



# Happy Birthday, Golden Valley!

*Here are some interesting and important events that happened during Golden Valley's First Birthday Year  
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT HAPPENED</u>
December 16, 1886	Golden Valley incorporated as a village
December 18, 1886	Ty Cobb, legendary baseball player, is born in Georgia
January 4, 1887	Thomas Stevens becomes first man to bicycle around the world, beginning and ending in San Francisco
January 18, 1887	Renowned boxer and the first heavyweight champion of gloved boxing, John L. Sullivan, breaks his left arm during the first round of a bout with Patsy Cardiff at the Washington Roller Rink in Minneapolis. Sullivan continued the fight using only his right arm for five more rounds until the fight was declared a draw
January 20, 1887	U.S. Leases Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as naval base
January 28, 1887	Construction begins on foundations of Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, to commemorate World Exposition
February 2, 1887	Ground Hog Day first observed in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania
February 8, 1887	First ski club organized in United States, Aurora Ski Club in Red Wing, MN
February 8, 1887	Congress enacts Dawes Act to allot property to Native Americans
March 22, 1887	Chico Marx, the oldest of the famous Marx Brothers, is born in New York



March 24, 1887	Silent film actor Roscoe Conkling (aka “Fatty”) Arbuckle is born. He was one of the highest paid actors in Hollywood until accused of raping and accidentally killing actress Virginia Rappe. The event became a widely publicized and sensationalized scandal before Arbuckle was finally acquitted in a third trial
April 4, 1887	City of Argonia, Kansas, elects first female mayor in the United States, Suzanne Salter
May 9, 1887	William Cody’s (aka “Buffalo Bill”) Wild West Show opens in London
May 14, 1887	First cornerstone of Stanford University is laid.
June 28, 1887	Minot, North Dakota is incorporated as a city.
July 1, 1887	Construction begins on the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, as part of World’s Fair
July 1, 1887	First Sherlock Holmes novel published, “The Study in Scarlet,” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
July 16, 1887	Another famous baseball player is born, “Shoeless” Joe Jackson, famous for his role in the Black Sox scandal and conspiracy to fix the World Series in 1919
July 17, 1887	American activist Dorothea Dix dies at the age of 85 in New Jersey. Dix is best known for her activism in the mental health field and her efforts to establish the first American mental asylums
August 10, 1887	The first edition of the Prison Mirror, the newspaper of the Minnesota state penitentiary, is published. The paper publishes articles by inmates and began with famous benefactors such as Jesse James and the James gang. The paper continues to be published to this day.



August 1887	The Laboratory of Hygiene, predecessor to the National Institute of Health, is founded in Staten Island, New York, for research into infectious diseases
September 17, 1887	A near-riot occurs at the Minnesota State Fair grandstand during a Civil War reenactment. Over 80,000 people attended, with attendees fighting for seats and sustaining injuries from the mock battle. The secretary of the Agricultural Society described the educational value of the event, stating: “For most of the [audience] it was their first real conception of . . . the awfulness of . . . war.”
September 28, 1887	Yellow River in China floods, killing up to 2 million people
September 30, 1887	The first trainload of cattle arrives at the South St. Paul Stockyards, and 363 cattle are sold on the first day. The Stockyards operated for a time as the one of the largest stockyards in the world, but ceased operations in 2008.
October 6, 1887	Influential architect and designer Charles-Edouard Jeanneret (aka “Le Corbusier”) is born in Switzerland. Le Corbusier was a pioneer of what is now commonly referred to as modern architecture
November 8, 1887	Legendary gun fighter, “Doc” Holiday, friend of Wyatt Earp, and gun fighter at OK Corral, dies at age 36
November 11, 1887	Suspects in Chicago Hay Market labor riot are executed in Illinois
November 15, 1887	Famous artist Georgia O’Keefe born near Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
November 19, 1887	Famous American Jewish poet Emma Lazarus dies in New York at the age of 38, best known for her sonnet “The New Colossus” which appears on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, which was established in 1886, two months before the birth of Golden Valley.



November 23, 1887	Notre Dame loses its first football game, 8-0 to Michigan
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