbett for Governor!



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***A message from Joyce Haas,
State Representative Candidate
for the 77th District***

While so many people and places in Centre County have played important roles in my life (I grew up in Milesburg where my father was mayor, my husband John and I both graduated from Penn State, and we chose Centre County to raise our children), I owe an especially large debt to our region's agricultural community. My experiences with agriculture taught me valuable lessons, helped me grow as a person and leader, and provided me with a deep appreciation of the contributions farming makes to our region and the Commonwealth.

Growing up as one of eight brothers and sisters, we lived in town, but all helped tend crops and care for the animals on our 40-acre family farm outside of town and began participating in 4-H cooking, sewing, and horse and pony programs at age eight. As a young woman, I won the title of Pennsylvania Honey Queen and was first runner-up in the national competition. It was the scholarship I earned through the Commodity Queen program sponsored by agricultural initiatives that enabled me to finish college at Penn State.

I treasure the wonderful friends and priceless memories made during my travels across Pennsylvania as part of these programs. I will bring this insider's perspective to tackling the critical agricultural issues facing the state legislature. Even as the rapidly-developing Marcellus Shale exploration allows many family farmers to enjoy a newfound source of revenue, a host of governmental problems continue to plague Pennsylvania's number one industry. The Republican Party must be a strong advocate for the agricultural community's needs, and I pledge to always be a loud voice for advancing that agenda. That means pairing fair trade and subsidy policies with reasonable regulatory requirements, preserving our heritage by protecting state fairs and grange organizations, and ensuring that agriculture receives its fair share of gambling revenue. I am proud to have already accepted the endorsement of two other statewide organizations devoted to defending the interests of small business owners (PEG and NFIB), nothing makes me more proud than to say that I am endorsed by the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans. I know that farms represent some of PA's most important businesses. So in addition to those issues specifically impacting agriculture, I am committed to standing firm for the changes necessary to jump start our economy. The tax-first mentality that has punished success for the last eight years and now threatens to stunt the growth of the natural gas industry must come to an end. What's more, Harrisburg's culture of spending, which will saddle future generations with crushing debt, must be curtailed.

Perhaps the most important lesson I learned from the farms and dairies of Pennsylvania was the power of common sense. It is one I will take to heart each day while working to fix Harrisburg.

***FARM NEWS FROM THE HILL
Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson***

This Congress has considered a number of legislative proposals that would certainly have devastating effects on our nation's farms and agribusinesses. Cap and trade and the healthcare debate remain the most prominent legislative efforts in the past two years. Both will have unprecedented impacts on our farms and small businesses by substantially raising costs on energy and healthcare. Issues before the Committee include implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill, rural broadband and infrastructure, and expanding trade and travel with Cuba. I also continue to be active with our dairy farmers seeking long-term solutions to pricing volatility. I was successful in nominating Erick Coolidge of Tioga County to the Dairy Advisory Committee created under the Secretary of Agriculture. He is now the vice chair of the 15-member Committee.

One issue that I believe is not getting as much attention as it deserves is the renewed effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Restoration has been ongoing for decades, but there is a new push coming out of Washington to revamp our methods and reach our projected goals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun a public comment period on their Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) proposal. This proposal will set maximum levels of pollutants that can be discharged into the Chesapeake's tributaries and streams. This includes both point sources (such as water treatment facilities) and non-point sources, which includes many of our farms in Pennsylvania. The proposal also sets hard deadlines for compliance, despite the fact that the implementation costs fall squarely on those who must comply: our local municipalities and farmers.

Of course, about half of Pennsylvania rests within the boundaries of the watershed, which guarantees that the Keystone State will be required to meet these mandates. In addition, President Obama signed an Executive Order in May of 2009 that provides a blueprint of the Administration's preferred course of action. Consequently, Senator Cardin (D-Maryland) introduced legislation, which would codify this order into law. The Senate bill was passed out of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, where it awaits further action.

This three-pronged approach is a stark contrast to what we've done in the House Agriculture Committee. The Committee passed a bill, H.R.5099 that in effect codifies the existing agreement between the states and offers an incentive-based program for farmers. I was pleased to cosponsor this "farmer friendly" approach and voted in its favor when the Agriculture Committee brought it up for passage. At this time, it remains unclear how we will move forward with restoration efforts. But please know that I will continue to work for policies that will accomplish our goals while creating opportunities for Pennsylvania agriculture. For more information on EPA's TMDL proposal, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl/>.

Outside of the Committee's jurisdiction, many of my House colleagues and I are working to prevent the Estate Tax from reverting back to previous levels, and preserving the Bush tax cuts for all Americans. As a Member of the Agriculture Committee, I was pleased to see that the Agriculture Committee has already started having hearings in advance of the next Farm Bill, which will likely be in 2012.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans for your support. I am working to earn re-election. For updates on my campaign please check out www.friendsofglennthompson.com. I look forward to our continued work together in support of Pennsylvania's number one industry – AGRICULTURE!



Farm Families For Vogel



PA Ag Republicans cordially invite you to an afternoon luncheon in support of Senator Elder Vogel Jr.

Beef provided by McElhaney Family Farm.

\$50 per couple
\$250 host committee
sponsorship



DATE: Saturday, October 30, 2010

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Dawson's Orchard
122 Petersburg Road
Enon Valley, PA 16120

RSVP: 724-601-2932 (Karen) or return
enclosed card by October 25

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Pictures from Congressman
Glenn Thompson's August
2010 Breakfast!



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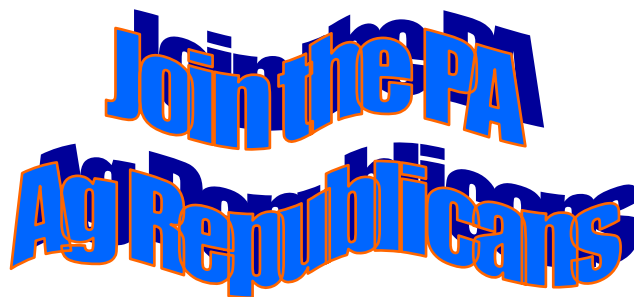
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I want to help promote Republican values and agricultural issues across the state of Pennsylvania.

Enclosed is my membership fee for the year 2011. Make checks payable to: Pennsylvania Ag Republicans

Keystone Member (\$50.00)
Family Membership (\$30.00)
Individual Membership (\$25.00)

Name: _____

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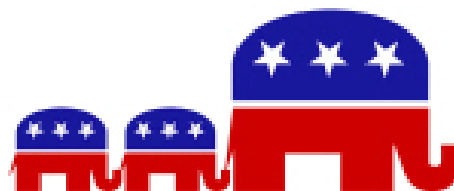
City: _____ Zip: _____

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I'm raising my kids *RIGHT*

Make it a Family Membership!

Mail check and form to:

PA Ag Republicans
Sharon Dell
5269 Trout Run Lane
Spruce Creek, PA 16683



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**Mark your calendar for the Annual
PA Ag Republican Meeting**

Monday, January 10, 2011

3:00 pm Meeting Room B

Farm Show Building Complex