



Dan Patch NEWS

Depot changes are happening daily

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Last Friday, there were 22 peeking at the depot and here's happening under the vigilant Rob Fendler of Fendler Patterson Construction:

Perhaps the most noticeable (and what is generating the most comments) is the paint on the exterior. That great job, done in the wee hours of the morning, is by J. B. Nelson and Sons. What a truly beautiful color and it matches perfectly to the original. Master Electric installed old -time looking exterior light fixtures all around the building. Hallquist Design designed the deck, ramp and steps. ICI (Brian Hess) did the footings for the deck. The deck looks like the old platforms on depots to load and unload passengers. Anchor Iron is designing a railing for the deck with a railroad motif. Jeanette and Steve Hentges donated the labor for all of the sidewalk work, with Cemstone providing the cement at 50 percent off the normal rate. Special thanks to city staff from engineering and public works for getting the site ready and for building the railroad track. Buckingham Disposal has provided dumpsters for all of this process.

The long-awaited installation of the engraved bricks will be completed by the time you read this. Jim Rynders laid the bricks and contributed half to the install. Now, if we can get the donations for the benches. Watch for the landscaping, community tree, the butterfly garden and landscaping to follow.

On the interior, a couple interesting things happened. The old wooden floor removed early in the process has been installed and refinished in the old reception room by Above All Hardwood Floors. Whiterock Construction Services caulked the old floor in the freight room. We are grateful to have been able to preserve both of these.

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