

**ELECTION:** Primary ballots are due on May 15

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“I don’t know how you make a decision like that,” Barbeau said.

Baney told *The Nugget* that the tools available to the county are limited when it comes to housing affordability, especially in Sisters where the county owns no land. She sits on the Oregon Housing Stability Council where she says she can advocate for support from the state level.

“I don’t want to tell the community what they need,” she said. “We have to support.”

Barbeau ties housing affordability to economic development and says he wants to “Rev this county up similar to Boulder, Colorado.” He says it is important to “have a reason for developers to build workforce housing — which I perceive to be the biggest challenge in Deschutes County.”

DeBone, too, promotes economic development as an engine to make it possible for working people to stay in Deschutes County. Like Baney, he notes that the county’s role in housing is a supporting one, including supporting cities in efforts to expand their urban growth boundaries.

“It’s a partnership with the cities, because we’re not building any more rural neighborhoods,” he said.

Both Baney and DeBone expressed commitment to working with Sisters to retain its recycling center, though DeBone noted that the market for recyclables is in a significant period of transition.

Both Baney and DeBone expressed a commitment to

stronger enforcement on marijuana growing operations in Sisters Country, noting that the county is allocating resources for code enforcement. There are 14 licensed recreational grows in the county, which appear to be abiding by regulations.

But there have been complaints of illegal growing operations and Baney said, “I think it’s clear that we have a black market. There’s a balance then, between an individual that is trying to be legal and the individual that I don’t believe is operating in a legal capacity.”

DeBone said that the county will “look for those people who are working outside the system and put a lot of pressure on them.”

Adair and Barbeau both told *The Nugget* that tight regulation and enforcement should have been in place at the beginning of the legalization process, not months or years down the road.

Adair is concerned about the impacts of growing operations on water and the quality of life of rural landowners. She thinks there should have been density restrictions and strict enforcement in place early.

“When you look at the numbers, the rural community didn’t vote for it,” she said. “And yet they are the ones

dealing with the day-to-day impacts of it.”

Barbeau believes the county rushed its decision to opt in on marijuana and crafted law that obligate the county going forward without adequate structure in place for regulation and enforcement.

The laws “should have been perfect,” he said. “You can’t undo this one... why don’t you just do it right?”

Barbeau said that he would strongly support law enforcement in going after illegal grows and cracking down on out-of-state transport of product.

At the same time, he says, fees for operations should be in line with other counties and other states with legal operations.

Ballots are due on May 15 election. The primary winners for each position will face off with the Democrat candidates in November.

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**LACROSSE:** Boys are competing hard in each game

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Several players had to play out of position, and there were only four subs available.

Mt. View jumped out quick, and at the close of the first quarter held an 8-0 advantage, and pushed to a 11-1 advantage to close out the half. The second half the Outlaws played much better, but the damage had been done, and they lost by nine.

Trey Stadel scored two goals and dished out one assist to lead the Outlaws. Jared Richerson and Jake Stevens added one goal each, and Noah Keeton tallied two assists.

“We played them pretty even after the first quarter,” said Patton. “We started making better decisions and they started playing some of their reserves. But to give the boys credit, they competed hard the whole game, rotated well, and learned and improved over the course of the contest.”

On Friday against Marist, the Outlaws got a few of their key players back. Among those was Ethan Morgan, team captain and emotional leader on the team. Ethan is also the Outlaws’ main offensive threat. Tyler Friend was also back from injury. Tyler played solid defense and gave the team a boost at the middle position and really went hard after ground balls.

Jaden Condel played solid

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