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Historic railroad depot restored and ready for downtown visitors

A beacon to Savage's earliest days is shining bright after a year of work by numerous individuals, organizations and businesses. Renovation of the historic Savage Depot is now complete.

The building, located near the Town Square parking lot north of 123rd Street, is the only structure still standing that dates back to the time of Dan Patch and his owner, M.W. Savage. The Depot served the railroad used to transport the famous racehorse and processed deliveries for M.W. Savage's International Stock Food Farm, located on the bank of the Minnesota River. It was moved from Savage to Murphy's Landing living history museum in the 1970s. Last year, the Depot was returned to the community through a grassroots effort led by the Dan Patch Historical Society and assisted by the City of Savage.

"We felt that the building was a connection to the history of Mr. Savage and Dan Patch," said Janet Williams, city council member and founding member of the Dan Patch Historical Society.

The Depot's renovation was funded through private donations and the sale of engraved bricks that now form a walkway to the building. Many in-kind services also were provided to restore the Depot and create an attractive gathering place in downtown Savage.

Visitors can enjoy a full menu of items sold by DP Coffee Depot, which is leasing space inside the building, as well as learn a bit of Savage's history by browsing the memorabilia and photos on display.

