

July 15 – July 28

Capitol Notes

Tours

Monday, July 16

MDOT Youth Development Mentorship
Program – Saginaw
Student Statesmanship Institute

Tuesday, July 17

American Classic Tours – Grayslake, IL
Big History Lesson, Michigan History
Center

Monday, July 18

Gilden Woods – Howell
MSU English Language Center – East
Lansing

Thursday, July 19

Midland County Day Treatment Program –
Midland
South Lyon Kids Club – South Lyon

Monday, July 23

American Semester Program – East
Lansing
MSU VIPP – East Lansing

Tuesday, July 24

American Classic Tours – Grayslake, IL
American Semester Program – East
Lansing

Wednesday, July 25

Tonda Elementary School – Canton

Thursday, July 26

Heritage in the Hills – Auburn Hills
Lattice Conference
MDOT Youth Program – Cadillac

Friday, July 27

Early LCC – Lansing

Rallies & Events

Thursday, July 19

Poetry in the City
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
East Capitol Steps and Walks

Friday, July 20

Student Statesmanship Institute
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
East Capitol Steps and Walks

Saturday, July 21

Capitol Closed

Thursday, July 26

Farmers Market at the Capitol
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
East Capitol Steps, Walks, and Lawn

Alexis de Tocqueville visits Michigan

The famous French traveler Alexis de Tocqueville arrived in Detroit on July 22, 1831. Tocqueville and his colleague Gustave de Beaumont were sent to the United States by the French government to study the penitentiary system. However the pair used the trip as an opportunity to observe American society, customs, and politics. After traveling through the U.S. for nine months, they published *Democracy in America* which became a classic work of political science, social science, and history. It is still commonly assigned reading for American college students studying politics or social sciences.

Tocqueville considered Michigan to be the “utmost limits of European civilization.” In his notes, Tocqueville remarked “We arrived in Detroit at 4’oclock. A fine American Village. Many French Names on the houses.” From Detroit, Tocqueville and Beaumont traveled north to visit Saginaw, Mackinac Island, and Sault Ste. Marie.

Session Schedule

House & Senate

Wednesday, July 25 – 10:00 a.m.