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# News Release

## Gray Leads in Judicial Race, Lycoming College Poll Finds

Republican Richard A. Gray leads Democrat Charles “Skip” Greevy 44 to 36 percent in their race for Lycoming County’s Judge for the Court of Common Pleas, according to a Lycoming College poll released today. “Gray’s lead falls just inside the statistical margin of error. Combine that with 20 percent of voters undecided, and the race is still too close to call with just two weeks to go,” said Dr. Jonathan Williamson, professor of political science and director of Lycoming’s newly formed polling institute.

From October 12-16, political science students under the direction of Dr. Williamson surveyed 601 likely Lycoming County voters with a margin of error of +/- 4%.

Each candidate received support of a majority of voters in his respective party, even though judge is not considered a partisan office. Independent voters supported Greevy 55-45 percent. “Normally, when candidates win similar margins among their fellow partisans, the candidate winning a majority of the support among independents is expected to win, but Lycoming County is heavily Republican. Gray’s strength within his own party outweighs Greevy’s advantage among independents,” said Williamson.

Of those offering an opinion, likely voters have similar impressions of the two candidates: 84 percent view Gray favorably and 78 percent view Greevy favorably. Yet, Greevy has had more difficulty translating those impressions into votes. Gray receives the support of 73

percent of voters who view him favorably; only 60 percent of voters favorable to Greevy plan to vote for him. “While more people know Greevy because of his family’s history in the county, partisan ties run deep among Lycoming voters. Gray’s campaign is capitalizing on the Republican advantage in the county,” according to Williamson.

Question: If the election for Lycoming County judge were held today, would you vote for Richard A. Gray, the Republican nominee or Charles “Skip” Greevy, the Democratic nominee?

	<b>All Respondents</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Independents</b>	<b>Democrats</b>
<b>Richard A. Gray</b>	44%	66%	31%	16%
<b>Charles “Skip” Greevy</b>	36	16	48	68
<b>Undecided</b>	20	18	21	16
<b>Percent of Total</b>	100%	52%	14%	34%