



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



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## Upcoming Spring Events

### Michigan Court Officer Deputy Sheriff Association

Spring Training Seminar  
April 16 - 17, 2009  
Crystal Mountain Resort  
Thompsonville, MI  
[www.mcodsa.com](http://www.mcodsa.com)

### Michigan Equine Partnership

Annual Meeting  
April 21, 2009  
4-7 pm  
Radisson Hotel  
Lansing, MI

### Upcoming Board Meetings

### Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri- Tourism Association

Board Meeting  
April 14, 2009  
1:00 pm  
Tele-Conference

*"You cannot depend  
on your eyes when  
your imagination is  
out of focus."*

*~Mark Twain*

## 2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

▪ Not in session week of April 6-10

### SENATE

▪ Not in session week of April 6-10

## Income Tax Deadline Less Than Two Weeks Away

The Michigan Department of Treasury is reminding Michigan Taxpayers that individual income tax returns for 2008 must be postmarked or e-filed by midnight Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Treasury provides a wide-range of income tax and credit information on its income tax Web site, located at [www.michigan.gov/incometax](http://www.michigan.gov/incometax). The site details what's new for Tax Year 2008, including the Michigan EITC and offers help in locating tax forms as well as information about e-filing your return.

## Peanut Butter Recall Response Efforts Costs Michigan More than \$400k

LANSING, MI - Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Don Koivisto announced that the state's efforts to respond to the nationwide Salmonella outbreak associated with peanut butter and peanut products has cost the state more than \$400,000 and is expected to increase. The state does not receive federal reimbursement to recoup expenses incurred for food recall response.

"Our number one priority must be food safety," said Koivisto. "In an increasingly global economy, maintaining the food safety net is vital to protecting public health and is one of MDA's core missions."

To date in fiscal 2009, MDA staff have responded to 313 recalls and 274 of those have been directly related to the national peanut butter recall. In all of fiscal 2008, the department responded to 114 recalls and 97 in 2007. This means that the number of recalls MDA has responded to has tripled in the last two years.

For more information on food safety visit [www.michigan.gov/food-safety](http://www.michigan.gov/food-safety).

## RECOGNIZING

### *Tom Durand with Michigan Corn Growers Association*

Tom Durand, a corn grower of Croswell, MI was recently elected to sit on the Michigan Corn Growers Association board of directors as President. Headquartered in DeWitt, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association representing the state's corn growers' political interests. The MCGA works cooperatively with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPPM).

In 2006, Durand was one of twenty National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) officers & staff to convene for the NCGA Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy is a three-day event that seeks to strengthen the leadership skills of NCGA members who aspire to serve in state or national association leadership positions.

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