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DAN PATCH DAYS JUNE 21-24, 2007

"*The Ladies All Love Dan Patch*" is the wording on a poster produced by M.W. Savage in the early 1900's. The picture on this poster serves as the 2007 Dan Patch Days button. The button is for sale by the Dan Patch Historical Society for \$3.00 each at various locations throughout the city of Savage and also by mail.

The purchaser of a button is eligible to win a rendering of the button in wood intarsia or a historical blanket. In addition to the button, the Historical Society sponsors the *Find the Horseshoe* contest.

The cluemaster, a member of the society, hides the horseshoe on public property within the City of Savage and the clues depict local history.

If the finder of the horseshoe has a button, they receive an extra \$100 and the opportunity to ride in the big Dan Patch Day parade on Sunday at

1 PM. This is the 12th year of the horseshoe hunt and it is one of the most popular events of the celebration. The Historical Society will have a booth at the celebration in Community Park on Saturday, June 23 from 2 PM until dusk. Come and see the actual poster depicted on the

button and other items of interest relating to Dan Patch and Mr. Savage.



Check the Dan Patch Days, Inc. website (www.DanPatchDays.org) for up to the minute details.

Purchase a Dan Patch Days button at one of the following

locations: American Legion, City Hall, D Fong's, DP Liquors, First Community Bank, Marketplace Liquor, Niesen's, Public Library or Razors Edge.

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.

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Depot Nearly Completed!

Since our fall newsletter, the depot has new windows and siding, the old floors are refinished, a restroom has been added, new heating/AC and has been painted. Between the freight room and waiting room are three worn steps. We call them the "famous steps" as we believe they were walked on by M.W. Savage and later Charles Lindberg when he crash landed here and stayed at the depot until the parts came to repair his plane. Outside is a ramp/deck, new sidewalk, a community Christmas tree and the brick walk comprised of the engraved bricks that were purchased as part of our fund-raising. The depot is painted brick red with white trim.



When we took off the old siding with its square nails we learned that it was originally red.

Also outside is a railroad track made from original rails and ties of the Dan Patch Line. We also have a mail cart. The city negotiated a lease of the depot with a resident of Savage who is opening the DP Coffee Depot. It only took us a year to get the depot in the state that it is today because of the generous donations of labor and materials by many people and businesses.



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**BRICKS ARE INSTALLED
STOP AND FIND YOURS!**

15th Anniversary of the DPHS

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Dan Patch Historical Society, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, was held on March 24, 1992 at 7 PM at the Savage Public Library located in the Plaza West Shopping Center. The first board of directors were: Joe Cade, Janet Williams, George Augustinack, Mark McNeill, Del Stelling. Bill Olson and Hugh Cardenas were also in attendance. The bylaws were adopted, and officers elected: Del Stelling, president; Mark McNeill, vice-president; Joe Cade, treasurer; Janet Williams, secretary. Annual membership dues were set at \$15 with a student rate of \$5. It was decided to have a booth at the Heritage Days celebration to solicit memberships. We have come a long ways in the past 15 years with a long list of accomplishments. We have members nationwide and even England. In the history of the organization we have had 149 members with 63 active members in 2007. In 1997, we opened a Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library that continues to be open seven days a week year round. We have given history talks around the area, printed a History of Savage brochure, had a huge display at the MN State Fair in 2006 and even were instrumental in printing a book. With our mission of education we have been successful in telling the story of why our city is named Savage, who Dan Patch is and why we are his home.

2006 MIPA Midwest Book Award

The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage, written by Tim Brady and published by Nodin Press of Minneapolis, was nominated for the Midwest Independent Publishers Association (MIPA) 17th Annual Book Award in the biography/memoir category. There were 146 nominations, from 65 publishers, in 10 Midwestern states. The 69 award winning titles came from 35 publishers. The Brady book won second place at the award ceremony May 9, 2007. The Dan Patch Historical Society is pleased to have been a part of this publication with special thanks to Norton Stillman from Nodin Press for allowing our organization to share in the profits. Books are still for sale from us for \$24.95 plus shipping where applicable.

THE GREAT DAN PATCH and the Remarkable Mr. Savage

Tim Brady



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A portion of the proceeds go to the Dan Patch Historical Society

Eagle Scout Kiosk

Matthew Lorang, a resident of Savage, is in the process of earning his Eagle Scout award. To fulfill the requirement for an Eagle Scout designation a community project must be completed. He proposed to construct an informational kiosk in downtown Savage. One side will tell the story of the depot, Mr. Savage and Dan Patch and the other side will have a map noting places of historical interest –

Mr. Savage's home on the Minnesota River bluff in Bloomington, the International Stock Food Farm in Savage, Boiling Springs, Camp Savage, etc. The project was approved by the Depot Task Force with supplies provided by the Rotary Club of Savage. It will be installed at the end of the railroad track on the depot site.

Scouts Earn Badge



Scout Pack 231, Den 5 from Savage visited the historic Savage depot and heard Rob Fendler, DPHS board member, give information on the original structure and improvements made to the building. The Scouts were there to earn their

engineering badge. Pictured are: Denise Pfau (leader), Nate St. Martin, Alex Pfau, Jon Garbe, Andrew Kilinski, Adam Mehr, Grant, Hurdle, Rob Fendler (DPHS).

New Members

Bob Dugan, Savage, MN
 Chuck Erickson, Burnsville, MN
 Tom & Lynn Gavinski, Savage, MN
 Greg Lind, Savage, MN
 Rita McKenna, Clinton, CT
 Piper Schaapveld, Lindstrom, MN

Donations

- ✘ 2 framed Dan Patch prints donated by Deron and Barbe Puro in memory of Eron Puro
- ✘ Framed print of Dan Patch by Alice Dorschner Montevideo, MN
- ✘ MN Valley Camp button #208 from Len & Barb Brovold, Minnetonka

Dan Patch Historical Society



ANNUAL MEETING
July 25, 2007 at 7:00pm
at the Depot

Items for Sale

- Dan Patch Postcard.....\$0.50
- 2007 Dan Patch Days Button.....\$3
- M.W. Savage Storyboard.....\$75
- Dan Patch Storyboard.....\$75
- International Stock Food Farm Book
 \$25 (non-members) \$15 (members)
- The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage Book....\$24.95
- Dan Patch Electric Railroad Book...\$15 (non-members) \$12 (members)



Items available through the website, www.DanPatch.com, or call 952-890-1669. Shipping & handling apply.

Students from Savage, Montana



Fourteen members of the student class from Savage, Montana came to the Twin Cities for their senior class trip. One of their stops on March 29th was at the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library. There they met members of the DPHS who

told about how our city was named. The students told the story of their city which was named after an engineer on Yellowstone River named Savage. After hearing the story of Dan Patch they vowed to check out Montana for collectibles.

Dan Patch Historical Society Membership Application

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

From the President



As we reflect on 15 years of our society we are amazed at what the group of volunteers accomplished. Three years ago we moved to the age of technology with our own website (www.DanPatch.com).

number of hits from all of over the world and the emails we get inquiring about items they have and stories they want verified. When we started, the local celebration was called Heritage Days, now we celebrate Dan Patch Days. We hope to see many of you at the Dan Patch Days celebration June 21 - 24, 2007. Stop at my shop to say hello or visit us at our booth. Be sure to buy a button!

We are appreciative of Greg Lind, a Savage resident who took an interest in us, developed the site and keeps it updated. Thanks to First Level Cafe who serve as the host of our site. Those of us, who like myself, are not into technology are amazed at the

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