

Dan Patch & M.W. Savage



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Dan Patch Historical Society collects, preserves and disseminates historical knowledge

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GET YOUR 2022 BUTTON

You can buy your button at the Savage Public Library, Savage City Hall and at the Dan Patch Historical Society booth at Dan Patch Days!

COST: \$5.00

Why? A button gets you a chance to win!

FIRST PRIZE: HANDMADE, ONE-OF-A-KIND laptop quilt created and donated by Cathy Allen Bloomquist

SECOND PRIZE: BOOK/DVD "The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage"

THIRD PRIZE: 1950's COLLECTORS GLASS from the Savage Municipal Liquor Store

The drawing will be held Saturday, June 25 at 7:00pm at the Main Stage at Community Park.

You will be supporting the historical preservation and traditions of our great town! You do not need to be present to win. Button designed by board member, Tausha Chamberland, and her daughter Amber Chamberland. This button is a first, because it features the namesake of our city, Marion Willis Savage.



A sneak peek of part of the First Prize quilt!



GET YOUR LIMITED EDITION, COMMEMORATIVE 2021 DAN PATCH DAYS BUTTON!

As you all know, last year Dan Patch Days was cancelled due to Covid. However, a special button had been created and YOU KNOW YOU WANT ONE! Hey, collectors, don't miss this as ONLY 25 were made. The cost is \$25.00. Get it at City Hall, Savage Public Library or the Dan Patch Historical Society booth during Dan Patch Days.

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VISIT THE DAN PATCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOTH

Saturday, June 25 from 4:00pm-7:00pm

We'd love to chat! Come visit us at the Community Business Expo. Pick up a Dan Patch coloring book, an anniversary program guide from Dan Patch Days from 50 years ago, and more!

Also, there will be some great stuff for sale: books, decorative plates and more. We will be promoting our annual Membership Drive. In addition, there will be a Silent Auction with items including this unique Dan Patch burnt wood wall art.



HORSESHOE HUNT

The annual horseshoe hunt takes place every year preceding Dan Patch Days. A horseshoe is hidden somewhere within the city of Savage, on public property. Clues are available on the Dan Patch Historical Society's website (www.danpatch.com/horseshoe-hunt), in the Savage Pacer, at the Savage Library and the Savage Chamber of Commerce website. The annual horseshoe hunt has taken place since 1996 and has always been sponsored by the Dan Patch Historical Society.

Clues are released starting FIVE WEEKS before Dan Patch Days!

Remember to buy the Dan Patch Days button! If you find the horseshoe AND have a Dan Patch Days 2022 button, you'll win \$100! Winner gets to ride on the Dan Patch Historical Society Float. Plus, you'll get bragging rights of course!

PARADE

This annual parade is a time-honored tradition that brings wholesome fun and the community together.

Dan Patch Days Grand Parade will run from 11:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, June 25 in downtown Savage. Check out www.danpatchdays.org for parade route and full schedule of events.

Wave to the Dan Patch Historical Society Float! Our professional float will be near the beginning of the parade and features a life size replica of Dan Patch and a LIVE Mr. Savage (a.k.a. Jed Williams). We'll be throwing candy and celebrating our Horseshoe Hunt winner! Be sure to wave and smile!

For Sale

DAN PATCH ITEMS FOR SALE AT CITY HALL

8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday

Books: Images of Savage (\$24), Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage (\$15), Dan Patch Electric Railroad (\$15), International Stock Food Farm (\$25); Postcards (\$1); Pewter Holiday Ornament (\$10). Previous Dan Patch Days Buttons (\$5). Cash or check, tax included. Mail orders to DPHS, P.O. Box 1:55, Savage, MN 55378 (\$5 S&H apply).



From the Augustinack Archives

George Augustinack was an original member of the Dan Patch Historical Society and his family donated a trove of memorabilia after his passing in 2018. Here's one example:

An original full page laminated copy of page 14 of the January 6, 1903 evening edition of the *Minneapolis Journal*, shows a two-column wide picture of the newly arrived champion pacer Dan Patch. Purchased the month before by M. W. Savage for \$60,000, Dan is being escorted from the depot to his stable by trainer H. C. Hersey and Charles Gillen "who will care for the splendid animal."

A perusal thru the 7-column wide page reveals a glimpse not only of the sporting social life from 118 years ago, but also of medical issues & treatments of the day; employment opportunities that speak to the needs of employers; and real estate offerings at costs from a vastly different era.

One can read of Mr. Jack Munroe, a pugilist from Butte, who was in negotiations with the Vanity Fair burlesque company, who was appearing at the Star Theatre in St. Paul. Munroe was asking \$1000 a week as a vaudeville attraction (\$31,000 in today's dollars). The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce bowling team lost all 3 of its games, ranking them in the bottom of the standings. Updates were also provided on the Athletic Club's handball schedule, Hudson River ice yachting, and the Flour City Curling Club. An ad touted Optimo Havana Cigars, available in 40 sizes for 50 cents each.

If you had any medical ailments, you were in luck! Dr. Alfred L. Cole will cure "the very worst case of blood poison". It was thoroughly tested and proven. The treatment is administered at his offices on Washington avenue in Minneapolis. Dr. J. C. Curryer of St. Paul touted "the Whetzel system of asthma treatment". It "affords an actual and absolute cure for the disease." Ripans Tubules "are a common sense, effectual cure for indigestion, constipation, sour stomach, headache, ...and many other ills." Dr. Wyatt, of 230 Hennepin Avenue, claimed to be the oldest and most reliable specialist in the northwest. He provided "the cure of chronic, nervous, and private diseases". Not sure what these private diseases are but I would bet today's TV ads are loaded with every sordid detail about them with a drug to help (I love my DVR). The good Doctor could help not only men who suffered "from evil effects of youthful indiscretions" and excesses; but also, ladies suffering from "any form of female weakness, painful or irregular sickness". Patients were attended to personally and quickly restored to health, in strict confidence at moderate expense."

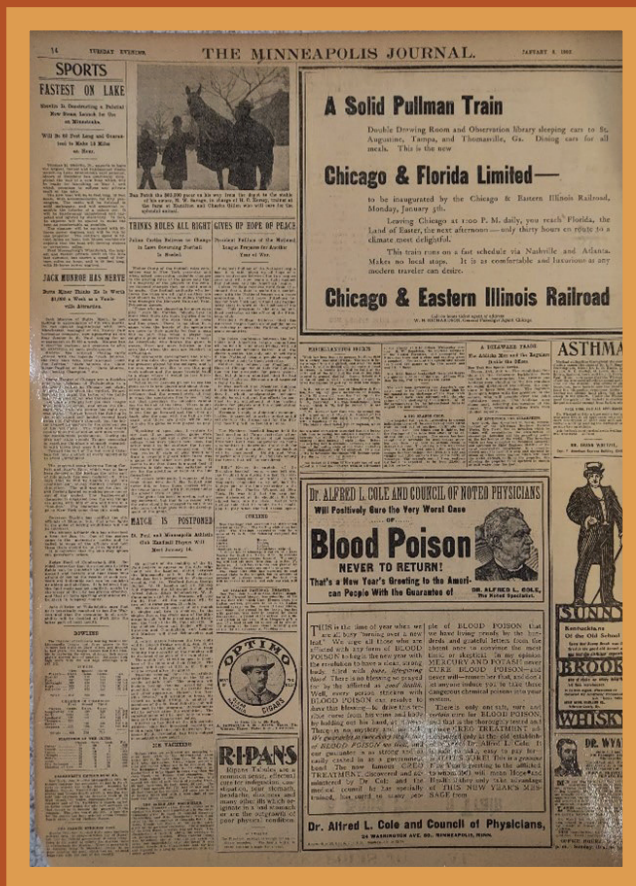
The reverse side of the page offers employment opportunities. Many were for a "good girl", a "young girl" or a "competent girl" for either general housework, laundry or as a chambermaid. Men were wanted for carriage painting, blacksmithing, or as a barber. If the barber was a "good worker and temperate...American preferred", good wages could be had.

Ads promote bargains for Lake Minnetonka cottage properties. Three hundred and fifty dollars could get you a large lot with a 6-room cottage in good repair with 110 feet of shoreline. "Ice, milk, groceries delivered at door every day in summer". Investigate at once, it won't last (I'm sure it didn't). Perhaps M. W. Savage himself responded to an ad in the sixth column towards the bottom: "560-acre stock farm that cannot be equaled. Cuts over 300 tons of hay...streams of water cross farm, splendid pasture, plenty timber...17 miles (from Minneapolis), railroad station half mile. \$18 per acre"!!

Perhaps society today has not changed all that much. We are still obsessed with sports and overpaid athletes; we are ever more focused on our health and love our pharmacy's; employment & employee issues we will always have. But I would sure like one of those 1903 priced cottages!

This piece of history can be viewed at the Heritage Room of the Savage Public Library

-Jim Ross, DPHS board member



Coming Up

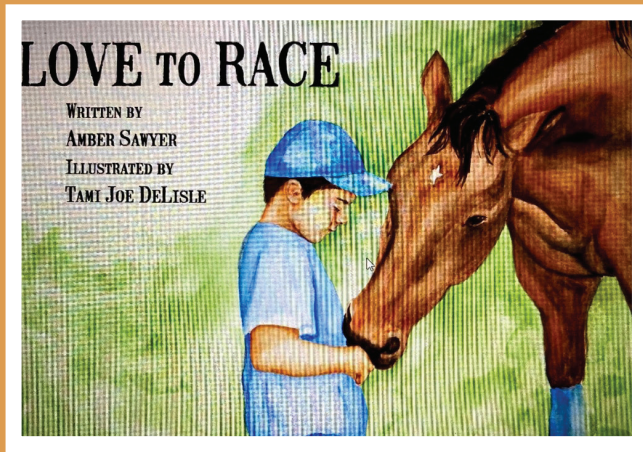
BOOK TALK

Amber Sawyer, author of children's book "Love to Race" will be at the Savage Library this summer. The Dan Patch Historical Society and the Savage Public Library are sponsoring this free event and there will be refreshments.

"Love to Race" is a story of the harness racehorse, Derek Bromac N. His crazy antics of always sticking his tongue out while being harnessed help to make him memorable. He was known as a horse that gave it his all!

When: August 13, 10:30am

Where: Savage Library



HARNESS TRACK EVENT

Running Aces will be hosting a harness track family event on August 14. Running Aces is located at 15201 Running Aces Blvd, Columbus, MN 55025.

Check out www.runaces.com for details.

FALL BUS TOUR

Join members of the Dan Patch Historical Society and the City of Savage Park and Recreation Department for a narrated historical tour of Savage.

Hop on the bus as we visit the Boiling Springs, Camp Savage, the Savage Fen, the Depot, the Heritage Room at the Savage Library and much more. We'll start and end at the Savage Library and visit the Heritage room to talk to members of the Historical Society. The tour will last approximately two hours.

For the date, time and details on how to register, watch for the Fall 2022 City of Savage Park and Recreation Fall Catalog or check their website at

www.cityofsavage.com/parks-recreation.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Dan Patch Historical Society Annual Meeting

July 21, 2022

Savage Public Library Heritage Room, 6:30pm

HERITAGE ROOM EXPANSION

The Savage Public Library Heritage Room will be getting an expansion. The City of Savage is planning to use some of its Federal ARPA money for doubling the size of the meeting room and the Heritage Room. The timeline and details are in development.

Things to Know

DPHS PROVIDES A HELPING HAND

The Dan Patch Historical Society loves to keep our town looking sharp! Our volunteers participate in the City of Savage Adopt-a-Garden Program on behalf of the Dan Patch Historical Society (planting and maintaining the two flowerpots at the Depot as well as the butterfly garden). A special thank you to Tausha Chamberland and Jon Allen.

MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

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

Please mail completed form and check to: Dan Patch Historical Society; P.O. Box 1:55, Savage MN 55378
Annual renewal date is listed in on the address label of your newsletter. Thank you for your support.

DAN PATCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW & RETURNING MEMBERSHIP

Dawn Bergman, Wilsonville, OR
Tausha Chamberland, Savage, MN
Kathleen Dempsey, Pompano Beach, FL
Ed Egan, Prior Lake, MN
Diane Kleinsteiber, Watertown, WI

Maureen McColl, Port Orchard, WA
Dr. Sue Myles, Anaheim, CA
Rob/Lori Fendler, Savage, MN
Barry/Lorna Stock, Savage, MN

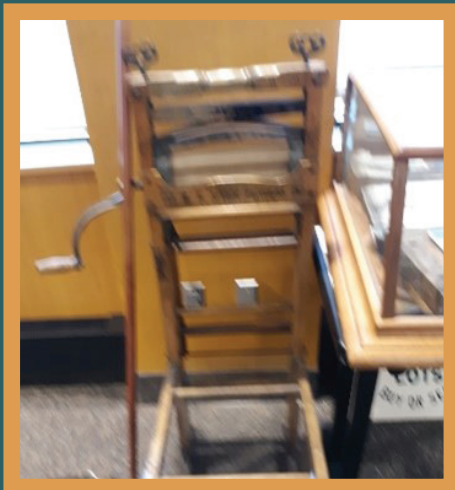
**WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, TELL A FRIEND ABOUT
THE DAN PATCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY!**

Recent Donations

Dan Patch Coaster Wagon donated by Dan/Susan Gilbert, Prior Lake, MN

Deck of Dan Patch Antiques playing cards, 1982 Dan Patch Antiques Calendar, 8 & 11 framed picture of Dan Patch "world's fastest pacer" with name plate "Dan Patch 1:55" donated by Barb Hegfors, Burnsville, MN. She was the Savage Public Librarian and Joe Egan gave these items to her.

And...Check out the following three items on loan to the DPHS. These are from the estate of Jens Bohn, long time President of the Dan Patch Historical Society If you have something you'd like to donate, contact: questions@danpatch.com.



M.W. Savage Company Wringer



Dan Patch Carpet Sweeper



Dan Patch Oak Stove circa 1912

VISIT US

**Heritage Room / Museum
SAVAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

13090 Alabama Avenue
Savage, MN 55378

HOURS

Monday 10am-6pm
Tuesday 12pm-8pm
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 12pm-8pm
Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

CONTACT US

questions@danpatch.com

www.danpatch.com

Library Phone: 952.707.1770

NEED A SPEAKER?

Let us know! We specialize in Dan Patch, M.W. Savage, and Savage, MN area history.

In person or virtual options available.

We speak for free, but a donation to the Dan Patch Historical Society is welcomed and gratefully appreciated.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

www.danpatch.com

See the latest news, read about Dan Patch, obtain back issues of our newsletter and more!

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