

Board of Commissioners District 8

Temperance resident Connie Velliquette defeated incumbent James Goebel in the Democratic primary in August. There are no Republican challengers and Mrs. Velliquette will be the only candidate on the ballot. Mr. Goebel, however, has declared himself a write-in candidate.

Connie Velliquette (Democrat)

Age and place of birth: 65;
Toledo

Spouse: Richard

Children: One

Occupation: Bedford Township parks commissioner; retired secretary from Bedford Public Schools

Education: Waite High School, Toledo, 1959; attended Monroe County Community College

Memberships: Bedford Senior Citizens Center; Francis Family YMCA Advisory Board; Temperance Action Committee; Bedford Township Beautification Committee; Monroe County Democratic Committee

Residency: 43-year resident of Bedford Township



CONNIE
VELLIQUETTE



JAMES
GOEBEL

James Goebel (write-in)

Age, place of birth: 64,
Detroit

Spouse: Virge

Children: Julie; Emilie; Matt;
Danielle.

Occupation: Business
teacher, Bedford High School

Education: Bachelor of science degree in economics, University of Detroit, Detroit; master of arts degree in educational leadership, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti

Memberships: Lions International; Michigan Sheriff's Association; Bedford Parent Teacher Association; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church; Temperance Action Committee

Residency: Five years

WHY I AM RUNNING

I will bring integrity to this position along with accountability for the decisions that need to be made. I do not take these responsibilities lightly.

It is important to create a safe environment that will attract new businesses, which, in turn, will create jobs. We need to protect our farming industry and quality of life. I am not in favor of over-spending, especially during these difficult financial times. We need to be conservative with our money until certainty can be reached with financial security.

I will be accessible to the citizens of the District 8. Being retired, I feel blessed to have the time, the opportunity and the ability to take on this challenge. I do not need this position for financial achievement. I will be representing the voters of District 8 because I want to give back to my area and make their opinions heard at the county level.

WHY I AM RUNNING

I am running as a write-in for commissioner in District 8 because:

■ 81 percent of the registered voters missed the primary.

■ Experience: vice chairman of the board; chairman of the finance, physical resources and cost containment committees; member of the planning commission and solid waste management committee; 10 year superintendent of schools.

■ Voters like to have a choice. We are different. She has none of those experiences or qualifications.

■ Endorsements: The Monroe Evening News and the Monroe County Democratic Party endorsed me after interviews with both.

■ What concerns me is that six family members of one county department ran in the primary. Do we want family members spending our tax dollars for the salaries, benefits and budget of their sons and spouses? Does that make you nervous, too? Is that nepotism?

■ We work hard to balance your budget.