

Lenoir mayor may have competition

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Initially, incumbent Lenoir mayor David Barlow had it in the bag.

The realtor, running for his third term as Lenoir mayor was running unopposed. Unopposed, that is, until downtown Lenoir business owner Debra Venti launched her 11th-hour write-in campaign. Venti currently serves as president of the Lenoir Uptown Business Association and owns and operates Venti's Casa, She-shas and an upholstery design studio.

She's running to spice up Lenoir's predictable race. Other than Barlow, ballots include three incumbent councilmen: Todd Perdue, Merlin Perry and T.J. Rohr, all of whom are running unopposed.

Venti thinks its time for a change. She hopes to represent small business owners- not just downtown, but all over Lenoir. She's filed with Caldwell County Board of Elections- and is busy spreading the word about her campaign.

On the ballot, a space below Barlow's name is indicated for write-in votes.

The election is on November 6, but Lenoir citizens can vote early through Saturday in the City-Council chambers at the Caldwell County Office complex.