

# RELAXING students soak up fun, sun

*Whether traveling abroad or hanging out in their own backyards, students stepped up the fun and the freedom from May 26 to August 13.*

*"Though I worked, I still had vacation time to go to New York for IJAG and went to the top floor of the Empire State Building," said junior Shalayah Mays.*

Besides, Mays, junior Faith Niekietien, senior Victoria Wyatt, and 2013 graduate Pauline Wyatt toured The Big Apple.

"The student exposure to the world, seeing it bigger than the Quad Cities really motivated them to strive for more success," said teacher Mr. Lavi Figgs.



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Far from big city life, senior Jessica Huebbe went on a Pioneer Trek for three days in Farmington, Iowa in Shimek State Forest.

"There were 73 teens who participated in this unique experience. What had happened was this: everyone had to wear pioneer clothes, push and pull hand carts, and sleep and eat as if we were on the Mormon Trail going across America in the early 1800's. There was seven families with the average of 10 teens and a ma and pa. My family had five boys and five girls all from ages 14 to 17. My family was the 'Kerby's' who were in the last group to travel to Salt Lake. All in all, I had an amazing time and I would definitely do it again and again."

Senior Kami Haynes took her fun in the sun down South. "My favorite part about summer was traveling 12 hours to Louisville, Mississippi," said Haynes. "We had a big cookout and I enjoyed the laughter and being around my family."

~ Missie Aimie

## AND THE WINNER IS!

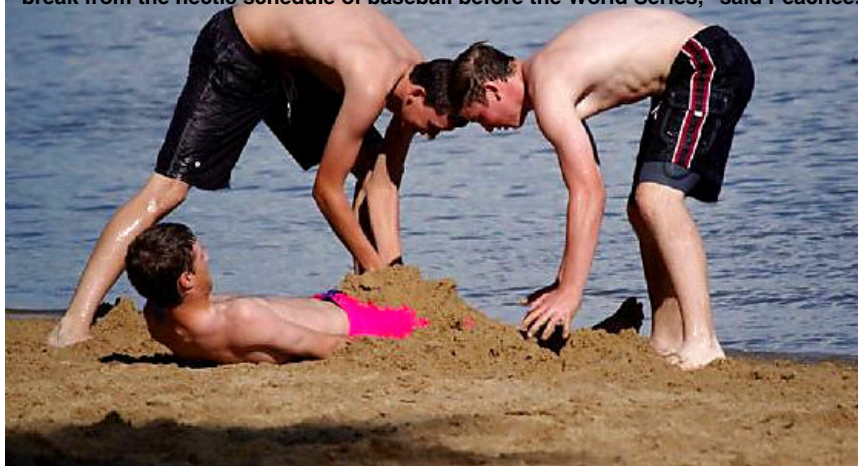
Coming in first, sophomore Jake Lund wins the 12-15 age group medal in the weekly points race at 61 Kartway in Delmar, Iowa. "I plan on doing the Rock Island Grand Prix in the summer of 2014," said Lund who has been racing for the past four years.



John Lund

## DYNAMIC DUO

While in Michigan for Zone play, sophomore Justin Beck and a buddy from Assumption, Justus Burke, sand sculpt freshman Spencer Peachee. "It was a fun break from the hectic schedule of baseball before the World Series," said Peachee.



James Peachee

Sun, summer,  
sizzling pitches  
heat up, sparkle  
diamonds



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### ABOVE IT ALL

Doing a pop-shove it down two flat two stairs, sophomore Calis Sims works out at the Davenport Downtown Skate Park. "I want to become pro someday. To achieve that, I need to move to Colorado or California," said Sims. Sims has been skateboarding for eight years.



Thomas Kniepp

### LOOK OUT! GRRR

Though not a big fan of Jurassic Park, senior Breyanna Williams poses with her cousin during their visit to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. "My favorite part of the day was riding The Hulk roller coaster and screaming the whole time," said Williams.



Michelle Williams

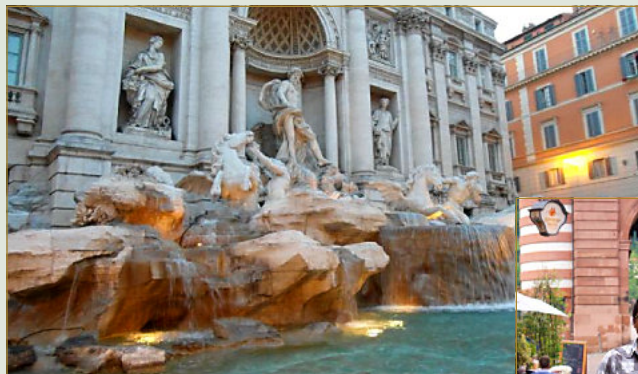


Ben Misner

### TWEETY HUGS

At Six Flags in Chicago, senior Jessica Huebbe and Tweety Bird cuddle. "I love Tweety Bird! Tazz was very upset he couldn't get any of my lovins. He was too scary for me, which made him very upset," said Huebbe who was escorted to the park by 2013 graduate Ben Misner. Over the years, Tazz frightened other visitors. At Six Flags in St. Louis, senior Marc Hausman said, "Tazz scared my little sister, so she hugged Tweety Bird instead."

### When in Rome...toss a coin!



Troy Koshal

### MAKE A WISH

On family vacation in Italy, senior Troy Koshal captures the beauty of the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome where it is tradition to toss a coin over one's shoulder with their back to the water for good luck. "It was an amazing experience getting the feel of the Italian culture," said Koshal.



Eli Koshal