

## Lawrence-Eutin High School Exchange Summer 2006



Dates: May 29, 2006 – July 2, 2006

Student Participants: Cori Allen, Kim Weng, Kelsie Lange, Will Armstrong, Thompson Minter, Alexandria Vetter, Jennifer Crawford, Kathleen Finnegan, Evan Hunter

Teacher Sponsors: Thomas Lipp, Stuart Strecker

The students arrived in Hamburg on May 29<sup>th</sup> led by Thomas Lipp, German and Math teacher at Free State High School. Members of the volunteer fire department of Eutin retrieved the students from the Airport in Hamburg and delivered them to a central point in Eutin where they met their host families.

During the first week the students were received by the mayor of Eutin, completed a Wattwanderung on the North Sea coast, and toured the historic hanseatic city of Luebeck. All of these activities were in addition to attending school at the Voss and Weber schools which the students did for the duration of their time in Eutin.

The following weeks of the exchange were equally active. The group took a four-day trip to Berlin, which included a visit to the Pergammon and attending a public viewing of a World Cup soccer game. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of June the students were treated to what has become an Eutin-Lawrence tradition with the celebration of the German-American evening hosted by the Friends of Lawrence group in Eutin. The evening also included musical cooperation as an Eutin school music combo performed with Evan Hunter from Lawrence playing trumpet.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Stuart Strecker arrived to lead the group for the second half of the exchange. The last weeks of the exchange proved just as busy as the beginning. The students did a canoe tour on the Schwentine river along with a class from the Weber School and paddled fast enough to return home to watch another German World Cup soccer win which the group all viewed together. The group took another class trip along with partners from the Weber school to Kiel-Laboe to enjoy an hour long boat ride and view a restored submarine.

The students were also treated to sightseeing in Eutin itself. The group took a tour of the Eutin-Castle and its gardens, did a walking tour of the city, and went to the top of the city water tower for some birds eye view photographs of the city and surroundings.

The last two weeks of the trip also included two visits to Hamburg. The first visit included a boat tour of harbor, some window shopping, and a trip to a city park for big screen viewing of the U.S.-Ghana World Cup match. The students voted unanimously to visit the city again and on the second trip went up the tower of the Saint Michaels church, visited the Hamburg Dungeon historical fun house, visited the Planten und Blomen park, and completed the day with a walk through the Kunsthalle.

The night before departure students attended a going away party hosted by the Eutin host families and a few hours later were taken by families to the airport for a very early flight out of Hamburg.