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NEWS & NOTES

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BRIGHTON RECREATION AREA FRIENDS GROUP TACK SALE MAY 3

The Brighton State Recreation Area's Trail Riders Association is holding its first ever tack sale on Saturday, May 3. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chilson Pond Day Use area.

Brighton Trail Riders Association is a friends group of the Brighton Recreation Area. The group's purpose is to support the park's mission, and work with the park to help maintain the equestrian trails and campground.

For more information about the Brighton Recreation Area's Trail Riders Association, visit www.brightontrailriders.com.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

House

Energy and Technology

April 30, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Bldg.
Chair: Rep. Frank Accavitti

Judiciary

April 30, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Room 521, House Office Bldg.
Chair: Rep. Paul Condino

Senate

Agriculture Appropriations

April 30, 2008
3:00 p.m.

Room 405, Capitol Bldg.
Chair: Sen. Cameron Brown

For a complete listing of committee meetings visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- April 29 1:30 p.m.
- April 30 1:30 p.m.
- May 1 12:00 p.m.
- May 6 1:30 p.m.
- May 7 1:30 p.m.
- May 8 12:00 p.m.

SENATE

- April 29 10:00 a.m.
- April 30 10:00 a.m.
- May 1 10:00 a.m.
- May 6 10:00 a.m.
- May 7 10:00 a.m.
- May 8 10:00 a.m.

PROJECT GREEN AWARDS DOLLARS FOR 2008 PROGRAM

Project GREEN, Michigan's plan agriculture initiative at Michigan State University (MSU) will support more than 100 plant agriculture research projects with \$2.5 million in grant funding, for fiscal year 2008.

Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs) is a joint effort with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU Extension and plant-based commodities and businesses.

Its purpose is to develop research and educational programs in response to industry needs, ensure and improve food safety, and protect and preserve the quality of the environment.

For a complete listing of 2008 newly funded and continuing Project GREEN research projects, visit www.green.msu.edu.

MICHIGAN APPLE PRODUCERS VOTE TO CONTINUE MARKETING PROGRAM

Michigan apple producers have voted to continue the Michigan Apple Advertising and Promotion Program, according to Don Koivisto, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

The Michigan Apple Advertising and Promotion Program was designed to improve the economic position of Michigan apple growers by developing advertising, promotion, and publicity programs to create new markets for apples and/or apple products and to carry on market development and research. The program was last approved in 2003, and by law, must be renewed every five years.

The program would continue for an additional five years, beginning September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2013. For more information on Michigan apples, visit www.michiganapples.com.

SOYBEAN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TOLL-FREE

A new service is available for farmers who often work long hours and spend much of their time outdoors and away from computers. Thanks to Soybean 2010, they can access crop and pest management information anytime, anywhere by calling a new toll-free soybean hotline, 888-201-9301. MSU extension specialists will record updated messages about insects, diseases, weeds, agronomic information, soybean cyst nematodes and the Michigan Automated Weather Network. Callers can listen to multiple topics without redialing and can call as often as they want. Visit the Soybean 2010 web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/soybean2010/>.

MICHIGAN 4-H CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

4-H is Michigan's largest youth development program, providing young people 5 to 19 years old with a variety of experiences to improve their knowledge and practical skills. 2008 marks the 100th birthday of 4-H in Michigan.

A special ice cream is being created by the MSU Dairy Store in celebration, called the 4-H Forever. It will be debuted at the 4-H Spring Conference April 30-May 2. The ice cream also will be available all summer at the main dairy store on campus. For more information on 4-H in Michigan visit www.msue.msu.edu/4h.

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