



JULY 1, 2010

JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



UPCOMING EVENTS

MI FMAT Meeting
July 13, 2010, 1:00pm
Teleconference

MCPI Meeting
July 13, 2010, 5:00pm
G. Subu's Leather Bottle
Livonia, MI

MEP Meeting
July 20, 2010, 6:30pm
Place TBD

MCSA Meeting
July 21, 2010, 11:00am
JV Office

It is in vain to say
human beings ought
to be satisfied with
tranquillity: they
must have action;
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if they cannot find it.

Charlotte Bronte
(1816 - 1855)

2010 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Off Until July 21, 2010

MORE THAN 17,000 TEACHERS LEAVE EARLY

Exactly 17,063 school employees filed for retirement with the state's Office of Retirement Service earlier this month as part of the state's early retirement package, around 30 percent of the roughly 57,000 workers who were eligible to take the offer.

The State Budget Office still said the first-year savings for school districts will still equal \$515 million.

The House Fiscal Agency (HFA) is still projecting a 10-year savings of \$3.3 billion for schools.

The immediate savings come through the loss of veteran employees on the payrolls and the long-term savings come from a 3 percent contribution school employees will need to make to cover their retirement health care costs.

VIDEO MDA FOR 2 CENTS PER DAY

As a part of our continuing efforts to retain the Michigan Department of Agriculture as a standalone agency Michigan Farm Bureau has just released a video targeting the general public demonstrating the role the department plays in the daily lives of Michigan citizens.

Thank you for your continued interest in supporting MDA.

Government services that actually benefit my family and me for just 2¢ a day???? That's right! A fun new YouTube creation by the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), For 2¢ A Day Michigan Department of Agriculture Protects You Morning, Noon & Night<<http://www.youtube.com/MichiganFarmBureau>>, shows how the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) is intertwined in the daily activities of an average citizen and family around the clock, from eating and preparing safe and healthy meals to fueling up the car, taking care of pets, buying flowers and more - all at barely a cost to taxpayers.

Seeing is believing! Spread the word and help us enlighten others as the food and agriculture industry works to keep MDA an adequately funded standalone state department.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES



Mike Bishop
Bill Schuette

Republican
Republican

(Republicans will select the candidate at the Republican Convention in August 28, 2010)

David Leyton

Democrat



(Democrats selected David Leyton at their Pre-Convention meeting held on April 17, 2010)

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GOV. WANTS LOOPHOLES TO FILL FMAP HOLE

MIRS REPORTS: WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010

MIRS again asked if the Governor would push to extend the sales tax on services and cut business taxes in light of the news from Washington.

“You should check with members of the Legislature on that,” she said. “The Governor continues to believe that tax restructuring is in order.” When MIRS asked if Granholm would make a renewed case, Boyd said the \$500 million lost in FMAP money “might make the case” itself.

The so-called “tax extenders bill,” which includes both an extension of unemployment benefits and FMAP (Medicaid match money) for the states, has been twisting in the U.S. Senate for months after Republicans continued their objection to increased spending.

But that means 30 states that had baked the aid into their budgets -- including Michigan -- likely have to come up with a Plan B. The House, Senate and the Governor all counted on the money coming in their budgets and Senate Fiscal Agency Director Gary OLSON and State Treasurer Bob KLEINE were optimistic in January that the feds would come through.

Gov. Jennifer GRANHOLM spokeswoman Liz BOYD said the administration is still working to pressure Republicans in the U.S. Senate to pass the legislation, noting there will be deep cuts if they don't.

“There will be cuts and they're going to be dramatic and they're going to be devastating,” she said. “Choices will have to be made. People might think we've seen the worst of it, but I'm not sure we have.”

DNRE OPEN HOUSE JULY 27 IN PIGEON RIVER COUNTRY FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment will host an open house on Tuesday, July 27, to provide information and receive public comment on proposed forest management treatments for 2012 in the Pigeon River Country Management Unit. The open house will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Pigeon River Country Headquarters office, 9966 Twin Lakes Rd., in Vanderbilt.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHT

Hunters, sportsmen, home defenders and other fans of freedom won an important victory. Monday, June 28, 2010 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Chicago handgun ban, defending the right of city residents to protect themselves and their families.

The 5-4 decision stops local and state governments from infringing on the right to bear arms, and many are calling it a landmark case because of the impact it will have in future rulings.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY...



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