



# The Little White Paper

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## Past president of GVHS...

### Robert Provost dies September 16

Long time City of Golden Valley resident, Robert P. Provost, died September 16 at age 87 from a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Bob was a member of the Golden Valley Historical Society and served as its president from September 1, 2003, to August 31, 2007.

He was born in Keewatin, MN, and raised in Mason, WI., graduating from Drummond High School in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and became a decorated naval aviator as a torpedo bomber pilot operating in the South Pacific during WWII. He continued to serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve until 1969, retiring as Lt. Commander. Bob was a 1949 graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he lettered in boxing and was a member

of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He worked for the U of M Athletic Department and later became the President of The Minnesota Insurance Information Center, hosting a weekly radio program to answer callers' questions about insurance.

Bob was a member and past president of the Minneapolis #9 Rotary Club. He enjoyed history, cooking, Gopher athletics, pheasant hunting, his friends and neighbors. He lived a wonderful life.

A time to celebrate Bob Provost is planned for Friday evening, October 14, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00, Campus Club, 403 Coffman Memorial Union, 300 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Private internment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

### GVHS program schedule through February 2012

**October 13, 2011**, general membership meeting (GMM): Ken Johnson, from the Wild West History Association, will give a presentation on, "The Politics Of The Little Big Horn".

There will be no general membership meeting in November.

**December 8, 2011**, GMM: Bill Ewald, great grandson of Chris Ewald, the founder of Ewald Bros. Dairy, will have a power point presentation on the history of the dairy and the Ewald family.

**January 12, 2012**, GMM: David Rhees, Ph.D., executive director of the Bakken Museum of Minneapolis.

**February 9, 2012**, GMM: Roxanne Gould and Jim Rock will continue their story of Native Americans in Golden Valley.

All programs are at 7 p.m. at the Society's Historic Church and Museum and are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served following the programs.

### Fall cleanup volunteers needed October 29



Once again as fall arrives, Building and Grounds Chairman, Jerry Breth, is putting out the call for all able-bodied members to assist in the raking, trimming, and sweeping of the historic church yard on Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Bring your work gloves, rakes, trimming tools and see Jerry Breth for your assignment.

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## 75-year residents honored at luncheon

On September 7, eight residents of Golden Valley were honored by the Golden Valley Historical Society at a luncheon at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club for living in

the Village/City of Golden Valley for 75 years or longer. A total of 54 persons attended the event to recognize these exceptional citizens.



**Front row (L-R) Laurie Edling, Ed Jordan, Arlene Jensen, Teresa Raymond; Back row (L-R) Thomas Hart, Kathyleen Reiser, Donna Kuiper, Rueben Prodhahl.**

## Feld's Store anchored Highway 55

We get letters from former Golden Valley residents asking about certain places in the city for which they have a fondness and about which they would like to learn more. The most recent request asked about Feld's Store, which was located on Olson Memorial Highway just west of Glenwood Parkway (now Theodore Wirth Parkway).

Feld's Store was on the north side of the highway just east of the St. Regis Paper Company. Next door was an open field that hosted traveling evangelist's tents (e.g. A.A. Allen and others). The Feld family was important in the lives

of many residents. They were Jewish, probably one of the few Jewish families in Golden Valley at the time. Max and Tillie ran the small store with sons, Fred, Al, and Bill. They lived above the store and helped many during the hard times of the depression. The boys all grew up in Golden Valley and served our country in WW II.

Our Society does not have any photographs of Feld's Store. The letter writer suggests that Feld's Store is one place that should not be forgotten in the history of Golden Valley. Do you have any stories about Feld's Store or photos that we could copy, or that you would

## Ohman tracks course of Mississippi River

Doug Ohman kicked off the new year of general membership meetings on September 8 with historical information and photos from his latest book, "Journey Down Our River."

Forty-four members and guests viewed and heard about the course of the Mississippi from its origin in Itasca State Park to Fort Ripley, a journey of almost 300 miles.

## Displays created for City Hall, Library

Society members Dede Scanlon and Jackie Wells assembled two displays for the 125th Anniversary of the City of Golden Valley. They were installed on the second floor of City Hall and in the Golden Valley Library. Items in the two displays were gathered from the archives of the Society and other collectors in the city. The library display was up through the end of September. The large display on the second floor of City Hall will be available for viewing through the November election. Thanks to Dede Scanlon and Jackie Wells for their creations.



*A Golden Valley  
125th Anniversary  
theme program.*

be willing to donate to the Society, along with your remembrances of that location in Golden Valley? Contact Secretary Don Anderson, 763-588-8578 or email: [maryand-don3030@aol.com](mailto:maryand-don3030@aol.com)