



Stephanie Smith, of Waconia, cracks up during the Ole & Lena joke contest. She said she would like to try to tell a joke at next year's contest, but worried that she'd start to laugh before getting to the punchline.

# Ole and Lena face off

## Nordic Heritage Club holds its second-annual joke contest

Photos and Text by Mark W. Olson

Joke tellers were out for blood, or at least for lutfesk, as they faced off in the Nordic Heritage Club's second annual Ole & Lena joke contest last Friday night. (For those new to Minnesota Ole and Lena jokes are a staple among the Scandinavian population.)

About 25 people attended the event at Victoria City Hall, where the club meets the second

Friday of the month.

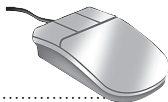
After a couple stories by professional storyteller Heidi Hoks, eight people took the microphone to tell Ole and Lena jokes.

Even a joke-off between the animated Ross Hanson and Galen Tongen (members of the Waconia Sons of Norway Lodge) couldn't settle who won, so first place was declared a tie.

Here are the five winners (as determined by audience applause) and one of their jokes.

### Online

■ For more Ole & Lena jokes, visit [www.chaskaheald.com](http://www.chaskaheald.com) for a short video of the event.



"We are the jokes," joked Galen Tongen after the Ole & Lena joke contest.

### First-place tie: Galen Tongen

Well mine is a true story. It's about my cousin Ole about 30 years ago got a job as an insurance salesman with Lutheran Brotherhood.

Back then what they used to do with their new agent is they would send them out, and they actually do part of the medical examination, take blood and even take urine specimens.

So Ole goes out and is going to try and sell his first policy,

And after a couple of hours he comes back and he's got the five-gallon pail, and it's sloshing around, ya know.

Ole's boss says "Vell Ole did you sell your first policy?" And ole was gleaming and he says "Ya."

And he says, "Then what is that pail for?"

And he says, "It was a group policy."



Ross Hanson was one of the two first-place winners at the Ole and Lena joke-telling contest.

### First-place tie: Ross Hanson

Ole and Sven are sitting at the bar, and Sven says to Ole, "Well are still sveet on that Lena?"

"Oh ya, I sure am ya. That's a solid relationship."

Well Sven says, "Have you kissed her yet? Well no, but I know I could any time."

"Oh, I bet you couldn't"

"Oh, yes I sure could, I could kiss her any time. I'll get a kiss anytime I ask for it."

"Well if that's the case, let's go over to her apartment right now, I want to see you get a kiss from Lena."

They walk over to her apartment. Ole knocks on the door. "Lena, this is Ole and I've come for my kiss. And I think it's time I get a kiss."

And Lena's on the other side of the door. "Ole have you been drinking?"

Ole: "Well, I have a little bit."

Lena: "And is that that no-good Sven I hear back there

with you too?"

Ole: "Well ya, Sven's here too."

Lena: "Well you're certainly not going to get a kiss tonight."

"Well come on Lena," says Ole.

Ole: "We are such close friends I think its time I get a little kiss."

Lena: No, and especially when you've been drinking."

Ole: "Well Lena come down here to the keyhole and whisper here through the key hole when I can get a kiss."

Well Lena is so disgusted with all of this she turns around at the keyhole and lets a little fart right through the hole

Ole is listening. He pops up

Sven says, "Well what did she say?"

Ole: "Well I think she said Tuesday, but her breath is so bad, I'm not going to ask her again."



Leanne Brown fits in Concordia College, St. Olaf College and North Dakota State University all in the same joke.

### Fourth place: Leanne Brown

Three Norwegians go down to Mexico to celebrate their college graduation. They get drunk and wake up in jail only to find they are to be executed in the morning, though none of them can remember what they did the night before

The first one, Lars, was strapped into the electric chair and is asked if he has any last words. He says, "I just graduated from St. Olaf College and I believe that the almighty power of God should intervene on behalf of the innocent."

They throw a switch and nothing happens. They all immediately fall to the floor on their knees, beg for Lars' for-

giveness and release him.

The second, Sven is strapped in and gives his last words. "I just graduated from Concordia College and I believe in the power of justice to intervene on behalf of the innocent."

They pull the switch again and nothing happens. Again they all immediately fall to their knees, beg for their forgiveness and release them.

The last one, Ole, is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm from North Dakota State in Fargo and just graduated with a degree in electric engineering and I'll tell you right now you ain't going to electrocute nobody if you don't plug this thing in."

### Fifth place: Nathaniel Vadnais

A Norwegian, a Swede and a Finn make a bet about who could stay the longest in a pig house. Pigs have their own houses for winter use on Scandinavian farms because it's so cold.

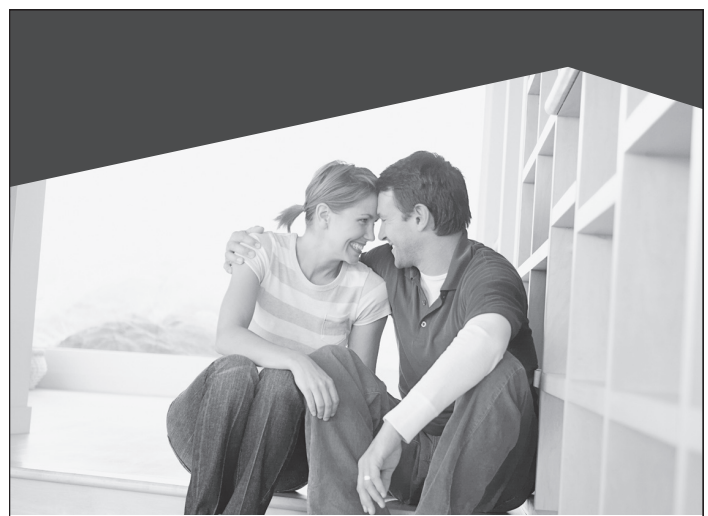
They all went in at the same time.

After five minutes, the Swede came running out.

Fifteen minutes later, the Norwegian stumbled out the door.

And after 20 minutes, the pig ran out.

Nathaniel Vadnais tells a joke involving a Norwegian, a Swede and a Finn.



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# Public Notices

## CITY OF VICTORIA NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON THE CITY STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Victoria will meet at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009, to conduct a public meeting to encourage public discussion and participation regarding its storm water quality and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program.

A 1987 Amendment to the Federal Clean Water Act required implementation of a two-phase comprehensive national program to reduce pollution from storm water runoff. A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is required as part of this program. The permit identifies a number of measures that must be met or implemented by each community. The six minimum measures are:

Public Education and Outreach  
Public Involvement and Participation  
Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination  
Construction Site Storm Water Controls  
Post-Construction Storm Water Management for development and redevelopment  
Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) specifies best management practices intended to satisfy the permit requirements for each of the minimum measures. As part of this program, the City is required to hold an annual meeting to encourage public discussion and participation regarding its storm water quality and steps it is taking to address the six minimum control measures. A copy of the SWPPP is available by contacting the City Engineer. An annual SWPPP report will be submitted to the MPCA in June 2009. The minutes of the annual public meeting will be incorporated into the City's annual report.

The meeting will be held as part of the regular city council meeting at City Hall. The agenda for this meeting will include:

- 1) A Presentation about implementation of the City's Surface Water Pollution Prevention Program in 2008.
- 2) Affording interested persons the opportunity to make oral statements concerning the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program; and,
- 3) Consideration of relevant written materials that interested persons submit concerning the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program; and,
- 4) Consideration of public input in making adjustments to future implementation plans for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program.

DATED: April 17, 2009  
BY ORDER OF THE VICTORIA CITY CLERK  
Jennifer Kretsch, City Clerk  
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DOCUMENT 00030  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud by representatives of the City of Victoria, Minnesota, at the City Hall, 7951 Rose Street, Victoria, Minnesota 55386, in said City at 10:00

am on June 4, 2009, for furnishing all work and materials for the construction of DOWNTOWN PHASE II STREET IMPROVEMENTS, consisting of the following approximate quantities:

Quantity	Material	Notes
500 LF	8" PVC, SDR 35	
Sanitary Sewer		
149 LF	P V C	
Watermain		
5 EA	Replace Gate	
Valve	12" to 21"	
850 LF	12" to 21"	
Storm Sewer		
2,169 LF	4" PVC	
Perforated Edge Drain		
5,394 CY	Common	
Excavation		
14 RS	Subgrade	
Preparation	Select	
3,020 CY	Class 5	
Granular Borrow		
2,363 TN	Concrete Curb and Gutter and Concrete Valley	
Aggregate Base		
2,492 LF	Concrete Curb and Gutter and Concrete Valley	
Gutter		
932 TN	Bituminous Surfacing	
1,627 SY	Sodding	
0.31 AC	Seeding	

Proposal forms, contract documents, drawings, and specifications as prepared by TKDA, are on file for inspection in the office of the City Clerk and in the office of the Engineers, whose address is 444 Cedar Street, Suite 1500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2140.

Contractors desiring drawings, specifications and related documents for the purpose of submitting a bid may secure them from the Engineers upon deposit of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for each set. The deposit for one set of drawings and specifications will not be refunded.

No bid will be considered unless it is securely sealed in an envelope and filed with the City Clerk prior to the time noted above for the closing of bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or cashier's check payable to the City of Victoria in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract with the Owner for the work described in the proposal. This deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. The deposits for the three lowest bidders will be retained by the Owner until the contract has been awarded and executed but not longer than sixty (60) days. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in the best interest of the Owner.

The City Council will consider award of contracts at a regular meeting to be held on June 8, 2009.

Don Uram  
City Administrator  
Dated: May 7, 2009  
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**Early deadline notice due to the Memorial Day Holiday will be at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 for the following week's issue of the Chanhassen Villager.**

Faxes are not accepted.