



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



MAY 22, 2009



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### HOUSE

*Agriculture*

May 27, 2009

12:00 pm

307 House Office Building

Chair: Representative Mike

Simpson

## UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL INVESTIGATORS

Annual Conference

June 18-20, 2009

Sheraton Nashville

Downtown Hotel

Nashville, TN

[www.nalionline.org/](http://www.nalionline.org/conference_details.php)

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*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."*

*-James Dent*

## 2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1:30 pm - Tuesday, Wednesday May 26-27
- 12:00 pm - Thursday May 28

### SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday May 26-28

## Dept. of Agriculture Seeking Michigan Vendors for Capitol Lawn Farmers Market

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan™ Program is seeking Michigan growers and companies to showcase their products during the first of two Select Michigan™ Farmers Markets on the Capitol lawn. The event will be held Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the east lawn.

There will also be several additional booth spaces available for non-profit organizations who promote the benefits of eating and buying local. And, don't forget to mark your calendars for the second Select Michigan™ Capitol Lawn Farmers Market being held on September 17, 2009. **The deadline for reserving booth space is Friday, June 12, 2009.**

*Contacting Erin Groeb at 517/373-2469 or [groebe@michigan.gov](mailto:groebe@michigan.gov) for Vendor table information.*

## 2009 Michigan Farm Market Directory Now Available

LANSING - The 2009 directory was created by the Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association (MI-FMAT). Copies of the directory are available at all 14 Michigan Welcome Centers and at Farm Bureau Insurance agencies across the state.

The directory has more farm market listings than last year's, features an alphabetical index, and a regional tab design to help customers find the markets and products they are searching for. It also features 16 full-color pages and an availability chart showcasing when the various types of fresh Michigan fruits and vegetables produced are in season.

*For more information about MI-FMAT and its mission and services, visit [www.MichiganFarmFun.com](http://www.MichiganFarmFun.com).*



### RECOGNIZING

*Kevin MacRitchie with*

*Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association*



Kevin MacRitchie is a board member of the Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association and a large supporter of Agri-Tourism in Michigan. Kevin owns and operates a buffalo ranch in Pinckney, MI. TMZ Farms is a 450 head ranch over 65 acres. Kevin first purchased bison for his operation in 2000. Kevin loves the fact that he can combine scenic bison ranges, farm tours, horseback riding and the production of quality, healthy meat into a business venture.

After a final inspection next week, TMZ Farms will be the first farm in Michigan to receive the Animal Welfare Approved Certification and the first Buffalo Ranch in the world to receive this certification.

*For more information on the Animal Welfare Approved Certification visit [www.animalwelfareapproved.org](http://www.animalwelfareapproved.org)*

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