

### VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the May 17, 2011, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2011.

#### YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be 18 years of age or older on election day.
- You are a resident of Oregon.

#### YOU MUST REREGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes.
- Your name changes.
- You wish to change party affiliation.

### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you get your ballot packet in the mail after April 29, 2011, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice;
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot;
- This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet.

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

### VOTING YOUR BALLOT

To vote "yes" or "no" on a measure, with a blue or black pen simply fill-in the box next to the vote of your choice.

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850.

### RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope.
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope.
- **SEAL** the return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope. **Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET REREGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME.**

# NOTICE

**YOU MAY DELIVER YOUR VOTED BALLOT POSTAGE-FREE TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DROP SITES:**

<b>Amity City Library</b> 307 S Trade St. Amity Open 24 Hours	<b>Carlton City Hall</b> 191 E Main St. Carlton Open 24 Hours
<b>Dayton City Hall</b> 416 Ferry St. Dayton Open 24 Hours	<b>Dundee City Hall</b> 620 SW 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Dundee Open 24 Hours
<b>Lafayette City Hall</b> 486 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. (99W) Lafayette Open 24 Hours	<b>Newberg Public Safety</b> Parking Lot, Howard Street, Newberg Open 24 Hours
<b>Chehalem Park Pool</b> 1802 Haworth Ave. Newberg Open 24 Hours	<b>Sheridan City Hall</b> 120 SW Mill St. Sheridan Open 24 Hours
<b>Willamina City Hall</b> 411 NE C St. Willamina Open 24 Hours	<b>Yamhill City Hall</b> 205 S Maple St. Yamhill Open 24 Hours
<b>Courthouse-Jail</b> Parking Lot McMinnville Open 24 Hours	<b>Yamhill County Clerk</b> Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM 414 NE Evans St. McMinnville

**ELECTION DAY, MAY 17, 2011  
ALL DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL  
8:00 P.M.**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO  
AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE  
OR TO THE  
YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
BY 8:00 P.M., MAY 17, 2011**



## SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION

### YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COUNTY OF YAMHILL  
VOTERS' PAMPHLET  
MAY 17, 2011**

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**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
POSITION 3**



**RONALD A. GELBRICH**

**OCCUPATION:** Real Estate Agent  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 30 plus years of managing business and business ownership. The last several years working in turnaround situations in a diverse group of companies, from natural resources to specialty manufacturing. Experiences in both union and non-union units.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Graduated from Yamhill-Carlton schools. Attended Central Oregon Community College and Oregon State University.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Alaska State Board of Forestry, Washington Hardwoods Commission, Yamhill-Carlton School District Budget Committee

**Past / Present Boards and Associations:** Alaska Resource Development Council, Alaska Forest Association Board, Alaska Miners Association Board, Western Hardwoods Association Board, National Hardwoods Association Board, Yamhill-Carlton Education Foundation Board.

These are difficult times for schools throughout the state. It is my hope to bring to the position a balanced approach to solving the difficult position our district is in. We must continue to supply the type of education that our district has always been proud of.

Education funding is unlikely to return to the business model that the district has counted on in the past. It is going to take difficult and creative new thought processes to make sure that our district survives intact. With years of running businesses, and being a managing partner of my own, I have a wide range of experience in negotiations, insurance, transportation and supply management. I believe I can contribute positively to those processes.

Getting through these next few years with our schools intact, so that they can continue to supply the education needed by our young people, will be difficult. We must supply them the basics allowing them to have the opportunities that we have had. It needs to prepare them for whatever they choose whether that is post secondary education, the trades or arts. To continue to provide all of those options is going to be challenging.

I would like to be a part of facilitating the continued co-operation between the school district, its employees, and the community.

*Information furnished by Ronald A. Gelbrich  
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the county. Printed exactly as submitted.*

**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
POSITION 2**



**MIKE LAWSON**

**OCCUPATION:** VP of Operations, Pihl Inc.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Operations Manager; Foreman; Operator

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Newberg High School

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

I will work to regain the citizen's trust in their school. I will work for transparency in decision making as the district is facing some of the toughest financial decisions in its history. With my expertise balancing tight budgets and operating a business with tight fiscal limitations, I feel I will be an asset to the board.

I will collaborate with the board, members of the community, and educators with the goal of using funds wisely and correctly while considering the human consequences. I will do my best to help create a safe learning environment that will inspire our educators and create opportunities for our children's future.

One of the key factors my wife and I used when choosing Yamhill as our new place to call home 3 1/2 years ago was that the school system had a good reputation. I would like the opportunity to continue to maintain this reputation for future generations.

*Information furnished by Mike Lawson  
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the county. Printed exactly as submitted.*

**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
POSITION 2**

**TIMOTHY L PFEIFFER**

NO  
PHOTO  
SUBMITTED

**OCCUPATION:** Self-employed Farmer Past 33 years.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** C.F. Laughlin Logging - 8 years; Carlton Truck Shop - 2 years

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Yamhill-Carlton Schools- 1-12; Oregon Technical Institute 1 year

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Yamhill Fire Protection District Board of Directors; Yamhill-Carlton School District Budget Committee member

I have been an life long member of the Yamhill Carlton community for the past 55 years. I am a self employed farmer , farming in this area the past 33 years. I have served on the Yamhill Volunteer Fire Department, The Board of Directors for the Yamhill Fire Protection District, and multiple terms as a Budget Committee member for the Yamhill-Carlton School District. I have volunteered my times on many committees and work groups at the school. As a board member a goal for me would be to try to maintain programs and provide a quality education in the Yamhill-Carlton School District.

My roots run very deep in this community. My wife and I are both graduates of Yamhill -Carlton High School. We have raised two daughters who attended school in the Yamhill-Carlton School district as well. This has always been home and always will be to me. I would work to continue the quality of a rural community who cares about the education of their kids.

*Information furnished by Timothy L. Pfeiffer  
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**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-148**

**LOCAL OPTION LEVY TO FUND SCHOOL STAFF AND  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**QUESTION:** Shall the Yamhill Carlton School District levy up to \$0.70 per \$1000 of assessed property value each year for three years beginning in 2011 to fund school staff and educational programs?

**SUMMARY:** The Yamhill Carlton School District has voluntarily cut school days, reduced staff and teachers, lowered compensation, cut athletic funding, and reconfigured schools. The district continues to face declining revenues.

To support the current educational program and staff levels, the District is requesting additional local funds.

If approved, this measure may be used to:

- Support current class sizes at all schools
- Support current academic programs
- Support current elective courses at all levels
- Support current elementary physical education and music programs
- Support current District extracurricular programs

The maximum rate of \$0.70 per \$1000 of assessed value would cost \$87.50 per year (\$7.29 per month) on an average assessed property value of \$125,000 in the district. The actual amount to be levied each year is decided by the citizen-led District Budget Committee and would not exceed \$0.70 per \$1000 of assessed property value.

This proposed rate is estimated to raise approximately \$350,000 in 2011, \$365,750 in 2012, and \$382,209 in 2013.

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

***NO AGUMENTS WERE FILED  
IN OPPOSITION  
TO THIS MEASURE***

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
MEASURE 36-148**

**Why does the Yamhill Carlton School District need Local Option revenue?**

Since 2008-09, The Yamhill Carlton School District has voluntarily cut school days, reduced staff, lowered compensation, cut athletic funding, and reconfigured schools. The district continues to face declining revenues.

The Yamhill Carlton School District is currently forecasting a \$1.4M budgetary shortfall for the 2011-12 school year. The shortfall is due largely in part to recessionary factors and a decline in student enrollment. Based on current estimates from the Department of Legislative Revenue, State funding for education (primarily from income taxes) will not reach pre-recession levels until 2015. This factor coupled with decreasing student enrollment indicates that the District will not receive adequate revenue to maintain current levels of operation.

If approved, this measure may be used to:

- Support current class sizes at all schools
- Support current academic programs
- Support current elective courses at all levels
- Support current elementary physical education and music programs
- Support current District extracurricular programs

**What will passing this Local Option Levy do?**

The anticipated revenue from the maximum levy amount of \$.70/1,000 of assessed value will contribute approximately \$350,000 in 2011, \$365,750 in 2012, and \$382,209 in 2013 to support the areas listed above. The actual Levy amount (up to \$.70/1,000) will be reviewed and recommended annually by the citizen-led Budget Committee based on current financial forecast.

The District is aware that the Levy revenue will not resolve the full anticipated budgetary shortfall for 2011-12. The District is developing a strategic reduction plan and one-time use of reserve funds. The District will maintain and account for this revenue separate from the General Fund in order to maximize transparency and accountability.

At the maximum rate of \$.70/1,000 of assessed value, the levy would cost an additional \$87.50 per year on an average assessed property value of \$125,000. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

*Information furnished by Stephen J. Chiovaro, Superintendent  
Yamhill Carlton School District*

**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-148—ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF YAMHILL CARLTON  
LOCAL OPTION LEVY**

These are difficult times for citizens and taxpayers. It's hard to ask taxpayers for more funds. But our local schools are facing serious financial issues. We're asking local voters to support this levy and maintain our quality, local, schools.

Our school district faces a large reduction in state funding for the next biennium. In recent years, the district has responded to state fund reductions with costs cuts, staff reduction, and teaching cuts. Staff and teachers have accepted pay and benefit reductions without contentious or long negotiations.

Once again, the district faces a large decrease in state funds. We are at the point that, while some of this can be made up with more cuts (like reducing the school year to a legal minimum of 165 days), there is no choice but to reduce teachers, eliminate classes (like PE and music), reduce or eliminate extra-curricular activities, and to increase class sizes. This will, inevitably, compromise local school quality.

Passing the levy allows the district to avoid many of these potential reductions in school quality.

In the last few years, the district was able to take advantage of lowered interest rates to refinance the current infrastructure bond approved by voters. The savings were \$.70 a thousand on assessed valuations. This is the same amount that is being asked of voters in this 3 year levy. So taxpayers won't be paying more in total school levy taxes than they were after the first bond was approved.

Good schools are a bedrock of any community. If we don't have good schools, then families may not want to live here. And it's hard to get good schools back when they've been lost. It's up to us to stand up for Yamhill Carlton schools. Help stop the incremental degradation of our local school system.

Vote YES on this operating levy.

*Submitted by Tara Patterson and John Donehoo*

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**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-148—ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

Letter in Support of Local Option Levy for  
Yamhill Carlton School District

We, the teachers of Yamhill-Carlton School District, love our students and our district, but every day we have to watch children doing their best to learn with large classes, outdated facilities and a shortened school year.

If this levy does not pass we will have:

- Even larger class sizes due to reduced staff. Currently some are already in the 30's or larger.
- Even more restricted arts and music programs.
- Cuts to elementary PE and music programs.
- Cuts to extracurricular programs.

Our district has already cut ten school days, cut athletic funding, reduced staffing levels and reorganized schools to save money. With a huge potential shortfall, *drastic* further cuts would be unavoidable without this levy.

The maximum rate per \$1000 of assessed home value would be seventy cents. The actual amount would be decided by a citizen-led District Budget Committee, but can never exceed the above rate. The levy will be effective from 2011 to 2013.

This is real. It *will* affect your children's education. We urge our community to please support this levy and vote YES.

*Submitted by Melvin D. Jordan, Building Representative  
Yamhill-Carlton Teachers' Association*

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**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36-148—ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

The YC School Board Urges YES on Measure 36-148

Aristotle said, "at birth, man's brain is like an empty box that must be filled with knowledge."

As parents and School Board members, we have experienced first-hand how that process of education—filling the box—is enriched when the community gathers to lend its support, vision, and resources.

Our Educators are dedicated and hardworking, but sadly, decreasing State funding since 2008 seriously threatens the future of education at Y/C. We are asking for strong community support as we face the upcoming challenges of the future. We are at an important crossroad; the decisions made in the next few months will shape our schools and community for many years to come.

Passage of the Local Option Levy will provide important economic resources that will maintain excellence in our schools. The resources provided by the Levy will help keep class sizes low and let teachers focus on what matters: each individual student. They will also allow Y/C to continue offering a comprehensive array of electives for our secondary students, who need these opportunities to explore their academic interests and to prepare them as America's next leaders. State funding alone is not sufficient to support the high-quality educational programs that our children need and deserve.

While effective education betters the lives of individual children, public education also helps to build a stronger community. Even for households that do not have children in public school, no single public service does more to assure the future of a community or society than public education.

Recently, the School Board was honored with a visit from a group of Intermediate students. They inspired us with their love of the Y/C schools and vision for the future. Please help us make that vision possible. Vote YES on Measure 36-148 to give our children a brighter future!

All the members of the Yamhill - Carlton School Board

*Submitted by Richard J. Yeo,  
Yes for Yamhill Carlton Schools PAC*

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**YAMHILL-CARLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 36—148 ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

Our Y-C children's core education is now at risk.

The Yamhill Carlton School District and community have worked very hard to maintain a quality education for our kids in the face of revenue challenges over the last three years.

Working together to balance cuts and maintain education quality over the last three years, the district had already: shortened the school year to just above the state minimum, negotiated 10 unpaid days per year for teachers and staff, cut administrative expenses, consolidated the elementary classes into one school, re-negotiated the transportation contract, refinanced an existing bond to a lower interest rate (so taxpayers have been paying less) and cut athletics funding, which is now raised privately by the Y-C Booster Club and community groups.

But with declining state revenues and the end of federal stimulus dollars, there is even more cutting to do for next year!

So, starting in 2010, the district has held dozens of community meetings, from one or two people each week at Cielo Blu and Zippy's to over 140 in the high school cafeteria, plus board meetings and citizen budget meetings to look at, evaluate, and discuss all available options. This year the district will have to cut classes and further increase class sizes on top of the shortened year. Make no mistake: These are now cutting into a basic education and, even with this levy, there will still be a variety of cuts.

But we can reduce the worst of these cuts which are now affecting our community's children's core education, if we support a short term levy for just 70 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation. This is the amount saved by refinancing the bond. This levy will last no more than three years; a small price to pay towards such an important investment in our kids' futures in these tough times.

Please vote yes on 36-148.

Yes for Yamhill Carlton Schools PAC

*Submitted by Jeremiah Cook, President*

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