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From left: Rebecca Mehra, Sadi Henderson and Mel Lawrence run together at Central Oregon Community College on Friday. Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin photos

U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials

The U.S. Olympic Track and Field trials will take place at Eugene's Hayward Field from June 18-27, with rest days June 22-23. NBC Sports Network and NBC will air live coverage every day. NBC's television coverage will be streamed on NBCOlympics.com and the NBC Sports app.

BEND RUNNERS IN THE OLYMPIC TRIALS

Friday, 4:03 p.m., women's 1,500 first round: Rebecca Mehra

Saturday, 6:40 p.m., women's 1,500 semifinals: Rebecca Mehra (if she advances)

Sunday, 6:35 p.m., women's steeplechase first round: Mel Lawrence

Monday, 5:05 p.m., women's 1,500 final: Rebecca Mehra (if she advances)

Thursday, 7 p.m., women's 800 first round: Rebecca Mehra, Sadi Henderson, Angel Piccirillo

Thursday, 8:47 p.m., women's steeplechase final: Mel Lawrence (if she advances)

June 25, 3:02 p.m., women's 800 semifinal: Rebecca Mehra, Sadi Henderson, Angel Piccirillo (if they advance)

June 27, 4:52 p.m., women's 800 final: Rebecca Mehra, Sadi Henderson, Angel Piccirillo (if they advance)

A tough road to Tokyo

Bend runners ready for Olympic Track & Field Trials in Eugene

BY MARK MORICAL • The Bulletin
Mel Lawrence has nothing to lose. The 31-year-old middle distance runner is free and clear, mentally and physically, to make what will likely be her last attempt at a U.S. Olympic team.

The 3,000-meter steeplechaser is one of four female runners from Bend who will compete in the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials, which start Friday and continue until June 27 at the sparkling new Hayward Field in Eugene.

Lawrence said she is feeling optimistic about her chances of making the team that will go to Tokyo. "I feel very fortunate that my sponsorship isn't on the line, my livelihood, my contract's not on the line," Lawrence said.

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From left: Rebecca Mehra, Sadi Henderson and Mel Lawrence will be competing in the Olympic Track & Field Trials in Eugene this week.

DESCHUTES COUNTY

Man suing DA's office over rape arrest

Lawsuit will state ex-wife's allegations were not vetted

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

When Hillsboro resident Joshua Sprague made his monthly parental visit to Bend in January, Bend Police officers served an arrest warrant citing him with first-degree rape and other felonies.

The charges were dropped in April, and now Sprague, 33, intends to sue the Deschutes County District Attorney's office for allegedly failing to vet the claims made by his former wife, Sarah Hastings.

Through his attorney on Tuesday, Sprague notified the district attorney's office of his intent to sue and demanded the office preserve all records from his case.

"We will seek punitive damages for their destruction," wrote Matthew Mohill, Sprague's attorney.

Sprague lived for years in Deschutes County, though he's lived for the past three in Hillsboro, according to court records.

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Polygraphs don't detect lies well, but area agencies still rely on them

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
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At the bottom of most every polygraph report is an important disclaimer: Polygraphs are an investigative tool. They should not be treated as evidence.

"I compare them to medical tests," said Albany-based polygraph examiner Glenn Fairall. "Although the best polygraph tests are extremely accurate, they're still not 100%. They shouldn't be relied on as fingerprints are, or DNA evidence is. But even the most commonly used medical tests aren't 100%."

Though polygraph results don't detect lies with scientific certainty or meet standards of evidence to be admissible in court, they're used regularly by police in Central Oregon to fact check and eliminate suspects in sexual abuse cases.

They're used by police, from the FBI to local investigations, as an interrogation technique and to help speed along investigations. They also are used by state and federal probation offices in Oregon.

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Bend High building named for Maxwell

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

A new building on the Bend High School campus will be named after Robert D. Maxwell, a Medal of Honor recipient and longtime automotive teacher at the high school.

The Bend-La Pine School Board agreed at its Tuesday meeting to name the building the Robert D. Maxwell Center.

The new building, scheduled to open this fall, will be on the same site where Maxwell taught automotive classes for decades. The building will include a large multipurpose room and four



Maxwell

new classrooms. It will be funded through the construction bond passed by voters in 2017.

Bend High School Principal Christopher Reese wanted to honor Maxwell, who was an important part of the school's Veterans Day celebrations and was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient in Oregon at the time of his death May 11, 2019, at 98.

"His character withstands the test of time," Reese said. "He was a phenomenal teacher. He was a phenomenal human. It was truly an honor to get to know Bob Maxwell and all he represented."

Maxwell's name was considered for Bend's new high school, but the board voted last year to name it Caldera High School.

Dick Tobiason, chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation, said his longtime friend would have preferred to have the Bend High School building named after him.

"Knowing Bob, he didn't like anything big and grand," Tobiason said. "He was just a humble guy that wanted to do his job. It just fits Bob to a T."

Maxwell, a World War II veteran, served as an Army Technician and jumped on a German grenade in September 1944, saving the lives of four American soldiers. For his heroic actions, Maxwell received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest medal for valor and bravery.

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The Robert D. Maxwell Center will open this fall on the Bend High School campus.

