



Dan Patch NEWS

Depot Update

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Windows and new doors have been installed in the depot and work is continuing to restore the exterior siding. The effort is a partnership involving the city and the Dan Patch Historical Society.

As the siding has been removed, it afforded an opportunity to find out the true original color of the building. It was always thought to be brown, but it now looks like the original color was a brick red. So, after the siding has been replaced, that will be the main color, along with white accents on the windows and other moldings.

The restoration work has also turned up a few historical gems, according to Janet Williams, secretary of the Dan Patch Historical Society. Old newspapers were found under the floor, coal pieces have been found in the walls and some bottles from a bottling company in Shakopee have been recovered.

Williams said the newspapers and coal will be displayed in the old depot and the bottles will be donated to the Shakopee Historical Society. The fate of a mural found on the walls has yet to be decided. It was displayed in the depot when it was part of Murphy's Landing and appears to have no historical connection to Savage. So, the Historical Society is weighing a variety of options regarding what to do with it.

Also, the Historical Society's "Walk of Fame" that will greet people coming to the depot will be installed this spring, along with other landscaping around the depot site. The deadline for orders is Feb. 1, and more information or ordering a brick can be found at www.danpatch.com.

The Dan Patch Historical Society proudly works to keep the heritage of this community alive. This bi-weekly feature is a partnership with the Dan Patch Historical Society and the Savage Pacer. Information is provided by the historical society. For more information on the city's history, go to www.danpatch.com.