

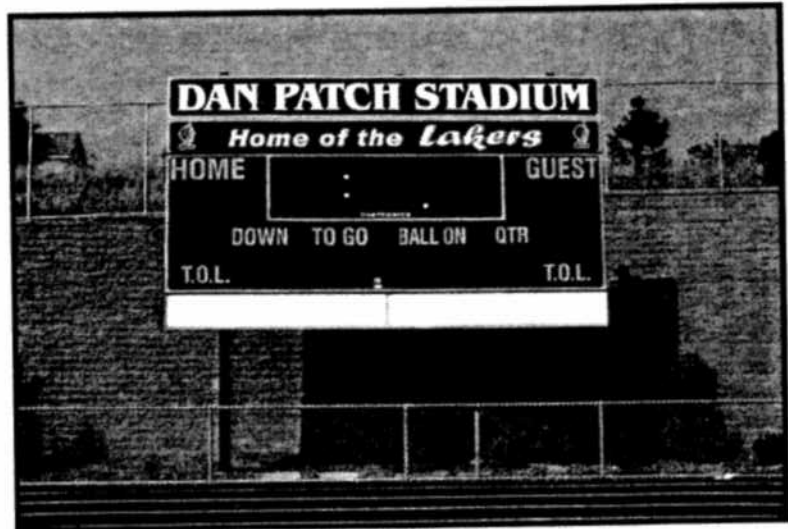
DAN PATCH Newsletter

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**"DAN PATCH"
STADIUM
DEDICATION**



Dan Patch Stadium, at the Prior Lake High School in Savage, MN, was dedicated on September 2, 2005. Will Williams of the Dan Patch Historical Society participated in the ceremonies. He told the crowd that Dan Patch exemplified three attributes: heart, pride and to win well - all of which should be emulated by the athletes at the stadium. On behalf of the historical society, Williams presented the school with a Dan Patch story board which details the pacer's life and accomplishments. It will be mounted near the track and field records board just inside the stadium, protected by a Plexiglas cover, and highlighted with special letters according to activities director Mary Haugen.

..... AND NOW THERE WILL BE TWO BOOKS!

Some months ago we met with Norton Stillman, of Nodin Press in Minneapolis, to talk about the possibility of having a book written about Dan Patch and Mr. Savage to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the record of Dan Patch. Tim Brady, of St. Paul, agreed to write the book with publication set for 2006. We now have learned that Charles Leerhsen, editor of Sports Illustrated and author of books on Donald Trump and famed test pilot Chuck Yeager, is writing a story of the pre-auto era hero Dan Patch. Mr. Leerhsen, of New York, has been here twice to research and to visit Oxford, Indiana. He plans to have his book ready for publication by Simon and Schuster in 2007.

Mission Statement: The Dan Patch Historical Society was formed for the purpose of collection, preservation and dissemination of historical knowledge and artifacts about the horse, Dan Patch, and its owner, M. W. Savage.

DAN PATCH DAYS 2005



14 Savage Descendants

This is the big event celebrated every year in the City of Savage, MN. In 2005, we had a first-ever event as three descendants of Dan Patch as well as 14 members of the Savage family attended the two day event. Tracking of the descendants of the horse and the family was the result of many hours of work by Greg Lind. On Saturday, the Historical Society had a booth to educate and to answer questions about Dan Patch and M.W. Savage. Special thanks to George Augustinack, vice president of the historical society, for loaning many of his photos for display. George was available the entire time to answer questions along with other society members. Also on Saturday, we had a corral next to our booth where the curious could take photos or just gaze at Bonana Anna, one of Dan's descendants owned by Beth Dale and Bruce Tostenrud.

Fourteen members of the family rode in the grand parade on Sunday.



Bob Savage and Bonana Anna



Dan Patch descendant Francis Albert and the driver and owner, Greg Budach



Jim Ryan,
(Artist)

Greg Dennis,
(Winner)

Will Williams,
(DPHS)

Bob Savage,
(MW Savage Great Grandson)

Mary Uphoff
(Great Granddaughter)

Other events sponsored by the society were the Find the Horseshoe Hunt with the families of Lee and Julie Bernick and Mark and Ann Mirsch finding the horseshoe, winning \$200 and having the honor of riding in the parade. This popular event is held before Dan Patch Days with cluemaster, Will Williams of the society, writing the clues and hiding the horseshoe. Four hundred and fifty collector buttons were sold with Greg Dennis of Savage the winner of the commemorative wood carved intarsia of Dan and Mr. Savage. Jens Bohn coordinates the design and actual button sale. Jed Williams helps with the posters and the photos from the Dan Patch cutout.



Savage Family in parade



Dan Patch Historical Society booth



This photo shows Dennis Savage with his purchases standing in front of a City of Savage blanket that is also available for purchase through the historical society. (Anyone interested in the Savage items can visit the City website at www.ci.savage.mn.us and check in to the city store.)

... a city named SAVAGE

Dennis Savage of Lisbon, CT, met some people from Minnesota while in New Hampshire and mentioned to them that there was a city named Savage in MN. The guy from MN said "I grew up across the river from Savage." Thus when Dennis Savage saw an ad for a '57 Chevy in St. Paul on Ebay, he decided to buy it and stop in the city named for his ancestors. He called the editor of the newspaper who called some members of the historical society and we all met in the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library. He donated a book of his genealogy to the library and wanted some t-shirts or something with the name Savage on it to take as souvenirs to his family. Thus we took him to the Savage City Hall where they sell t-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, golf shirts and visors.

Dan Patch Historical Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Dan Patch Historical Society was held at the Heritage Room of the Savage Public Library at 7 PM of July 21, 2005 for the purpose of electing two directors to the board. Janet Williams and Jens Bohn were reelected to three year terms. An election of officers was held with the following results: Jens Bohn, president, George Augustinack, vice president, Janet Williams, secretary and Joe Cade, treasurer.

The president presented Jim Ryan with the lifetime membership in appreciation for his donation of a commemorative intarsia of Dan and Mr. Savage given annually as the grand prize for the button drawing during Dan Patch Days.

Norton Stillman, from Nodin Press, talked briefly about the upcoming Dan Patch book that his company will be publishing in 2006. Tim Brady, the author, distributed a prologue of the book. (We love the prologue and can't wait for the actual book!)

Patrick Rodgers from the Scott County Historical Society described an upcoming exhibit and asked that we loan them some items for their display.

DEPOT UPDATE

Progress continues on the return of the Savage depot. A task force has been appointed to work on the details. The task force members are: Council members Craig Chamberlain and Janet Williams representing the Savage City Council, Historical Society Board members Joe Cade and Rob Fendler representing the society with City Administrator Barry Stock and building official Jay Scherer representing the city. The city council approved final design and let the bids for the public square lot. Work has commenced on the parking lot and surrounding area with landscaping to be completed in the spring. The timeline is to have the depot in place by Dan Patch Days in June, 2006. The city's Economic Development Commission has prepared a RFP (Request For Proposal) to solicit interest by anyone interested in assisting with the restoration and using it for a possible business.

Dan Patch Days, Inc. donated \$5000 to the Dan Patch Historical Society to help fund the move. Donations continue to come in from our donation envelopes. We thank all of the donors so far and are working on other fund raising projects to accomplish our goal of returning the depot to Savage.

Donations

- Sign Systems of Savage (SDDI) designed and donated a 3 by 5 foot vinyl banner. It will be used in the Dan Patch booth and at other events.

- A cookbook "A Taste of MW" was donated by M.W. Savage Elementary School to the Historical Society.

New Members

Jerry Young, Savage, MN

Jed Williams, Savage, MN

Tom & Deb Markus, Birmingham, MI

Wayne Mattox, Wanatah, IN

Dan Patch Historical Society Membership Application

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

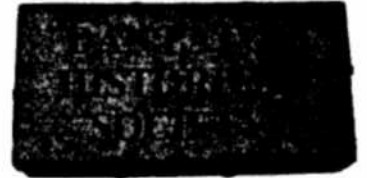
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Annual Dues: Student (\$5) Individual (\$15) Family (\$25) Benefactor (\$50) Corporate (\$250 & more)

Please mail completed form and check to: Dan Patch Historical Society • P.O. Box 1:55 • Savage, MN 55378



Savage Depot Brick Walk of Fame



Here's your chance to buy a special brick permanently imprinted to last a lifetime. Buy bricks for **friends, relatives, children, business, significant dates, places, in memory of, etc.**, that you wish to remember forever. The Dan Patch Historical Society's "**Brick Walk of Fame**" bricks are great gifts, awards or memorials.

The brick(s) will be placed into a permanent walkway near the **Savage Depot** at the **Savage Town Square** location in **Savage, MN**. Funds raised will be used to finance the depot move, restoration, landscaping and possibly a statue of "Dan Patch" including other needed work. Dan Patch Historical Society is a Non-profit organization, each donation is tax deductible. No ownership is implied by this "brick" sponsorship.

Checks should be made out to:
"Dan Patch Historical Society"

Mail the application form to:
Dan Patch Historical Society
Box 1:55
Savage, MN 55378
(952) 890-4152

Brick Pricing
4x8 Brick - \$100 8x8 Brick - \$175
Certificate available upon request
\$5 (for gifts, holidays, birthdays)

Deadline for Orders: Dan Patch Days
(June 26, 2006)
Online Orders: www.danpatch.com

I hereby contribute \$ _____ to the Savage Depot "Brick Walk of Fame".

- 4" x 8" Brick \$100**
3 lines maximum, 18 characters per line, including spaces
- 8" x 8" Brick \$175**
6 lines maximum, 18 characters per line, including spaces
- Certificate \$5** (Great for holiday gifts, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.)

Fill out your exact inscription with spaces and punctuation
Grey area to be used for 8x8 Brick only

Purchaser's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____



From the President

What a year this has been. Dan Patch was a huge success with the descendants of M. W. Savage and Dan Patch in attendance. We look to an even bigger celebration next year. Special thanks to local resident Karl Bohn for generously donating a corral for Bonana Anna on Saturday next to our booth.

On Sunday, he provided and drove the wagon and horses for the Savage descendants to ride in the parade.

We continue with our role in education. We partnered with the Bloomington Historical Society for a display of Dan Patch and Mr. Savage at the Bloomington City Hall/Arts Center from June through August. Special Thanks to Larry Granger and Vonda Kelly, Nancy Allen and Janet Williams.

Members gave presentations at the Rocking Horse Ranch Day Care in Savage for 60 children, the fourth grade class at Glendale School and Cub Scout troop 226.

We have items on loan to the Scott County Historical Society for a six month exhibit there.

I continue to meet people at my shop as they stop to inquire about what is happening. A reporter from the Minneapolis Tribune came to visit with some of us and wrote a full page article as part of their Minnesota State Fair edition. We appreciate the interest and support. Watch for more information as we seek to raise money for our depot project and finalize our plan for 2006.

Plan now to attend Dan patch Days, June 23-26, 2006.

Jens Bohn

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