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**The great Dan Patch
and his beloved owner
Marion W. Savage**

On September 8, 1906 Dan Patch made
horse-racing history when he set the world record
by pacing a mile in 1:55 at the MN State Fair.

This artwork was commissioned with support from the Minnesota State Legislature
through an appropriation from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund,
and support from the City of Savage, Dan Patch Historical Society,
Dan Patch Project, and Savage History.

Alexa King Sculptor



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The ceremony dedicating the statue of Dan Patch and Mr. Savage was a huge success. Together they will stand as a reminder of our city's namesake and his famous horse. In attendance were the sculptor Alexa King, Mayor Janet Williams, Representative Drew Christiansen and Senator Dan Hall. Following the ceremony community members celebrated with root beer floats. We continue to support the Dan Patch Project because it has a second component. A one and a half size statue of Dan Patch with sulky and driver to be located at the MN State Fairgrounds. The Dan Patch Project continues to seek funding from the legislature for this statue.



2018 Dan Patch Days Button
Buttons still available

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DAN PATCH DAYS 2018

Dan Patch Days in Savage always starts a month ahead of time when the first clue is published for the popular horseshoe hunt. Clues always have history behind them and nearly every word spikes interest in the possible location. This years winner was the Weisensol family of Savage –Nick, Laur, Christine and Evan. They won \$100, the horseshoe and the opportunity to ride on the DPHS float leading the grand parade. The button featured a sneak preview of the DP/Mr. Savage statue. Sales were the best in many years with Tom Homstad of Savage winning the coat rack and Gary Holler of Savage winning the original artwork. We also had a booth on Saturday with a display and an opportunity to chat with interested people about the history of our city and Dan Patch and Mr. Savage. The last event of the celebration was the unveiling of the statue at the Savage Public Library.



Horseshoe Hunt Winners



Alexa King - Sculptor



Root Beer Floats at the unveiling



Gary Haller

DONATIONS

- Notebook of U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame Museum, Goshen, NY donated by Ron/Dianne Galbavy, Woodbury, MN
- 1990 Limited Edition Dan Patch Breyer collectible #819 donated by Richard Carrick, Savage, MN
- Dan Patch Days Program July 27, 28, 29, 1962 donated by Eric Dahlager, Burnsville
- Dan Patch Two-Step sheet music by H.G. Trautvetter donated by Verna Dobraska, Corinth, TX



Tom Homstad

Dan Patch Historical Society New/Renewing Membership

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

ANNUAL DUES: Student (\$10) Individual (\$20) Family (\$30) Benefactor (\$55) Corporate (\$250 & more)

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NEWS



Running Aces Harness Racing track in Columbus MN has an annual Dan Patch Weekend. The society is always invited and is provided with a booth where we have our timeline, a display of items for sale and the opportunity to chat about Dan Patch.

This year at the July 21 event the first 500 attendees received a bobblehead of a horse with jockey and sulky.



Will Williams at the Track

New/Renewing Membership

- George Augustinack, Savage, MN
- Vern/Cathy Bloomquist, Farmington, MN
- Bernadette Bonsell, Mt. Vernon, OH
- Grove Bradbury, St. Paul, MN
- Tom/Cheryl Brennan, Savage, MN
- Tausha Chamberland, Savage, MN
- Rob/ Lori Fendler, Savage, MN
- Bob/Thelma Glaspie, Oxford, IN
- Elizabeth Jemtrud, Savage, MN
- Greg Lind, Savage, MN
- Tom/Debra Markus, Lawrence, KS
- Charles/Helen Moriyama, Mahuli Place, HI
- Jim/Laurie Ross, Savage, MN
- Joel/Kari Settergren, Savage, MN
- Jed/Jenny Williams, Savage, MN
- Will/Janet Williams, Savage, MN

- 2018 Dan Patch Days Button.....\$5.00

Previous years buttons also available

- Postcards.....\$1.00

- M.W. Savage Storyboard.....\$75.00

- Dan Patch Storyboard.....\$75.00

- 2008 Dan Patch Pewter Holiday Ornament.....\$20.00

- Book, *International Stock Food Farm*.....\$25.00

- Book, *Dan Patch Electric Railroad*.....\$15.00

- Tim Brady's Book, *The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage*.....\$25.00

- Nancy Huddleston's Book, *Images of America, Savage*.....\$24.00

FOR SALE

Fundraising helps the society fulfill its mission of collection, preserving and educating. Proceeds from sales as well as membership dues are used to purchase brochures, our bi-annual newsletter, postcards, membership cards and anything essential to continue our mission. We thank you for your continued support of the Dan Patch Historical Society.

Thank You

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**VISIT: Heritage Room/Museum
Savage Public Library
13090 Alabama Avenue, Savage, MN 55378**

Hours of Operation:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am-8pm
Wednesday 1pm-8pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

ANNUAL MEETING



Left to right: Back Row, Jim Ross, Tausha Chamberland, Lisa Jemtrud, Will Williams, Jed Williams, Greg Lind
Front Row, Treasurer Vern Bloomquist, President Tom Brennan, Vice President George Augustinack and Secretary Janet Williams

You are invited to join us at our annual meeting July 2019. See our next newsletter for date and time.
For more information, visit our website www.danpatch.com

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