Bavarian teen puts on traveling shoes

Taking in a Rick Springfield concert in Denver, CO. Touring Austin and experiencing the Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. Visiting Mt. Rushmore, SD, and seeing the faces of presidents etched in stone.

Flying to New Orleans for a Lutheran youth gathering and traveling to various tourist spots in Nebraska.

Eight weeks with Carlin Daharsh and her family of Gothenburg meant little time at their home but that was okay for German exchange student Sarah Weichlein of Thümgfeld, Bavaria.

“It was a great summer, the best so far,” said Weichlein last week after experiencing five days of classes at Gothenburg High School. “I really enjoyed traveling.”

On Friday, the Rotary exchange student boarded a Germany-bound plane in Denver after visiting the States July 2-Aug. 24.

“I’m now ready to see my family and friends but I’m struggling a little because I’d like to stay longer,” she said.

The 15-year-old arrived in Gothenburg with Daharsh, who had spent eight weeks in Germany and other countries as a short-term Rotary exchange student in May and June.