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Jury finds Burkow guilty of assault

By Jane Stebbins
Pilot staff writer

A jury of 12 took an hour and a half Tuesday afternoon to return guilty verdicts on all charges against Glenn Burkhaw Jr., who stood accused of assaulting a Port Orford man and leaving him with life-threatening injuries on the beach in the middle of the night.

Burkhaw, who will be sentenced June 27, was found guilty of first- and second-degree assault charges, kidnapping, robbery and felon in possession of a firearm in the beating of Wayne Russell Peters, 50, of Port Orford, at the beach at Paradise Point State Park in January 2013.

A charge of attempted murder was dismissed before the trial began; a second-degree theft charge was dismissed during the trial.

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Brookings voters to decide gas tax

By Jane Stebbins
Pilot staff writer

Brookings City Attorney Martha Rice will draft a ballot title that would implement a 3-cent per gallon fuel tax to pay for street improvements throughout town.

Voters will face the ballot question in May 2015.

And city officials intend to hold numerous town hall meetings until then to discuss how they believe the tax will benefit residents. It is likely a lower rate will be charged to commercial vehicle drivers so the burden isn't as heavy.

The tax was proposed in budget meetings earlier this year as a way to bolster street repair coffers.

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Rogue River

Gold Beach mother drowns

■ Community effort underway to collect donations for husband, children

By Scott Graves
Pilot staff writer

A Gold Beach woman drowned in the Rogue River Monday afternoon, leaving behind her husband and two young children, according to the Curry County Sheriff's Department.

Cherie Michelle Jarnigan, 38, was spending the day at the east end of Huntley Bar with her two children, ages 2 and 5, and friend Chandra Sinnott and her infant child. At 3 p.m., Jarnigan was trying to retrieve a flying disc from the river at Huntley Park, about six miles east of Gold Beach, when she entered deep water and lost her footing, according to eyewitness reports.

Sinnott tried to save Jarnigan, who was not wearing any flotation devices, but they were both swept down river. A man camping at Huntley Park heard the commotion and jumped in the water to help the pair, authorities said.

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Wave Bash at Pistol River

City cuts loss, offers new lease for course



Photo by Murren Walker

Windsurfers from the U.S. and around the world were practicing on Monday and Tuesday for the fifth annual Pistol River Wave Bash, with competition scheduled to begin on Thursday. See full story on Page 6A.

Salmon Run golf

City cuts loss, offers new lease for course

By Jane Stebbins
Pilot staff writer

The Brookings City Council is cutting its losses with The Claveran Group and going with a newly-formed firm to operate Salmon Run golf course.

Monday at its regular meeting, the council agreed to terminate the lease with the golf course management firm after 14 years of failing to turn a profit at the city-owned golf course, and instead sign on with Wild Rivers Golf Management, owned by current golf course manager Ed Murdoch and former county commissioner George Rhodes of Brookings.

"We have great hopes for it," Murdoch told the council. He was unavailable Tuesday for additional comment.

The popular golf course is located 3.5 miles up the south bank of the Chetco River, on 182 acres in the Jack Creek Valley.

Steve Muir, principal of The Claveran Group, notified the city that it would like to end the lease agreement it has held since 1998. The city and management firm are in the 14th year of a 60-year lease.

In those years, his firm has only made a partial payment on its lease, and come under fire for sub-par management of the course, including maintaining the edges of the bramble-strewn hillsides and conducting publicity to attract new golfers.

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Weather Past four days

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
HIGH	87	90	84	84
LOW	63	71	64	62

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Sunrise/Sunset

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
RISE	5:41	5:41	5:41	5:41
SET	8:53	8:53	8:54	8:54

For information on tides, see **Page 6B**

Rain totals Past four days

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
SAT	0"			
SUN	0"			
MON	0"			
TUE	0"			

Since Jan. 1.....28.83
Normal.....41.16
Since Oct. 1.....31.42
Normal.....68.95

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