

After 35-year gap

Woman pursues education

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Luzelle Waibel is getting her college diploma just two years before her oldest grandchild receives his from high school.

Luzelle, 58, already has a degree in psychology from the University of Portland and recently went through graduation ceremonies at Linfield College, where she is completing Good Samaritan Hospital's nursing program.

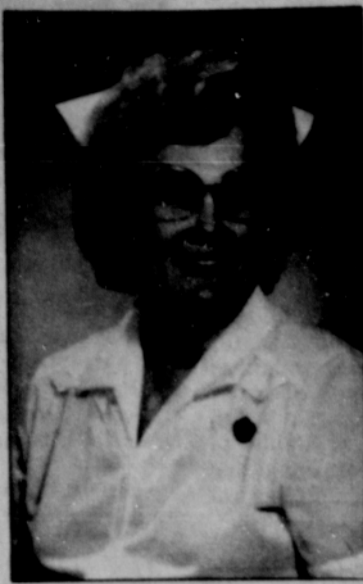
There was, however, a 35-year gap between Luzelle's graduation from Willamina High School and the beginning of her studies at University of Portland.

"I always felt my first responsibility was to my husband and children," she says.

She notes her husband Bert, a Sandy logger, is proud of what she has accomplished, although there are times it has been difficult for him.

"He is from the old German family traditions, he works awful hard and is used to dinner on the table when he gets home."

For the last six years there have been books on the kitchen table, Luzelle's favorite place to study.



Luzelle Waibel

Although she usually spends three to four hours a night studying, she says Bert hasn't had to spend too much time eating in restaurants.

Bert is justified in the pride he shows in her accomplishments. Luzelle has maintained more than a "B" average throughout her schooling, something few students

a third her age do. She says it hasn't been easy and the amount of work surprised her.

"If I had known, I probably wouldn't have had the courage to start," she says.

Luzelle credits her strong religious beliefs with both the original inspiration to go back to school and the motivation to continue.

"I really believe I was meant to be a nurse and I know there will be a place for me when I finish," she says.

Younger students have been great, says Luzelle. "I have really enjoyed them, they treat me just as another student."

"School has given me a real chance to share my faith with other people."

All five of the Waibel's children attended graduation ceremonies and "Yea Mom" was heard throughout the auditorium as she stood in front.

"Now that Mom's done it some of the kids know they can too," says Luzelle.

Her youngest daughter, La Donna, will attend Pacific University in Forest Grove this year to complete her degree in occupational therapy.

Poetry makes return to county fair

Entries for the fourth annual Clackamas County Poetry Contest will be accepted until Aug. 1, including those postmarked that date.

The entry fee is \$3 for three poems, and poets may submit as many entries as they wish. First, second and third prizes in each category, rhyme and free verse, are \$25, \$15 and \$10.

Prizes in the Junior Poetry classification are \$10 for first, \$5 for second and \$2.50 for third. The junior division is divided

into one category for children 10 years old and younger, and another for those 11 through 18. The entry fee is \$1 for two poems.

Style and subject matter is not restricted, but poems must not exceed 40 lines. Poems in the junior classification cannot exceed 20 lines and may be illustrated.

Poems submitted cannot have won prizes in any contest. Three copies of each entry should be sent, with the word "rhymed" or "verse" in the upper left-hand corner. One copy

must include the poet's name, address, ZIP code and telephone number in the upper right-hand corner. Entries should be typed single-spaced and submitted flat (unfolded).

A poetry exhibit will be held at the Clackamas

County Fair, Aug. 16 to 21. It will be located in the Atrium Art Gallery on the mezzanine floor of the fairgrounds main pavilion. Daily readings will be featured, and groups and individuals are invited to bring in their poetry.

Scouts plan car wash

The Hoodland Firefighters Explorer Post 74 will hold a car wash this Saturday, July 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Union 78 station at Hoodland Park

Plaza. They'll ask for a \$4 donation, which will include first aid kits while available.

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Musical group sets Sandy concert date

"Praisong," a three-member musical group from Kirkland, Wash., will be featured in concert at Sandy Assembly of God this Sunday, July 31, at 11 a.m.

The group is traveling as a part of the annual summer music program sponsored by Northwest College of the Assemblies of God, located in Kirkland.

This year, there are five teams traveling for the college in sacred concert throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

"Praisong's" presentation is varied, according to the Rev. Dale Edwards of the local church, and is

Adventists to host Bible school

Vacation Bible School will be July 31 through Aug. 11 at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church.

There will be a special early teen program, crafts, activities, live nature stories and refreshments.

Hours will be 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Pioneers plan picnic this Sunday

The Sandy Pioneer and Historical Society will hold its 57th annual Pioneer Picnic this Sunday, July 31, at Nelson Memorial Park, Highway 26 and 362nd Avenue.

Attendees should take a picnic-style lunch, and it's recommended that they take folding chairs. The picnic begins at 1 p.m. followed by the program at 2 p.m.

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