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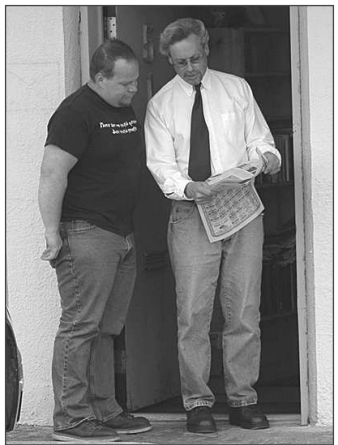
### SMART

If you're really SMART, then you get to graduate.  
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### The editor

The Port Orford News and Editor Matt Hall could use a few kind words - you can help your newspaper - again.  
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### Graduates

A whole page, with well-wishes, showing the Pacific High School Class of 2008, including Eva Digby, right.  
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## This week

### Science Fair

A Science Fair will be held at Driftwood Elementary School from 5:30 - 7 p.m., Thursday, May 22.

### Port Orford Rotary Club

The Port Orford Rotary Club meets each Thursday, at noon, at the Port Orford Community Center.

### Port-Orford-cedar Expo

The Port-Orford-cedar Expo will take place at various locations in Port Orford May 23 - May 25.

### Also inside

Rays Food Place and McKay's Markets

## Third annual Port-Orford-cedar Expo kicks off Friday

An Artists' Reception opens the third annual Port-Orford-cedar Expo held from 5 to 8 p.m. in Port Orford Friday, May 23.

The reception takes place at the Port Orford Arts Council office in Seaside Plaza, 1320 Oregon Street, and honors artists participating in the Fine Arts Contest, centerpiece of the Expo.

Artists' work must use Port-Orford-cedar as subject or as medium. The contest/show continues until 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

Other events on Saturday, May 24 include an Art Walk to seven local galleries between 2 and 5 p.m. and a concert by blues guitarist David Jacobs-Strain at the Community Building on 11th Street at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, at the door or at the Downtown Fun Zone in Port Orford. Admission is free to all other festival events.

Flamenco guitarist Grant Ruiz of Ashland will be joined by guitarists Les Stansell of Pistol River and Cliff Stansell ... Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m.

Disease-resistant Port-Orford-cedar trees will be available for sale during the entire festival. Contact Port Orford Arts Council at [www.portorfordart.org](http://www.portorfordart.org) or (541) 332-0487.

Other sponsors of the Expo are City of Port Orford, Johnson Gallery, Chetco Federal Credit Union, Theater 101, Chris and Julie Hawthorne, Brian Tooley and Crazy Norwegians Restaurant.

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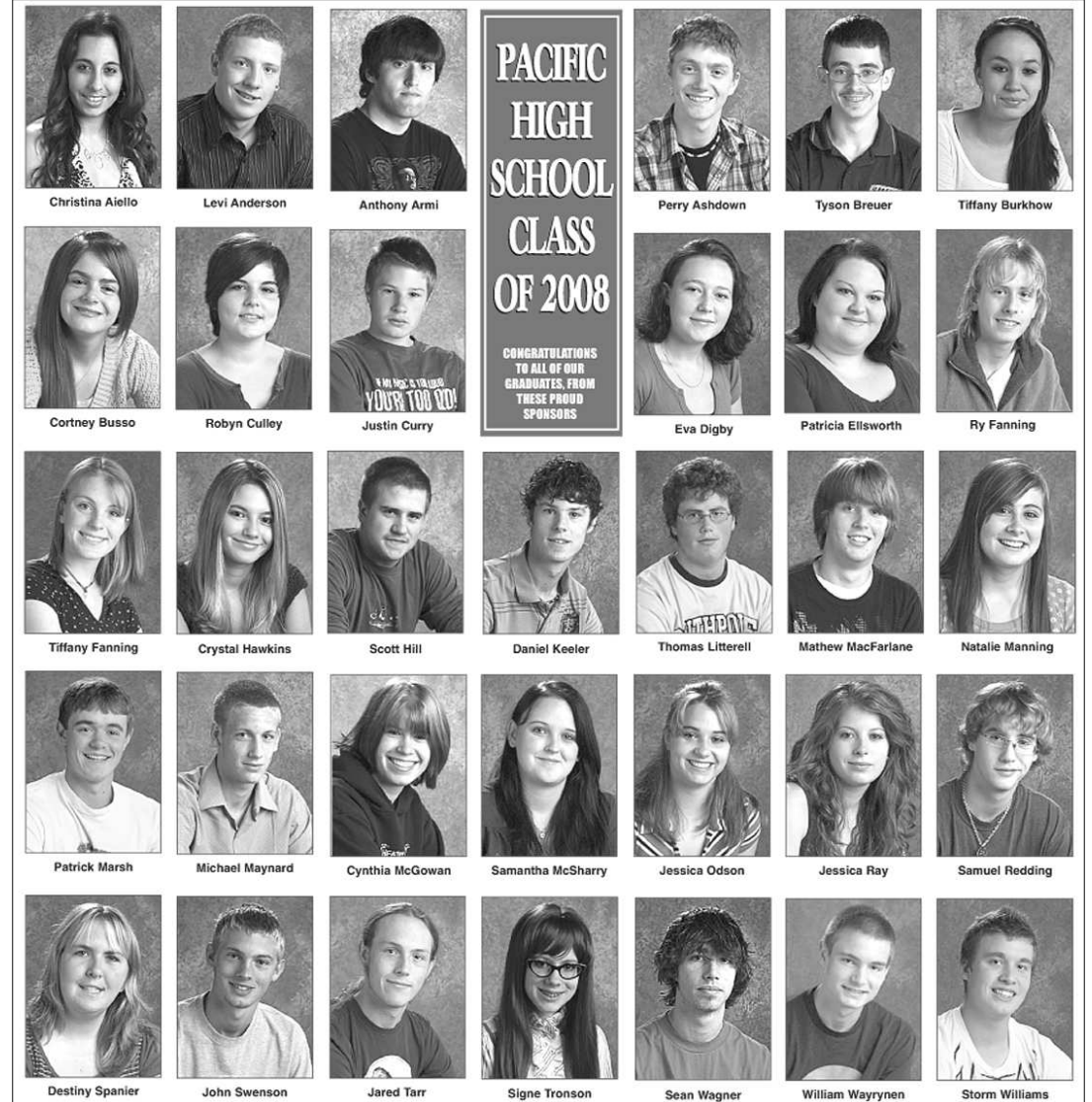
## A challenge to the PHS Class of 2008

Ruby Price  
Principal  
For the Port Orford News

I want to congratulate our graduates, the Class of 2008, on your graduation from Pacific High School. I celebrate the accomplishments of this class of fine young men and women who have met the requirements of the rigorous course of instruction set out by our national, state and local elected officials. We are requiring our students to be better able to demonstrate that they have mastered the skills and knowledge necessary to be productive and successful citizens in a democratic society. You who are graduating have done just that.

We are celebrating the completion of the first years of your public school education. Webster's Dictionary defines graduation as, a "step, degree or stage in a series". Think about that for just a moment. You have completed a major step in the series of steps that will make up your life. Reaching this milestone required hard work, conviction, and determination on your part. It also required the support and guidance of those who are joining in your celebration today. Think of all the times you were ready to give up - the times when it would have been so much easier to quit . . . to skip school . . . to forget homework . . . to miss a test. But, you didn't. You held yourselves accountable. You wanted to succeed, and you have.

I suspect that a number of family members and staff who have also had those moments. But they never let their support for you or their belief in your ability slip. They have been with you all the way. Be proud of yourselves. Be proud of your successes. But don't forget the definition of 'graduation' - it is one step in a series . . . tomorrow you will be starting yet



PON photo by Carol Berger

For a complete page of the Pacific High School Class of 2008 along with the best wishes of area businesses and individuals, see page 8.

another exciting step. Approach it with that same positive attitude you've exhibited in high school and follow the advice of Confucius, "Where ever you go, go with all your heart."

Many of you will be heading to college, others into the workforce. Some have joined our armed forces. Some may travel for a while. Your paths will take many directions; your successes will be many and varied. Some of you may not see each other again until future reunions bring

you together. Others will continue close friendships. Whatever your direction, remember that your school family and your own family will always believe in your abilities. And I want you to believe in yourself as well.

Perhaps someone who has been with most of you since your earliest days of reading, Dr. Seuss said it best:

- ◆ You have brains in your head.
- ◆ You have feet in your shoes.

◆ You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

◆ You are on your own.

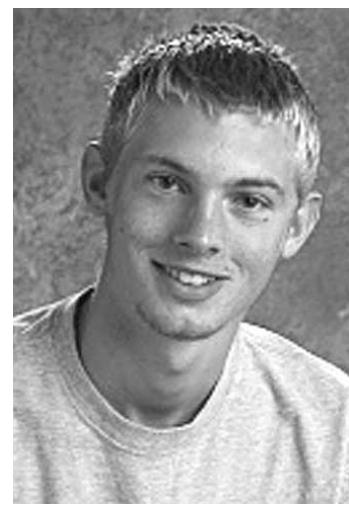
◆ And you know what you know.

◆ You are the guy who'll decide where you go.

To all the students at Pacific High this year, I am very proud of you. Remember to care, aim high, and never stop learning. I expect great things from all of you!

—Ruby Price  
Principal/Superintendent  
Pacific High School

## Swenson, Manning honored among PHS graduates



Contributed photos

John Swenson, right, and Natalie Manning have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Pacific High Class of 2008.

The graduation ceremony for Pacific High School's Class of 2008 will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, May 30 in the school's gymnasium.

The event will begin with processional music by the Blanco/Driftwood Middle School Band under the direction of William Jarvis.

Natalie Manning, class president and salutatorian, will deliver a welcoming speech, then the salutatory address.

After a musical presentation by graduates Jared Tarr and Signe Tronson, John Swenson will deliver the valedictory address.

Commencement speaker for the event will be Tom Dill, past Pacific High School teacher and

athletic director.

Scholarship presentations will follow, then Principal Ruby Price will present the graduating class to 2CJ Board Chair, Rosaria Williams.

Two of the thirty-three PHS graduates have earned a Certificate of Initial Mastery, and ten students have been designated "Honor Graduates" for having maintained a 3.00 GPA+ or better throughout high school.

The graduates include: Christine Susanna Aiello Levi Hawken Anderson • Anthony Carl Armi Perry Alanzo Ashdown Tyson Rhett Breuer Tiffany Nichole Burkhow

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## The Suttons, the Jamiesons and the Port Orford Tribune

### Part II: Families and history intertwine ...

By Carol Berger  
PON Staff Writer

Doug Jamieson is very proud of his ancestry. On a recent weekday morning, the pastor of the Port Orford Christian Center talked with me about the six generations of his family that have lived in Port Orford.

In part I Jamieson explained about his great-grandfather, newspaper publisher Walter Sutton, his wife Louisa, and six of their children in September 1889.

In 1922 the Suttons ended a long newspaper history by selling out to Thomas W. Fulion. It was expected that Port Orford would become the county seat.

And it is here that we resume our story ... part II of 'The Suttons, the Jamiesons and the Port Orford Tribune.'

#### The county seat ...

Jamieson says that "one of the reasons Walter wanted to pursue the newspaper in Port Orford was because, at that that time he was a state representative and he and

others felt that Port Orford would become the county seat. There was also the information about the railroad coming over this way. We had the open ocean port here. Port Orford was on the map at that time."

Jamieson went on, "Where Hubbard Creek is, that valley that's up there was all homesteaded by Walter Sutton. He had 640 acres up Hubbard Creek before it was Hubbard Creek. We called it Hubbard's Creek.

"My uncle, Dick Jamieson, still lives up on his piece, which was part of his property that came from his mother Alta, Walter Sutton's youngest daughter. When you hit the fish hatchery, all of the property below the fish hatchery on Elk River clear down to the marshes was Frank Sutton's and Jim Sutton's. Seven miles up on the left down over the hill is an A-frame. That house was owned by my great aunt (Jim Sutton's daughter)."

Jamieson's other great grandfather, and the one from whom he takes his last name, was Amaziah Jamieson, born in Canada in 1858. According to Dixie's

### A few facts

Note: Pastor Doug Jamieson of the Port Orford Christian Center is the great-grandson of Walter Sutton, publisher of one of the earliest newspapers in Port Orford.

Material in this article came from an interview with Jamieson and from the website of his sister, Dixie Lee Tucker, which includes an excerpt from A Century of Coos and Curry by Emil R. Peterson and Alfred Powers (1952) about Walter Sutton's newspaper career.

Additional information came from e-mails from Tucker that included a number of articles from the Port Orford Tribune and other sources, including Curry County Echoes (May 1979 issue) and The Centennial History of Oregon by A.G. Walling.

— Carol Berger

website, at some point thereafter, Amaziah's parents, Hugh and Julia, moved their family of 11 to Maine. At the age of 22, Amaziah moved to Minnesota for five years, then to Myrtle Point in 1887, where he met and married Eunice Corbin. They had four children, including

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