



DAN PATCH *Newsletter*

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2015 Dan Patch Days
Button

ANNUAL MEETING

*July 22, 2015
6:30pm
Heritage Room
Savage Public Library*

DAN PATCH



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*For more information
about our organization,
visit our website
www.danpatch.com*

DAN PATCH DAYS June 25-28, 2015

Dan Patch is featured on our limited edition collector button for 2015. The buttons are on sale now and sell for \$5 each at Razor's Edge Barber Shop, Savage Library and by mail (S&H apply.) 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 2015 Dan Patch Days button to win the grand prize of \$100 and will have the opportunity to ride in the grand parade on Sunday. If you purchase a button, you will also be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an intarsia, donated by Savage resident artist Jim Ryan or a blanket that has imagery of historic Savage.

We will have an educational booth once again at Community Park on Saturday from 3pm until 7pm. This is an opportunity to check out our display, buy a button, check out our other items for sale and meet our members who can answer any questions that you may have about Dan Patch and Mr. Savage. The drawing for the button will also be held Saturday evening and you do not need to be present at the time to win. 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, Mr. Savage and some of our members.



Winterfest 2014



Winterfest Proclamation 2014
From left to right: Santa, Mayor Janet Williams,
Jim Ross (behind Mayor), President Jens Bohn,
Will Williams and Mr. Savage (a.k.a Jed Williams)

Winterfest took place on December 4, 2014. Per tradition, some members of our board dressed in period costumes. They attended the lighting of the community tree and walked in the parade.

Savage
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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.

- A TIMELINE OF -
Savage, MN



1852
 First settlers arrive at Hamilton Landing

1857
 Hamilton is officially established as a town

1865
 New railroad tracks carry first train from Hamilton Station to Mendota

1880
 The Chicago and North Western Railroad Company builds the Savage Depot between the Minnesota River and what is now Hwy. 13

1904
 M.W. Savage builds the International Stock Food Farm (Dan Patch's stable) on the south bank of the Minnesota River
 Hamilton is renamed Savage in honor of the man who brought fame to the community

1902
 Marion W. Savage purchases Dan Patch for \$60,000

1906
 Dan Patch establishes the world record at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds by pacing the mile in 1:55 minutes

1923
 Charles Lindberg emergency crash land Savage due to severe

1916
 Dan Patch and Marion Savage pass away within 32 hours of one another

1942
 US Army opens Camp Savage a military intelligence language school
 Cargill begins building US Navy ships for in WWII

1951
 M.W. Savage Elementary is built

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)

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. Thank you for your support.

DONATIONS

The Dan Patch Historical Society now proudly has in its possession the Hoof Beats magazine from March 2015 that contains an article that honors Dan Patch Award Winners for 2014. Hoof Beats is produced monthly and is the official publication of the U.S. Trotting Association.

Also donated was the program from the banquet of the Dan Patch Awards held in Orlando, FL. The awards gala is named in honor of the great Dan Patch and sponsored by the USHWA (United States Harness Writers Association), recognizes not only the industries top trotters and pacers but also breeders and includes inductees to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame also contains a museum which boasts a vibrant and interactive Dan Patch display. Since 1988 Dan Patch champions have been named and this years best in class is JK She'salady, a two year old filly pacer.

All of this was donated by Kathleen Dempsey, a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the USHWA. These magazines and much more can be read, researched and enjoyed at the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library.

- 2 tote bags
- 2 programs from USHWA 2/22/2015 Dan Patch awards
- 2 Hoof Beats magazine, March, 2015
- 7 pocket calendars "USHWA Dan Patch 2015"
- 2 rubber horses from Golden Gro-Horse Supplements

Thank you to Ms. Dempsey for your generous donation and membership in the Dan Patch Historical Society.

Also donated was a 17 X 11 pencil drawing of the Savage Depot from Pat Leitchman of Prior Lake.
Thank You Pat.



Button History

The image on the button this year is from part of a postcard that Mr. Savage had made after Dan Patch won the pacer record of 1:55 at the MN State Fair in 1906.

New and Renewing Members

Linda Clausen,
Jordan, MN

Harry Delaney,
Dayton, OH

Kathleen Dempsey,
Pompano Beach, FL

Patricia Harter,
Angola, IA

Greg Lind,
Savage, MN

Tom/Debra Markus,
Iowa City, IA

Rita McKenna,
Clinton, CT





DAN PATCH FACTS:

Bred/foaled - 1896-1896, Oxford, IN (April 29, 1896)

Sire: Joe Patchen

Dam: Zelicka

Description:

- Color - mahogany with a small white star on his forehead
- Weight: 1165 pounds
- Height: 17 hands tall
- Girth: 73 ½ inches
- Shoulder measure: 73 ½ inches

OWNERS: Dan Mesner (1896-1901)
 M.E. Sturgis (1901-1903)
 M.W. Savage (1903-1916)

Mr. Savage purchased Dan Patch for \$60,000, the highest ever paid for a pacer defined as a horse with a gait in which the legs on the same side move together.

Record: paced a one mile track in one minute, 55 seconds at the MN State Fair, September 8, 1906

Retired: 1909 to the 700 acre International Stock Food Farm in Savage, MN

Died: July 11, 1916 (Mr. Savage died the next day.)

ITEMS FOR SALE

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



- Dan Patch Postcard.....\$1

- 2015 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.



TIMELINE HISTORY OF SAVAGE

Above is a picture of an eight foot banner of the timeline of the City of Savage from the early 1800's until today. With Marion W. Savage and Dan Patch playing a significant role in our history, it is interesting to see where they fit into the timeline. This timeline is a great way for new residents to understand how our city got it's name and view all the significant events that have happened here. To view the banner, visit the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library. See the back of our newsletter for the library's hours of operation.



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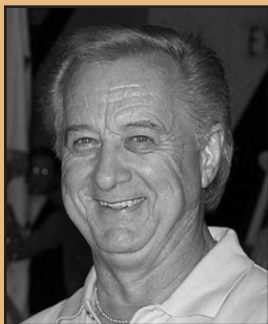
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**VISIT: Heritage Room/Museum
Savage Public Library
13090 Alabama Avenue, Savage, MN 55378**

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

We continue to promote the history of our city as we tell the story of Dan Patch, M.W. Savage and other topics of significance. We hosted a bus tour from Presbyterian Homes in Bloomington in March. They had lunch at the Depot and then came to the Heritage Room for two hours where we provided them with the history. They had many questions and even some memories.

We have partnered with the Savage Library and two classes at Eagle Ridge Junior High in Savage on a history project. The students will be coming to the library for a tour, history of Savage talk and interview residents about changes in their lifetime. More on that next time.

There will be a photographic exhibit at Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center in St. Paul that will feature Camp Savage. Titled "Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During WWII". It will be open free of charge from April 24-July 5 and August 25 until October 31.

Dan Patch Night will be August 23 at Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus, MN. It is a 5/8 mile harness racing track that opened in April 2008 when they unveiled a two story high mural of Dan Patch. They have a card room and live races from June thru August.

Let us all keep telling the story.

Jens