

# Edwin Lara trial to remain in Deschutes County

BEND (AP) — The trial of a former community college safety officer accused of killing a 23-year-old woman will remain in Bend.

Deschutes County Judge A. Michael Adler issued the ruling Thursday in response to a change-of-venue request from the defense team representing Edwin Lara.

Adler said an impartial jury can be found despite extensive media coverage of the case in Central Oregon.

*The Bulletin* newspaper reports the judge also ruled against a motion to allow Lara to be unshackled during court proceedings. He will be allowed to have one hand free so he can write notes to his attorneys.

Lara is charged with aggravated murder for allegedly kidnapping, attempting to sexually assault and then killing Kaylee Sawyer on July 24.

## CORRECTION

In the story "Teens' science project earns scholarship," *The Nugget*, March 22, David Novotny was referred to as "a private school student." David attends Redmond Proficiency Academy, which is NOT a private school. RPA is a free public charter school grades 6-12, accepting students from Central Oregon.

## GREENHOUSE: Commissioning set for April 14

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have a ribbon-cutting after Thanksgiving in 2016, then... the snow hit. And it kept on coming.

While many greenhouses and outbuildings around Sisters collapsed under the weight of the snow over the past winter, the new greenhouse made it through unscathed.

"We have a frame every three feet," said Hiller. "The same roof strength of the high school."

The facility is state-of-the-art, made of 8mm poly acrylic material and designed to avoid hot spots throughout the space. The greenhouse is complete with radiant floor heating, drip irrigation, aeroponics, and hydroponics test areas. The in-floor heating system has water heated from the bio-fuel plant that heats the school.

The volunteer hours into the completed structure number in the thousands.

"This was a full-time job for a few volunteers,"



PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters High School's greenhouse is sturdy and state-of-the-art.

said Audrey Tehan, sustainable agriculture instructor at Sisters High School. "The science club members and the school really put an incredible effort into getting this facility up and running. It took a lot of collaboration and a lot of planning and re-planning."

Guests at the Sisters Science Fair on March 18 got a sneak peak at the new greenhouse.

The sustainable agriculture class has begun using the facility — dubbed "The Hiller" — this spring.

Students have begun planting a variety of experimental plants for the Central Oregon climate.

"We are trying to grow cold-hardy guava, citrus, grapes, figs, and a lot of plants," said Tehan.

The hydroponic pots are ready to be planted and the aeroponic tower, where plants are grown vertically with no soil — just watered from a mister with a nutrient solution, is already up and running.

Students recently started a native plant nursery with

iris, arrow leaf balsam root, rye grass, globe mallow and more.

"The space is filling up quickly with ideas, enthusiasm and just astonishment for the facility," says Tehan.

"This was a project in the making over the past four years after the collapse of the initial greenhouse," she said. "It is an amazing facility. One of the most high-tech greenhouses in the state located on school property."

"The Hiller" will be commissioned on April 14. The public is invited to attend.

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