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Rob Raschio was elected the next circuit court judge for Grant and Harney counties.

## Raschio elected circuit court judge

John Day defense attorney expresses gratitude to voters

By Rudy Diaz  
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Defense Attorney Rob Raschio will be Grant County's next circuit court judge. Raschio expressed appreciation as voters in Grant and Harney counties elected him to be the next judge of the 24th District.

Raschio received 5,097 of 8,108 votes as of Nov. 6, according to the secretary of state's website.

"I feel a lot of gratitude for all the people that supported me throughout this process and all the people who, over time, decided to change their vote and vote for me," Raschio said. "It was a strong victory, and I'm really grateful to to everybody who voted for me and for all the people of Grant and Harney counties."

Raschio said the campaign gave him a chance to get out and meet many peo-

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ple the two counties.

He heard about the concerns people have regarding the court system and how it works in the eyes of regular people.

"It's important to think about those things because, as lawyers, we can tend to get into our own echo chamber, and it's important to know how people feel about the criminal justice system," Raschio said. "... Having the election extended to November enhanced my opportunity to get to know people better."

With the victory, Raschio said he feels the weight of responsibility placed on him, but said he will do the very

best he can for the communities in both counties as he prepares to take the bench in January.

Raschio said the people who work within the court system are committed to making it work well for the people of Grant and Harney counties.

"I personally am humbled by the large majority of people who voted for me, and I know they have high expectations for me and will be paying attention to the work that I do, and I'm going to work to earn their vote everyday," Raschio said.

Raschio will be sworn in on Jan. 4.

## Grant County voters approve marijuana tax

Many incumbents reelected for city positions

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Incumbent lawmakers fared well in Grant County during last week's election.

Grant County voters also approved a 3% tax on marijuana products sold within the county with 3,006 voting in favor and 1,481 opposed.

### Grant County Treasurer

Incumbent Julie Ellison was reelected over write-in candidate Sam Stinnett.

Ellison received 3,320, and write-in candidates received 506.



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Julie Ellison

Position 1 with 84 votes.

Skip Inscore was elected to Councilor Position 5 with 87 votes.

### Seneca

Brad Smith and Suzanne Hood were elected to the Seneca City Council. Smith received 91 votes, and Hood received 68.

### Monument

Sarah Hyder was elected Monument mayor with 66 votes.

Mary Cade was elected to Councilor Position 3 with 65 votes.

No candidates filed for the other two council positions, but write-in candidates received 19 votes for Position 1 and 15 votes for Position 2.

### Granite

No candidates filed in Granite races. Write-in candidates received 29 votes for two city council positions and 17 votes for the mayor position.

### Soil and water districts

The candidates on the ballot were elected to multiple positions on the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District.

Phil St. Clair was elected to an at-large position with 2,954 votes. Rick Henslee was elected to Zone 2 with 2,988 votes. Pat Voigt was elected to Zone 3 with 2,945.

For the Monument Soil and Water Conservation District, Jeff Thomas was elected to an at-large position with 189 votes. Brian Campbell was elected to Zone 3 with 185 votes. No one filed for Zone 2, and write-in candidates received 28 votes.

### Canyon City

Lisa Weigum and Russ Comer were elected to the Canyon City City Council.

Comer received 238 votes, Weigum received 216 and Rachelle Simmons received 190.

Canyon City Mayor Steve Fischer was reelected with 300 votes.

### Mt. Vernon

Mike Cearns and Judi Bennett won the two open seats on the Mt. Vernon City Council.

Cearns received 149 votes, and Bennett received 125.

Jan Lowry received 95 votes, Kelly Flanagan received 89 and Lori Kerr received 86.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Kenny Delano was reelected with 257 votes.

### Long Creek

David Hines was elected to Long Creek City Council Position 2 with 62 votes over Dan Morrow with 32.

Peter Case was elected to Councilor Position 1 with 67 votes.

Don Porter was elected mayor with 71 votes.

### Prairie City

Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher was reelected over write-in candidate Georgia Patterson. Hamsher received 354 votes, and write-in candidates received 145.

The three candidates on the ballot were elected to three open city council seats. Candy Olson Reagan received 384 votes, while Brook Williams and Jenny Shaw each received 363.

### Dayville

Ilah Bennett was elected Dayville mayor with 81 votes.

Tiffnie Schmadeka was elected to Councilor



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