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NEWS & NOTES

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UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Ag Day at the Capitol
March 19, 2008

[Visit the Michigan corn, Michigan floriculture growers, Michigan soybean and Michigan equine booths!](#)

Michigan Council of Private Investigators Quarterly Meeting
April 2, 2008
www.mcpihome.com

Michigan Equine Partnership Annual Meeting
April 15, 2008
www.miequine.com

Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association Spring Training Seminar
April 17-18, 2008
www.mcodsa.com

Michigan Contract Security Association Annual Meeting
May 7, 2008
www.mcsa-online.org

ENJOY MICHIGAN WINES? CHECK OUT THIS WEB SITE!

Visit www.michiganwines.com to learn more about Michigan wines and to locate wineries across the state.

This web site is packed with information about upcoming events, wine tours and packages, grape and wine industry facts, and even recipes!

Visit other wine-related sites through their link page including sites on Michigan wine trails and other state wine organizations.

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- March 18 1:30 p.m.
- March 19 1:30 p.m.
- March 20 12:00 p.m.
- April 8 1:30 p.m.
- April 9 1:30 p.m.
- April 10 12:00 p.m.

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- March 18 10:00 a.m.
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“SELECT MICHIGAN” PRODUCTS TO BE SHOWCASED AT AFPD RETAIL TRADE SHOW

The “Select Michigan Pavillion”, hosted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), will showcase Michigan food and agriculture companies at the 2009 Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, Inc. (AFPD) Annual Trade Show. The MDA is looking for participants for the event scheduled for April 28-29, 2008 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The AFPD Annual Trade show attracts buyers from convenience stores, supermarkets, specialty stores, drug stores, bars, restaurants and service stations. During the two day event, vendors will sell their products to the many different companies in attendance.

Show hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008; and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Ten, 10' x 10' booth spaces are available within the Select Michigan Pavillion. Priority will be given to companies featuring and selling Michigan products.

For more information contact Jeanne Lipe, MDA Marketing Specialist, at 517-373-9790 or lipej@michigan.gov.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development are once again offering grants and guaranteed loans for agriculture producers and rural small businesses. These are available to assist with the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements in rural areas.

For complete program information, guidelines and to see if your project is eligible to receive assistance, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs. Click on Farm Bill 9006 resources.

To contact a representative in the Michigan Rural Development office, call 517-324-5157.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS AVAILABLE FOR MICHIGAN GREENHOUSE GROWERS ON MSU WEB SITE

Michigan State University (MSU) horticulture researchers have developed a new online resource for Michigan greenhouse growers. With energy costs on the rise, many greenhouse growers profit margins are shrinking, leaving them on the look for strategies to reduce monthly expenses.

The Greenhouse Energy Cost Reduction Strategies Web site, <http://hrt.msu.edu/energy/notebook.htm>, is now an available resource. Included in the site is a compilation of studies on how to reduce energy costs conducted by researchers at MSU and other universities. The site is targeted at Michigan growers, however the information is applicable to many other regions of the northern United States with similar climate patters.

Visitors to the web site can browse topics such as greenhouse lighting, temperature and scheduling, energy-saving technologies, alternative fuels, and energy grant and loan program.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”
~Sir Winston Churchill

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