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# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



## Welcome to the Julian Vail team:

Jamie Brummel, a native of Owosso brings to Julian Vail her experience with non-profit administration.

Nicole Smith, a current student at Michigan State University majoring in animal science with an equine emphasis.

Kelsey Warner, a recent graduate from Laingsburg who plans to attend LCC and is pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

All three are a great asset to Julian Vail and we look forward to everyone meeting them!

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### House

#### Judiciary

June 11, 2008

9:00 a.m.

521 House Office Building

Chair: Rep. Paul Condino

Agenda items include ID theft protection fields.

*\*For a complete list of committee meetings visit [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).*

## COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE MEETING

A special meeting of the Commission of Agriculture will be held on June 9, 2008 with the purpose of discussing the Pseudorabies Virus and other Livestock Diseases in Michigan.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Con Con Conference Room in Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan St., Lansing, Michigan.

## 2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- June 10 1:30 p.m.
- June 11 1:30 p.m.
- June 12 12:00 p.m.

### SENATE

- June 10 10:00 a.m.
- June 11 10:00 a.m.
- June 12 10:00 a.m.

## AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING... MICHIGAN'S HORSE RACING TRADITION CONTINUES

BY: DON KOIVISTO, DIRECTOR, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



If you haven't experienced the thrill of watching a speeding horse cross the finish line, now is the perfect time to check out one of the state's family entertainment treasures. Throughout the month of June, we will be celebrating Michigan Horse Racing Month and all of the wonderful things it encompasses. Additionally, we are commemorating the 75th anniversary of pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan. Horse racing is inextricably linked to Michigan agriculture with our state being home to several hundred racing-breed horse farms with thousands of acres of land solely dedicated to the 5,700 race horses with the racing breeds of Quarter Horse, American Paint, Arabian and Standardbred being the most numerous breeds in all of Michigan equine. Not only is horse racing steeped in Michigan history, but it's good for the economy too. Horse racing reaches far beyond the grandstands. It's a labor intensive industry providing jobs - both on and off the tracks - for trainers, drivers, jockeys, blacksmiths, grooms, veterinarians, racing officials, pari-mutuel clerks, guards, admission clerks, concessions workers, and more. For more information about Michigan horse racing, Michigan's race tracks and live racing schedules, visit [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).

## RENEWABLE ENERGY VS FOREIGN OIL, FOOD VS FUEL, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, WHAT IS RIGHT VS COST TO CONSUMER'S

BY: JULIAN VAIL, LLC

All of the above topics generate considerable discussion on the value of renewable, agriculture grown crops for fuel. Refining crops into transportation fuel with allowances for food consumption across the globe must be evaluated. Several questions are inherent in the discussion and differences in opinion resonate.

It was not so long ago that bio fuels were being praised as an environmentally friendly alternative to foreign oil. Rising food prices and food shortages in some parts of the world have caused some to question this wisdom. We, for one do not believe that this is true or believable. We believe that without crops being utilized for fuel that the cost of goods from the farm to the table would still be high due to demand from throughout the world and the high cost of petroleum. The corn starch that is used in the ethanol process leaves the nutrition in the corn which is used for cattle and poultry feed more reasonable costs than conventional feed stocks. We are not taking the product out for non agricultural uses as some would have you believe.

Think for a second about the cost of gasoline and diesel fuels at the pump if it were not for alternative processes competing in the fair marketplace for a share of the industry. We have no idea where the consumer price would be today without renewable transportation fuels.

What can society do to cooperate, support renewable and make this all work for food, fuel, environment and the U.S. reliance on foreign oil? BELIEVE in renewable. Be willing to invest to protect the environment, return investment to our agricultural community, increase profits and jobs to the U.S. and produce food that can be exported around the world. The United States has fallen behind in the research and use of renewable energy and transportation fuels. We must step up to the plate and be a leader, investing in the future of this country and renewable fuels

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