Menomonie City Council Elections: Ward 4
Candidates differ on alcohol rules

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Challenger Daniel Louis said alcohol licensees aren’t the problem with underage drinking.

Instead, issues leading to alcohol problems in Menomonie include fake identification, employees allowing underage sales and adults buying for underage people, Louis, a bartender, said.

“Compliance checks are not going to stop underage people from coming up with more creative ways to obtain alcohol,” he said.

Louis faces Ward 4 incumbent Lynn Dickmann in the contest to represent Menomonie’s central ward near the south end of Lake Menomin.

Dickmann said she wants to learn more about further regulating alcohol sales and forcing alcohol license holders to appear before the City Council if they fail alcohol compliance checks before deciding on the issue.

Dickmann said she has become more knowledgeable about city issues during her year as a council member.

“I believe I am the best candidate because I am experienced, dedicated, and hardworking,” she said.

She pointed to her work to eliminate on-street parking for the 11th Street East and 9th Avenue East and her opposition to raising city taxes as evidence of her work on the council. Louis said he is willing to ask tough questions if elected to the council.

“The last 18 years I have learned to communicate with a diverse group bartending at the Den (tavern),” he said. “I can share ideas with the whole community.”

Dickmann, a lifelong Menomonie resident, backs continued downtown redevelopment and efforts to reduce phosphorus buildup in Lake Menomin.
Louis said the city must work to reduce violence and vandalism and must do a better job of creating more educational and employment opportunities.

**Lynn Dickmann**

**Age:** 48.

**Address:** 815 11th St. E.

**Education:** Menomonie High School, UW-Stout graduate, also completed a nursing assistance course at Chippewa Valley Technical College.

**Occupation:** Independent contractor for Leader-Telegram and Chippewa Valley newspapers.

**Political experience:** Menomonie City Council since her appointment in April 2011.

**Family:** Single.

**Daniel Louis**

**Age:** 49.

**Address:** 1512 7th St. E.

**Education:** Nicolet High School graduate; UW-Stout graduate.

**Occupation:** Bartender.

**Political experience:** None.