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Lamborn runs write-in campaign with hopes of continuing tradition of excellence

Burns attorney says he has experience handling all types of cases

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John Lamborn has reentered the race for circuit court judge with his write-in campaign and a goal to continue the history of excellence in the courtroom.

One reason why Lamborn is running a write-in campaign to be judge for Grant and Harney counties is because Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter decided to suspend his campaign and endorsed Lamborn as an alternative candidate to Rob Raschio, Lamborn said.

Lamborn said he wants to continue the history of excellence that Grant and Harney counties have come to expect from their circuit court judge.

“Judge Cramer did a fabulous job for 22 years, and the folks from Harney and Grant County have come to expect great things from the bench,” Lamborn said.

Lamborn added that Milo Pope, who was judge prior to Cramer, was another great judge with a balance of judicial seriousness and folksiness that was very refreshing.

“My goal is to further that tradition, and I think that my qualifications for judge put me in the position where I can further that tra-



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dition of excellence,” Lamborn said.

He has been practicing law in the state of Oregon for 25 years and has worked on just about every case that could come before a judge in circuit court. From criminal cases, adult and juvenile, to mental health cases and the wide array of civil matters, he said he has experienced it.

Lamborn has been a member of the arbitration board for Grant, Harney and Malheur counties for many years and has sat as an arbitrator in many cases. He is also the pro tem justice of the peace for Harney County Justice Court and was chairman of the Harney County Planning Commission for eight years.

Lamborn hopes to assuage doubts people may have with a new judge and will focus on being fair and making decisions based on fact and law.

Grant and Harney counties deserve a judge that focuses on facts, law, experience in the wide world and understanding of the trauma that bring people into court, Lamborn said, and he said he can provide this as judge.

“When people come to the circuit court they have serious matters that concerns them and they want a fair, unbiased, intelligent and experienced look at those issues,” Lamborn said. “They don’t want somebody with hidden agendas or who has other problems. They want a judge that can listen respectfully, understand the issue and provide a resolution in a timely fashion and is fair.”

Lamborn said people should vote for him because he is the most experienced candidate, has no baggage and the people of Grant and Harney counties can trust he will make decisions based on facts and on the law.

“Don’t be dismayed because my name wasn’t printed on the ballot,” Lamborn said. “If you look at my Facebook page or website, there’s instructions on how to execute a write-in ballot. Write-in campaigns have been going on for years, and I want people to understand that I have a lot of support and endorsements for this position.”

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Raschio looking to protect system of justice, the Constitution and liberty

Providing clear directions and resources are important

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The system of justice, the Constitution and protecting people’s liberty are important for Rob Raschio, and if elected judge in November, he wants to protect these items and help make changes in people’s lives.

Raschio said he wants to be the next circuit court judge for Grant and Harney counties because he cares about the communities and



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and people on the criminal side only getting their hands slapped and not being effectively managed by the court, according to Raschio.

“When people are coming back and back again, people get tired of seeing the same people back on probation again,” Raschio said. “I look at it as a question of messaging and sentencing. As a judge, my commitment is that I’m going to give clear directions to people convicted of crimes and provide them with the resources that they need following a conviction.”

Along with giving clear sentencing directions, Raschio said guiding people through the proper resources plays an important role after the sentencing.

Raschio said the vast majority of convicted people are going to be back in communities again, and it’s a rarity that somebody is gone for the rest of their lives.

“After serving a sentence in jail, I want to make sure that, if you’re committing acts of violence, there are services available that will help you to learn how to manage your behavior differently,” Raschio said. “It’s OK to say, ‘I have trauma, and that’s why I act this way.’ It’s not OK to perpetuate that trauma on to the next generation. We have to make a break.”

However, Raschio said if a mistake is made a third time, there will be significant consequences designed to halt the revolving door.

“I can’t prosecute crimes. Those have to be brought to me,” Raschio said. “But when they’re in front of me, I can do what I can to try and help people make corrections in their lives.”

Raschio said he hopes people in Grant and Harney counties have seen he is working hard for them. He said their protection and needs would be his priority if he becomes circuit court judge.

“I hope I demonstrated over the last 14 months that I’m committed to being your next circuit court judge,” Raschio said. “I’ve worked hard over the last 14 months to introduce myself to more people, and I’ve done that because I think it’s important for people in small communities to know who their judge is. I want people to feel free to give comments, talk to me, and I am open to people’s criticism, and I’m willing to listen.”



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