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# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



## STATE BUDGETS NEARLY WRAPPED UP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

The House and Senate conference committees have been working feverishly to get the budgets for next fiscal year in order and balanced prior to taking the summer break to campaign. Today, both the House and Senate are in an additional session day to finalize the conference reports to each body and then adjourn. Speculation is that the budgets will be completed within targets prior to leaving town this afternoon.

## WATER WITHDRAWAL BILLS COMPLETE

The Great Lakes Compact and the water withdrawal legislation are now in the hands of the Governor for signing as the Republican led Senate, Senator Birkholz and the Democratic House, Representative Warren reached agreement on the package. Representative Warren said, "By protecting the waters that define us, we are protecting our jobs, our farms and the very features that make Michigan a special and unique place to live". We applaud the bipartisan nature of the completed package.

## 2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- June 1 No Session - Summer Recess
- June 2 No Session - Summer Recess
- June 3 No Session - Summer Recess

### SENATE

- June 1 No Session - Summer Recess
- June 2 No Session - Summer Recess
- June 3 No Session - Summer Recess

## MICHIGAN STATE FAIRGOURNDS

The Michigan State Fairgrounds will be the site of two new events on Fridays and Saturdays.

### Fridays, 7 p.m., beginning June 27:

Symphony in the Park will feature evenings of soothing classical music from local musicians.

### Saturdays, 11 am, starting June 28:

Performances in the Park - family fun, including children's plays, pony rides, open mic and musical performances from local talent.

As part of these events, the fairgrounds will also feature the "Gallery Grove", a showcase of local artistic talent. The Michigan State Fair has also invited Michigan specialty food companies and farmers to be a part of the Gallery Grove. The contact person is Christopher Ewing, 248-



## AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING: MICHIGAN FAIRS - GREAT TIME, GREAT TIMES

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In 1849, the first Michigan State Fair was held in Detroit; and, in 1927, the first UP state fair was held in Escanaba. The fair season begins in early June with the Crosswell Agricultural Society Fair and continues to the end of September with the Hillsdale County Fair. The UP State Fair will be held August 12-17, 2008, and the Michigan State Fair will begin on August 21 and run through September 1, 2008.

Michigan fairs are a community celebration bringing people together every year for fun, food, entertainment, and education. If you are one of the many millions of people who attend the fair annually ENJOY! If you have not been to one of our many great fairs, please visit one this summer. There is a whole day of family fun at the fair and there is always something for everyone.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy all the fair favorites everything from elephant ears and Michigan fudge to thrilling Midway rides and concerts to learning how Michigans growing agri-business sector impacts your life every day. There is no shortage of family fun at a Michigan fair.

For more information about Michigans local, county, and state fairs visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mda-fairs>.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO HORSE RACING

In the Department of Agriculture budget that will pass the House and Senate today, the Horse Racing industry was able to secure an additional 1.5 million dollars from the bovine tuberculosis eradication program back to the Equine Industry Development Fund for building and track improvements at the fairs. This is a giant step to keep money raised through our equine horse racing industry in our equine industry. The county fairs have for decades been the backbone of Americana in our communities and this will assist to keep the moving forward. Kudos to all who worked extremely hard with the legislators in the appropriations process to accomplish this task.