## Wilburn announces write-in campaign Conventional wisdom ... or not?



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Conventional wisdom brands write-in elections as dead-in-the water ventures or maybe attempts to soothe the soul of the person attempting them.

However, one election may be different. Or so say some 150plns friendly and vocal snpporters who crowded the kickoff write-in campaign to have Walt Wilburn re-elected as Bedford Township Supervisor. These are some of the supporters who asked him to run an aggressive write-in campaign.

Everyone in attendance had only positive things to say about Wilburn. "He has a reputation for doing what he says," supporter Dan Dene said. Most of the assembled people claim to have known Wilburn for "a long time."

There was nary a disparaging word. Comments included "He's a great guy!" "Walt fights for our township." "Walt fights for state and federal grants." "He has brought in more money and done more with it than anyone."

Wilburn sites his accomplishments as "balancing two budgets totalling \$18.5 million and repairing 29 miles of bad roads. There's still 155 miles of unpaved roads in this area that need to be fixed," he said.

He said that he wanted to

continue projects he had started. His agenda included, "keeping the good committees"... such as the senior committee, which makes sure seniors have services and benefits due them." In addition, he wants to, "continue bringing in grants, maintaining a balanced budget, and creating things to enhance conditions for local businesses."

Wilburn and his supporters are enthnsed and energetic. So conventional wisdom may prevail, or this may be the exception that proves the rule.