

A short trip in Curry County might be the trip of a lifetime for some

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This week I am sorry, I failed getting much out for our paper but tried my hand at gold panning and didn't get rich.

Saw the outdoor beauty of Elk River and Iron Mountain and can't do it justice to all of you in description of Elk River and Iron Mountain as with the wild flowers in bloom in the high country.

In glassing from Iron Mountain this week we noticed an unfamiliar structure to the south east. The Forest Service has released an area around Lake of the Woods Lookout which now is clearly visible from the south Soldier camp area on Iron Mountain.

A fun site to see on the internet about local is Lake of the Woods Lookout. The Forest Service is maintaining the lookout as a cabin rental in genuine Curry County splendor. We have been to this site and the view to the South is awesome.

The lookout sits on an eight foot tower. The building was flown airlifted by helicopter in 1974. It previously sat on Barklow Mountain.

This site is a drive up from the Agness road from Gold Beach. The 3,419 foot

elevation structure was manned during fireseasons from 1974 to 1996.

The price to rent is \$40 per night. With a maximum group of four. Also there is sufficient room for a tent, the article says.

Wow \$10 per person what a deal! And what beauty there is there! Yes we drove to it via Iron Mountain/Devils Half Acre the last year it was manned and signed the quest book for the lady manning the lookout.

If interested call (877) 444-6777 for details, (or type in "Lake of the Woods Lookout" into your favorite search engine.

How the Port Orford cedar got its name

... a Second Town to the south and a railroad to Elk River

A not as famous man as the Captain impacted the Oregon coast to this day from 1854.

The mans name is William S. Windsor who was the mechanical manager of the first saw mill in Port Orford in 1854.

The mill employed 25 men and in 10 hours put out 500 ft. of lumber. A plank road was built where necessary

and the cedar lumber was taken to the beach and loaded on lighters then taken to a waiting ship.

Cedar lumber brought \$125 per thousand board feet delivered to San Francisco. Mr Windsor gave the wood the name Port Orford cedar.

To the south at Hubbards creek later in history was the Gould Mill in 1875. The mill was surrounded by vast stands mixed with Port Orford Cedar.

A narrow guage railroad went from Hubbards Creek clear to Elk River's Forty Place. Hence with this mill a small town sprang up with 30 houses, a blacksmith shop, store, warehouse, and a large millpond. This mill at Hubbards Creek employed 60 men.

The Joe Ney mill in 1884 was built on Elk River and it had a narrow guage tramway (railway) from the mill, across Garrison Lake on pilings, and to the dock. The historic building still stands on Elk River.

Next week — The Trans Pacific Mill in Port Orford and its Founders — special reference to Patrick Masterson's Port Orford a History book by the friends of Cape Blanco 1994 —pages 161 and 162.

The big one didn't get away



Contributed photo
The Langlois Lions would like to announce the winners of the Van Wormer fishing derby. The grand prize winner was Anders Foster whose fish was 19 1/4" long and weighed 3 lbs. 7 oz. A special thank you to Eric Van Wormer who lined up the boats and drivers and a big thank you to all those who donated their boats.

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son Warren Hugh, who was born in 1896. Amaziah and Eunice moved to Sixes and then, in 1912, to Port Orford.

My family were loggers ...

Jamieson explained that, "My family [the Jamiesons] were loggers. Amaziah, who home-steaded up the Sixes River, had a mill above the Sixes River Bridge. Some of the lumber that was used in Hughes House was from his mill—they floated it down the river. And that's even in the ledger that's at the Hughes ranch: where Amaziah Jamieson had brought supplies to them. Part of the old mill (steel remnants) that Amaziah had is still sticking outside the river."

Son Warren followed in Amaziah's footsteps and went

into logging.

"The interesting thing about the Suttons and the Jamiesons is that, like the Marshes, the Knapps, and the McKenzies, they had the spread-out lower farm lands, and they kept it," said Jamieson. "And our family had the south and the upper land, and they all pretty much sold out and moved."

The Suttons and the Jamiesons became connected when Walter's daughter Alta and Amaziah's son Warren met and married on Sept. 14, 1919. They had eight children, including Vernon Hugh, their oldest, who was born in 1920, not far from the site of the present Christian Center. In 1946 he married Mary LouEtta Hall. Like his father and grandfa-

ther, Vernon also went into logging. He and Mary LouEtta lived in northern California for approximately ten years, and it was there that their two children, Dixie Lee and Doug were born. Vernon and Mary LouEtta returned to Oregon in 1956 when Doug was three years old and purchased a piece of land from the original Sutton homestead from George Sutton, who was Curry County Assessor for 38 years. During the 1950s and 1960s, when Doug was growing up, his great aunt, Edna Blacklock Jamieson (Fred Jamieson's wife) was Postmistress of Port Orford.

Jamieson married Ruth ...

Jamieson married Ruth Watson. They have seven children and five grandchildren.

From Walter Sutton to Jamieson's youngest grandchild, there are six generations, with Jamieson in the middle.

Due to the large families of his ancestors, Jamieson "can't turn around without bumping into a relative." He has relatives scattered along the southern Oregon coast from Coos Bay and North Bend to Gold Beach and Brookings; "There are shirt-tail relations out there everywhere. If I get too far out there, I could really confuse the issue." Sister Dixie lives in Reedsport, and his aunt Thelma Nodine and uncle Dick Jamieson still live in Port Orford. Most of the Suttons are buried in the Port Orford Cemetery, though "Grama's over by us, because she was a

Jamieson."

Jamieson laments the decline in the number of families in Port Orford since he was younger. He thinks that the general "rural depopulation" and the aging of Port Orford, as more families move out, are creating an imbalance in the community and its economy. Dixie and Doug's graduating classes (1965 and 1971) were the largest in Pacific High School's history, with Doug's class having 60 students in it, and Dixie's approximately the same.

"That's when we (Port Orford) peaked," he said. "We had the Western States going; the plywood mills were going. There were a lot of younger families here." In contrast,

Jamieson says that his daughter Karen graduated in a class of only 18 in 1994.

The story of Jamieson's entire family, from Walter and Amaziah to the present would take an entire book to cover thoroughly. Still, in our 45 minutes together, Jamieson was able to impart not only some of their history, but some of Port Orford's as well. And recently, in keeping with his newspaper publisher ancestor's example he has begun writing a column for the Port Orford News, called "To be Continued: Notes from Pastor Doug."

As proud as he is of Walter's role in the history of Port Orford, I think Walter would be just as proud of him.



Alta Jamieson is shown with a family dog in the above photograph.



The Sutton family is shown above.

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Cortney Marie Busso
Justin Patrick Curry
Eva Lorraine AkinsDigby
Patrica Elizabeth Ellsworth
Ry Lee Fanning
Tiffany Asbary Fanning
Crystal Ann Hawkins
Scott Allen Hill
Daniel Floyd Keeler
Robyn LeAnne
Thomas Lee Litterell
Matthew Dennis MacFarlane

Natalie Gail Manning*
Michael Bratton Maynard
Patrick Nicholas Marsh
Cynthia Marie McGowan*
Samantha Jae McSharry*
Jessica Marie Odson
Jessica Nichole Ray
Samuel John Redding*
Destiny Bay Spanier
John Richard Swenson*
Jared Allen Tarr*
Signe Elise Tronson*

Sean-Paul Michael Wagner
William George Wayrynen
Storm Anthony Williams
*Certificate of Initial Mastery
●Honor Student

Salutatorian

Natalie Manning is salutatorian for the Class of 2008. She has attended several Oregon high schools including Cottage Grove, Roseburg, and now Pacific High School. She is senior class president and a member of National Honor Society.

Natalie recently received her Certificate of Initial Mastery and was named Rotary Student-of-the-Month for May. Throughout her life, she has

been involved in athletics. She has been a team captain for volleyball, soccer, basketball and track, receiving multiple varsity letters in each.

Manning also earned All-League and All-State honors in basketball, and was named Player-of-the-Year for the Skyline League in 2007. Her record of community volunteer work includes Camp Fircroft, as well as middle school basketball teams and sports camps.

She enjoys theatrical arts, and has been involved in local productions with the theater community.

Natalie is the daughter of H.

Thomas Manning of Roseburg, and Pamela James of Langlois. She has two brothers, Warren and Thomas, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Jenine.

Valedictorian

John Swenson heads the Class of 2008 as valedictorian. John has distinguished himself through a variety of extracurricular activities and academic accomplishments during his four years of high school.

He lettered in both basketball and soccer, and was named 1st team all-state and MVP of the League for soccer in 2007. He played for Oregon's Olympic Development Program soccer team and recently won the state championship for U-18's Boys' Club.

Swenson was elected president of the PHS Chapter of

National Honor Society for the 2007-08 school year. He was named Rotary Student-of-the-Month for April of 2008, and has received various awards for outstanding academic performance.

He has a record of 106 hours of community service, and has earned a Certificate of Initial Mastery.

While attending and playing for Oregon State University's soccer team next year, he will major in physical therapy.

John is married to his wife, Kambria, and has a daughter, KaiLey Jo.

He is the son of Tom and Diana Swenson, and has two brothers, Caleb and Peter, and two sisters, Rachel and Hannah.

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In order to conveniently receive it back again at 1 p.m. on the ensuing Tuesday

Port Orford Senior Center
Spaghetti Feed !
5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 24
15th & Jackson, Port Orford
'We'll be serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and ice cream to adults for \$5 and children for \$3.50. Everyone in the community is invited!'

Sheriff John's
Classic Cars & Dolls
1 - 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 24
Memorial Day Weekend
BBQ at Animal Shelter 1 - 4 p.m.
29921 Airport Way, Gold Beach
'Sponsored by with all proceeds going to the Friends of the Curry County Animal Shelter.'