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2014 Dan Patch Days
Button

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about our organization,
visit our website
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After the cancellation of Dan Patch Days last year, enthusiasm is high for a great celebration this year. Our limited edition collector button will go on sale at the Razor's Edge Barber Shop and at the Savage Public Library after April 15 and will sell for \$5. The winner will receive an intarsia of the button made and donated by Savage resident artist Jim Ryan. Our horseshoe hunt will begin with the first historic clue released 5 weeks before the event. Hidden on public property, the finder of the horseshoe must have a 2014 Dan Patch Days button to win the grand prize of \$100 and the opportunity to ride in the grand parade on Sunday.

We will have our usual educational booth at Community Park on Saturday from 2 until 8 PM. This is an opportunity to check out our display, buy a button and our other items plus a chance to meet our members and ask questions that have been on your mind about Dan Patch and Mr. Savage. The grand parade will be on Sunday at 1pm. We will have a professionally done float featuring a replica of Dan Patch, the winner of the horseshoe hunt and maybe even Mr. Savage and some of our members.



CAMP SAVAGE



Camp Savage Display

The Camp Savage display by our vice president George Augustinack continues to be popular. It was at two other events – the Savage American Legion for Veteran's Day and the Mn Veterans Center for Pearl Harbor Day.

The City of Savage received a \$10,000 donation from Charles Moriyama who was at Camp Savage in 1942 and currently lives in Hawaii and is a member of our society. The donation is to be used for the Camp Savage historical site or the library/museum.

See page 3 for more information on
Camp Savage

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 it's owner, M.W. Savage.

WINTERFEST

Dan Patch Annual Meeting

Wednesday
July 23, 2014
6:30pm

Heritage Room
Savage
Public Library

DAN PATCH



HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Jens Bohn, Nancy Allen, Janet Williams and Will Williams

Downtown Savage was the site of Winterfest on the bitter cold night of Dec. 5, 2013. Per tradition we were dressed in our period costumes rented from the Burnsville High School theater department as we took on the persona of Mr. Savage, Mr. Pillsbury, Mr. J.J. Hill, Mr. Fish and Marietta Bean. We attended the lighting of the community tree, walked in the parade, viewed the fireworks and watched as votes were tallied for the horseshoe contest.

We were the victorious winners of that contest over seven other horseshoes with the horseshoe designed and decorated by our member Tausha Chamberland with historical photos of the Dan Patch and Mr. Savage era. The horseshoe now is in our display case at the entrance of the Savage Library.

Savage
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dan Patch Historical Society New/Renewing Membership

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 or visit our website at danpatch.com

Annual renewal date is listed on the address label of your newsletter

Dan Patch Railroad Car



Our button this year depicts a picture of Dan's private railway car. Dan traveled in a converted baggage car just for him and his team of white uniformed grooms. Mr. Savage had leased the car from the Chicago & Northern Western Railway. The horse's palace car was painted spotless white and its sides had exquisite gold letterings and designs. Inside the car had leather padding for the rough bumpy roads so Dan could ride in comfort and large pictures of himself hung on the walls. Mr. Savage, who was a genius when it comes to marketing, used Dan to advertise his stock food company on the sides of the car, just as we do today when we use celebrities to market our products.

The ad for the 3 feeds for one cent is on the side of the car. A picture of Dan and his trainer, Hersey is also on the outside of the car. Sitting in a chair in the open doorway of the car is Mr. Savage himself. Dan's caretaker, Charlie Plummer is next to Dan and Hersey is wearing the dark-colored trousers. The railway car sits in front of the four winged horse barn also known as the Taj Mahal, where on top of the dome it says, "The four greatest stallions ever owned by one farm", referring to Dan Patch, Minor Heir, Cresceus and George Gand. A large mural of this picture now hangs in the library that hung in the Savage Municipal Liquor Store that was once downtown Savage.



a brief history of **CAMP SAVAGE**

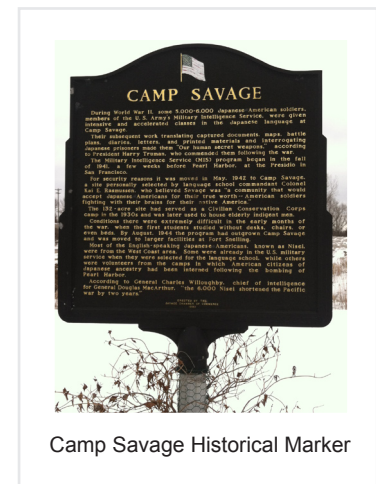
CAMP SAVAGE BECOMES A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) started November 1, 1941 in a remote converted hangar at Crissy Field in the Presidio, San Francisco. Two officers at that time on duty with the Fourth Army Intelligence staff foresaw that qualified Japanese language personnel would be essential considering the strained relations between Japan and the United States and the immediate threat of war. There were few caucasian personnel qualified in the Japanese language so they decided to use Nisei (Americans of Japanese ancestry) to solve the linguistic problems presented by contact with Japan.

The men who graduated from the Presidio were sent to the Pacific Theatre of Operations

in the Guadalcanal area and the language specialists proved themselves at the Battle of Guadalcanal. The war department decided that these men were essential and acknowledged the importance of a military intelligence school. Due to the increased teaching staff, a need for a larger facility and because of the mass evacuation of Nisei from the San Francisco area, they deactivated the Fourth Army Intelligence School at the Presidio and activated a new school. They decided to place the intelligence school under it's direct jurisdiction and the first official MISLS class began June 1, 1942 at *Camp Savage*.

This Historical Marker is located 44° 46.707' N, 93° 21.116' W. Marker is at the intersection of Xenwood Avenue and South Frontage Road, on the left when traveling south on Xenwood Avenue in Savage, Minnesota, Scott County.

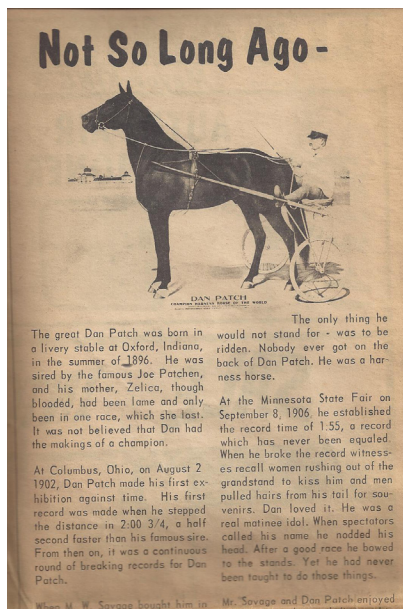


Camp Savage Historical Marker

This article was written by Tausha Chamberland, lifelong resident of Savage, MN and board member of the Dan Patch Historical Society. This information was found in the 1946 Nisei Graduation Dedication Yearbook.



Bloomington Advertiser
May 28, 1972



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May 28, 1972

AD MEN

by Jim Ross

In the Bloomington Advertiser dated May 28, 1972, for a measly 49 cents you could get a car wash at the Bloomington SpeedyCar Wash. Bloomington's Oldest Car Wash was located at 92nd and Lyndale. I'm not sure if the blond haired bikini clad gal in the ad will help wash my salt encrusted vehicle or not.

On page 4 of the Advertiser you can buy 8 track stereo tapes for only \$3.50 (over 200 selections); The Normandale Pik Quik also offered delicious barbecued Ribs for just \$1.79 a pound. The free want ad section had notice of the Bloomington Historical Society's public meeting; free 50 gallons of gas with the purchase of four tires at Colonial Standard; and a notice from the Bloomington Babysitters Club who exchange services and their competent sitters can save you money.

But other than the wine making kits from Town Drug, the most interesting thing to me was the article on page two entitled Not So Long Ago by Carol Danielson with the Bloomington Historical Society; she wrote a piece on the great Dan Patch. Carol covers his birth in stable, his first exhibition race and his purchase by M. W. Savage. She notes that while Dan loved people and contact with them, he would never let anyone mount him, for he was a harness racer. However, when not in front of a sulky, the Savage children could be spotted riding him around the neighborhood. The article concludes with Dan's 1906 State Fair record breaking race and the deaths of both M.W and Dan within hours of each other in 1916.

The entire Advertiser as well as many other historical pieces can be viewed at the Heritage Room of the Savage Public Library. And don't forget to support FreewayFordtown - Home of the great Pinto Wagon.

This article was researched and written by Jim Ross, lifelong resident of Savage, MN and board member of DPHS.

Computer Savvy?

The Dan Patch Historical Society is looking to rebuild their website and is looking for someone that is interested in volunteering their time to help us out. If you are interested, please contact us at webmaster@danpatch.com



NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Dawn Bergman,
West Linn, OR

Richard Nash,
New Prague, MN

Tausha Chamberland,
Savage, MN

Bill & Betty Settergren,
Burnsville, MN

Chuck Erickson,
Burnsville, MN

Maureen Smith,
Lynnwood, WA

Anne Masis,
Burnsville, MN

John Vessey,
No. Oaks, MN

DONATIONS

Yellow metal Dan Patch tobacco tin from Robert Drews, Savage, MN

Savage Supply Company stationery from David Varey, Savage, MN

A WWII congressional gold commemorative medal, program of Medal of Honor ceremony from August 25-27, 2000, poster of the medal and presidential citation; book "Proud to Serve" published first edition 2012 listing Japanese/American WWII veterans; Hawaii Herald 12/6/2013 newspaper; Hawaii's WWII Japanese/ American Honor Roll donated by Seiki Oshiro, Burnsville, MN.

Items for Sale

- 2008 Dan Patch Pewter 2-1/2" diameter Holiday Ornament.....\$20



- Dan Patch Postcard.....\$1
- 2014 Dan Patch Days Button.....\$5
Previous years buttons also available
- M.W. Savage Storyboard.....\$75
- Dan Patch Storyboard.....\$75
Storyboards are perfect for homes, offices and waiting rooms



- International Stock Food Farm Book.....\$25 (non-members).....\$15 (members)
- The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage Book....\$24.95
DVD also available for \$10
- Images of America, Savage Book.....\$23.50
- Dan Patch Electric Railroad Book...\$15 (non-members).....\$12 (members)

*Items available at The Razor's Edge Barbershop, through the website www.danpatch.com or call 952-890-1669. Shipping and handling fees apply.

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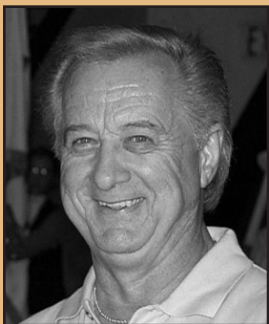
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**VISIT: Heritage Room/Museum
Savage Public Library
13090 Alabama Avenue, Savage, MN 55378**

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Jens Bohn

At our last board meeting in March we discussed our involvement in Dan Patch Days, our website and our finances. Dan Patch Days is outlined on the front page of the newsletter. Our involvement will essentially remain the same, however, we will raise the price of the collector button to \$5. We are looking for someone to assist with the website after we agreed to renew the domain. Let us know if you have the skills to help us out with the website. It is important that it be up to date.

We also discussed our annual membership dues. We are an organization supported by our dues and the sale of our items.

We chose not to increase our dues but do encourage everyone to keep current on their dues. Monetary donations are always acceptable.

The city is considering erecting a statue of Mr. Savage funded through donations. Various organizations have been approached about interest. We discussed this at our meeting, are interested in more information and will keep you informed. This would fit within our mission and the city already has a brick mural of Dan Patch on the outside wall of the police station.

Be sure to purchase a 2014 Dan Patch Days limited edition commemorative button!

Jens

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