



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



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Michigan's official travel and tourism site, Pure Michigan, [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org) has an abundance of information to offer.

The site offers places to go, things to do, places to stay and much more to help you explore our great state.

Also sign up for free michigan.org ENewsletters or to receive a free Michigan travel guide.

If you are still looking for something to do during spring break, this is the site to help you find the perfect destination in your own backyard.

## UPCOMING SPRING FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

**National Trout Festival**  
*April 23-27, 2008*  
Kalkaska, Mich.

**Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival**  
*April 25-27, 2008*  
Vermontville, Mich.

**Blossomtime Festival**  
*April 27-May 4, 2008*  
St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, Mich.

**Tulip Time Festival**  
*May 3-10, 2008*  
Holland, Mich.

**Birmingham Fine Art Festival**  
*May 10-11, 2008*  
Birmingham, Mich.

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[WWW.MICHIGANFUN.US](http://WWW.MICHIGANFUN.US)

## 2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- April 8 1:30 p.m.
- April 9 1:30 p.m.
- April 10 12:00 p.m.

### SENATE

- April 8 10:00 a.m.
- April 9 10:00 a.m.
- April 10 10:00 a.m.

## RACING COMMISSIONER APPROVES TRACK LICENSE FOR ROMULUS

Racing Commissioner Christine C. White on March 19, 2008 issued a track license to Post It Stables, Inc. for a horse race track located in Romulus, Michigan. This follows White awarding Post It Stables, Inc. a race meeting license in October of 2007 for 2008, contingent upon the track license.

"I am very pleased to announce that thoroughbred racing will continue here in Michigan," Commissioner White said. "Our office has worked with Post It Stables, Inc. to make this happen."

The track location in Romulus sits in Huron Township and Wayne County on a vacant piece of land. The first live race is scheduled for July 18, 2008.

2008 also marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan. For more information about Michigan horse race tracks and racing schedules visit [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).

## MDA DIRECTOR DISCUSSES ON-FARM SECURITY

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director, Don Koivisto, in his latest monthly column discussed the important role farmers play in protecting the state's food and agriculture system. Michigan's 55,000 farmers must overcome wide-ranging and complex challenges to produce more than 200 different commodities.

One threat of great concern in the agriculture community is the theft of anhydrous ammonia which is a low-cost form of nitrogen fertilizer and a key ingredient in the illegal production of the drug methamphetamine.

Director Koivisto emphasizes that the agriculture industry and government share the responsibility to strengthen our nation's security. To report suspicious individuals or activity near anhydrous tanks should be reported to the following toll-free tip line: 1-866-METH-TIP.

To read Director Koivisto's monthly column and to learn more about farm safety, visit [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

The Michigan State University Extension, Michigan State Police and MDA partnered to prepare a bulletin to help farms with security, emergency preparedness and planning. The bulletin, Emergency Planning for the Farm, is available at: <http://web2.msu.edu/bulletins/Bulletin/PDF/E2575.pdf>.

## NEW ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR GREENHOUSE GROWERS

Michigan greenhouse growers are enthusiastic about the new Greenhouse\*A\*Syst risk assessment, a component of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This coming from increasing pressure from major retailers to operate in a sustainable manner.

Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs) funded a promotional brochure and three informational open house events to help publicize the new tool. To learn more visit [www.green.msu.edu](http://www.green.msu.edu).

**"You can not do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."**

*-Anon*

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