

Goodland High students take ‘trip of a lifetime’

Five Goodland High students took the trip of a lifetime this summer, touring England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany.

Joseph Felver, Jessica Lu, Ashley Wing, Ana McClung and Kelsi Ihrig were accompanied by Elaine Felver, Goodland German teacher, and two moms, Linda Enfield and Dee Ann Ihrig for the June trip.

Ihrig said the group flew from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to London, where they met up with groups from Utah, Wyoming and Texas. They spent two days exploring the sights of London, including St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kensington Palace, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly Circus.

“It was gorgeous in London,” said Ashley Wing one of the students on the trip. “The people were really nice, too.”

While in London, Wing said they saw the musical “Thoroughly Modern Millie.”

“It was my first musical,” she said. “There were a lot of firsts on the trip.”

She said the group then boarded the Eurostar, a train that runs in a tunnel under the English Channel and connects Britain with continen-

tal Europe.

Paris was next; the students took a cruise along the Seine River.

“Known worldwide as the city of romance,” Ihrig said, “it is no wonder Paris has captured its reputation!”

She said they climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower and took in the view. The group stopped and saw the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs Elysees, L’Arch De Triumphe and the Louvre museum.

Wing said even riding the subways in Paris and London was a new experience for her.

Ihrig said the travelers then took a scenic six-hour drive through the vineyards of Burgundy and Deaune. They traveled through the Alpine portion of Switzerland to Lucerne.

“The majestic Alps provided a stunning backdrop to Lucerne, surrounded by its lakes and crystal clear mountain waters,” she said.

While in Lucerne, she added, the group visited the Kapellbrücke, a covered bridge which dates back to medieval days, then the Lion Monument, a memorial to a slain Swiss Guard.

They then traveled to Liechtenstein, a tiny Alpine principality of 61 square miles. From there they headed to Austria, where

they settled in a small hotel in Tyrol.

“Austria will be remembered by a hotel balcony view of an incredible village with its tall church steeple that peeked above a view that must have been heaven,” she said.

Next, the students headed to Germany by motor coach. They visited Oberammergau, which Ihrig said is the site of a passion play, or re-enactment of Christ’s crucifixion.

She said the play is performed every 10 years as thanks from the townspeople for being saved from the plague centuries ago. She said the town features hand-painted facades on buildings and the outdoor stage for the play.

In Bavaria, she said, they visited Neuschwanstein Castle built by King Ludwig, which served as the model for the Disney World castles.

She said they saw beautiful countryside as they traveled to Munich, where they visited historical sites and sampled the tastes of the city. Wing said they toured one beer house in Munich and ate lunch at another.

Ihrig said they visited Dachau, a World War II concentration camp that is now a memorial museum.

“That left the group with spirits of sadness and appreciation for their



The Moulin Rouge in Paris was one of the stops on a European trip for a group of five Goodland High students and chaperones from Goodland. The students took in the sights of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs Elysees, L’Arch De Triumphe and the Louvre museum. Along with France, the group toured England, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany.

Photo by Dee Ann Ihrig

Rothenburg, as an amazing village with cobbled lanes. She said the Kathe Wohlfahrt’s Christmas Shop in Rothenburg is world famous for selling Christmas decorations year around.

She said they stopped in Germany’s oldest university city of Heidelberg. She said the group walked along the tourist path to see

the world’s largest wine barrel. They also saw the Neckar Valley and river and a 700-year-old place in Heidelberg.

Eleven days after their journey began, she said, they boarded a jet back home from Frankfurt.

“I thought (the trip) was great,” Wing said. “I wouldn’t give it up for anything.”

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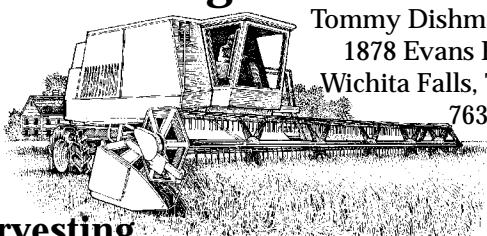
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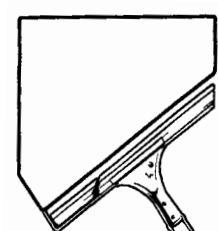
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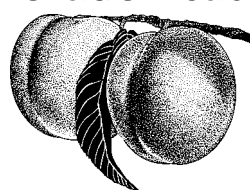
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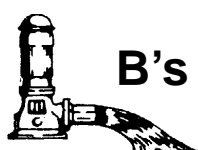
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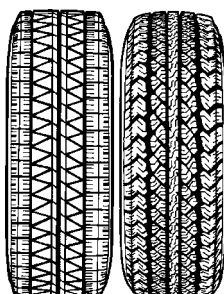


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