

Richards to travel Iberian Peninsula in search of ‘place’

Perrydale social studies teacher will bring back lessons

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PERRYDALE — What makes a “place” more than just a point on a map, but a community?

That is one of the concepts Perrydale social studies teacher Tabitha Richards will be studying on a 17-day trip to the Iberian Peninsula this summer.

She is one of 14 teachers selected for the trip, which will allow them to explore the geography of the southern Iberian Peninsula from Lisbon to Madrid.

The application process was competitive and open to all teachers in Oregon.

Those selected teach disciplines spanning a variety of subjects and grade levels.

Richards said the goal of the trip is to use the knowledge gained to bring lessons back to Oregon.

“You want to make it so that everything you pick up, you can bring back and teach to our students,” she said. “You can spread geography over any content area — science, English, math — and at any age.”

The trip, which begins July 6, is coordinated through the Center for Ge-

ography Education in Oregon and sponsored by the Gray Family Foundation, which has the mission of providing international travel experience for K-12 teachers.

Two college professors will be leading the trip. Both are coordinators with the center for geography.

Richards said the trip will allow teachers a chance to explore the area’s physical geography, climate and “human geography.”

The latter examines why humans build towns where they do, looking at not only location, transportation routes and available resources, but the sense of “place.”

“Geographically speaking, location is latitude, longitude, but place is what makes us Perrydale, what makes us Dallas ... why is that place so important to people,” Richards said.

Richards went on a similar trip two summers ago, traveling to Civil War battlefields.

She said seeing those places enriched her teaching about the time period and battles.

“You can read that in a book somewhere, but once you walk across the land that you are dis-

cussing its easier (to teach),” she said.

Next year Richards is teaching a college credit geography class where she will incorporate lessons learned in Portugal and Spain, and may teach a social studies course simply on the geography of the Iberian Peninsula.

A history buff, Richards is looking forward to learning more about the region’s history and how it relates to modern culture.

The Iberian Peninsula is where Muslims, Christians and Jews lived together fairly peacefully for centuries under Moorish rule.

The culture of the Moors had an influence on the language and mathematics we use now.

“All of that architecture is still left, all that human geography and history is still there, and it’s really important to our math and our language,” she said.

Another highlight of the journey is seeing the original map Christopher Columbus used.

Though it isn’t strictly educational, Richards said she’s eagerly awaiting another kind of experience.

“I’m really looking forward to the food, too,” she said, laughing.

Locals graduate from Oregon State University

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CORVALLIS — Oregon State University held its 147th commencement on Saturday in Reser Stadium.

OSU is one of the few large universities in the nation to hand out students’ actual diplomas during the commencement ceremony.

The commencement speaker was Juan Felipe Herrera, a social activist and the first Mexican American to hold the position of United States Poet Laureate. The son of migrant farmers in California, Herrera is the author of 30 books, including collections of poetry, prose, short stories, young adult novels and children’s books.

The following local students received their degrees:

Dallas: Tyler D. Aldrich, Bachelor of Science, athletic training; Callie A. Anderson, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Magna Cum Laude, graphic design; Robert B. Boquist, Bachelor of Science, kinesiology; Niccolle L. Breeden, Bachelor of Science, botany; Madeline F. Brost-Turner, Bachelor of Science, microbiology.

Jourdan R. Cortez, Bachelor of Arts, digital communication arts; Corey J. Crook, Bachelor of Science, psychology; Matthew T. Dimick, Bachelor of Science, forest management; Natalie N. Eriksen, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, psychology; Josefa Gonzales, Bachelor of Science, apparel design.

David W. Gorden, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, management; Kayla E. Grzybowski, Doctor of Pharmacy, pharmacy, doctor of pharmacy (four-year); Thomas W. Guffey, Bachelor of Science, civil engineering; Elaine M. Lozier, Bachelor of Science, public health; Malena G. Mitchell, Bachelor of Arts, music.

Samuel J. Monroe, Bachelor of Science, mechanical engineering; Sage C. Reed, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, psychology; Alyson N. Steckley, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, human development and family sciences; Logan G. Stewart, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, electrical and computer engineering; Anthony M. Tallon, Bachelor of Science, exercise and sport science.

Zacheriah A. Tucker, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, psychology; Joshua D. Villwock,

Bachelor of Science, computer science; Mychal P. Westendorf, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, forest engineering; April L. Whitney, Master of Arts in interdisciplinary studies, speech communication; Louisa G. Woodworth, Bachelor of Science, speech communication.

Grand Ronde: Amy D. Hyatt, Bachelor of Science, human development and family sciences.

Independence: Mayela Y. Bocanegra-Guerrero, Bachelor of Science, management; Steven T. Hill, Master of Science, computer science; Kitty A. Hjelmberg, Bachelor of Science, animal sciences; Emma J. Miller, Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, agricultural sciences; Angela B. Mosieur, Bachelor of Science, forest engineering.

Jose A. Oliveros, master’s of public health; Luis A. Oronia, Bachelor of Science, renewable materials; Raechel I. Shaffer, Bachelor of Science, sociology; Jeffrey T. Sprenger, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, mechanical engineering; Andrew M. Tanner, master’s of public policy.

Jose S. Trujillo, Bachelor of Science, psychology; Aleah R. Wright, Bachelor of Science, public health.

Monmouth: Erica B. Brown, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, biohealth sciences; Jessica N. Chance, Bachelor of Science, food science and technology; James M. Dolciamore, Master of Natural Resources, natural resources; Paul A. Falling, Bachelor of Science, computer science; Julia M. Gabriels, Bachelor of Science, chemistry.

Natalie J. Gordon, Bachelor of Arts, sociology; Jamie C. Hansberry, Bachelor of Science, finance, Bachelor of Science, business information systems; Monique L. LaFond, Bachelor of Science, business administration, Bachelor of Science, management; Collin J. McCandless, Bachelor of Science, fisheries and wildlife sciences; Joshua P. Morris, Bachelor of Science, chemical engineering.

Benjamin E. Petersen, Honors Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, history; Kristty Polanco Castillo, Master of Public Health, public health; Emily G. Rogers, Bachelor of Science, animal sciences; Jack D. Rout, Bachelor of Science, psychology; Amy B. Tzou, Doctor of Pharmacy, pharmacy, (four-year); John D. Welch, Master of Science, kinesiology.

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DALLAS

Calvary Chapel Dallas Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. www.calvarydallasor.com Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God’s family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

Church of Christ - 691 N.E. Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 A.M. Worship Service 10:30 A.M. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 P.M. Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 P.M. We follow the New Testament Plan of Salvation in becoming a Christian and the Pattern of the N. T. Church. We would be glad to study the Bible with you and answer any of your questions. We would like to present a very helpful one hour overview of the Bible. Call 503-831-4886.

Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email office@dallasalliance.org, Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children’s Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: dallasalliance.org.

Dallas Church - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Foursquare Church—Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or you can visit us online at dallasfour.com.

Dallas Presbyterian Church invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer “chain” and a loving spirit.—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men’s breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women’s groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 dalpreschurch@gmail.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. Sunday Worship *8:00 a.m.; *10:45 a.m.; *6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS *9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies *9:00 a.m. & *7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. *Nursery care provided.

Faith Evangelical Free Church - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Interim Pastor Dennis Beatty, Associate Pastor Ed Suter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. www.faithfreechurch.org

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; www.gofbc.org; Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri. 10 am - 2:30 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

First Christian Church - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. “Live Wire Worship” with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men’s Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women’s Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

Grace Community Church - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at www.graceindallas.org. All are welcome!

Living Hope City Church - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. www.livinghopecitychurch.org Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

Living Word Faith Fellowship - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children’s Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men’s fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy’s Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men’s fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: www.proclaimhim.org

Salt Creek Baptist Church - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church — 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Chery) 503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallasor@gmail.com www.stthomasdallasor.org 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church’s longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Welcomes you—please join us.

Trinity Lutheran Church - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallastlc.org. Catch us on Facebook.

United Methodist Church – A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: dallasumc@questofice.net Website: www.sites.umcdallas.com

Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children’s Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at www.valleylifecenter.com

FALLS CITY

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; www.fallsccycc.com

Falls City United Methodist Church - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. www.fallsccycc.org

Mountain Gospel Fellowship - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

INDEPENDENCE

Buena Vista Community Church - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of God - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Nursery available.

First Baptist Church - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. **Sundays:** Worship Service 11 am **Wednesdays:** AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). **Thursdays:** Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. *First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencfirstbaptist.com*

St. Patrick Parish, Catholic - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

MONMOUTH

Christ The King Christian Church - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. www.ctkmonmouth.com

Christ’s Church Methodist & Presbyterian United - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

Church of Christ - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church – 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the “S” curve). Summer Schedule - through Sept. 4: Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.mymcc.cc. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Sunday Service: 10am in Monmouth (959 Church St.), 11am in Independence (301 S. Main St.); Children’s programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email info@mymcc.cc. Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at www.mymcc.cc.

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Praise Assembly 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid’s church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, www.praiseonline.net, or call us at 503-837-0300.

St. Hilda’s Episcopal Church 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildas church.org Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children’s Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!

Call 503-623-2373 to be added to this directory.