

DAN PATCH



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dan Patch's Day at Fair was Great! To the editor:

I want to thank everyone who made Dan Patch Day at the Minnesota State Fair such a tremendous success.

George Augustinack and Tausha Chamberland spent hours developing the booth and attending meetings with me with the fair staff. Their collection, plus part of my collection, Rob Fendler's collection and items from the Heritage Room at the library made for a great display. A Savage retailer provided the TV monitors and Mark Roberts of Eagle Creek Gallery framed the governor's proclamation which was presented to Mayor Tom Brennan and me by Rep. Duke Powell. Members of the Savage family and Mayor Brennan participated in the flag-raising ceremony. Thanks to Greg Lind for taking photos and for arranging to have the descendants of the Savage family there who came from as far as North Carolina and other parts of the east coast. And we had a great showing in the parade because Karl Bohn and his Percheron team of horses and wagon provided a nice place for the descendants, and Tom Gavinski and Perry McGahan drove their convertibles in the parade with members of our society and Amber and April Chamberland waving from the backseats. Thanks, also, to Will Williams, who made radio and TV appearances on our behalf, and to Tim Brady and Deborah Savage, who were there signing their books. The newspaper gave us great coverage.

Special thanks to our members who worked long shifts at the booth: Nancy Allen, Rob Fendler, George Augustinack, Tausha Chamberland, Greg Lind, Jim Ross, Jed and Jenny Williams, and Will and Janet Williams. We are grateful to the Dan Patch Days Inc. members who helped in the booth, too: Tom and Cheryl Brennan, Rodney Seurer, Mark Roberts and Jim Coan. Thousands came through to chat, ask questions and look. We had 5,000 commemorative buttons and coloring sheets to pass out, compliments of the fair. The St. Paul postal station at the fair had commemorative envelopes to cancel with the day and we sold postcards to be cancelled. The post office reported it was their biggest day ever!

So I guess we celebrated the 100th anniversary in grand style and I offer heartfelt thanks to all who helped make it happen.

**Jens Bohn
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