



# Dan Patch NEWS

## Celebrate Dan Patch at the State Fair

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If you saw the Minnesota State Fair insert in last Sunday's daily newspapers, you saw the official announcement of Sept. 2 as "Dan Patch Day at the Fair," which will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dan Patch's harness racing record set at State Fair Grandstand in 1906.

Members of the Dan Patch Historical Society have been meeting with fair officials for months to work out the details. We will have a big tent at the Grandstand Recognition Plaza and will be displaying collectibles from three collectors of Dan Patch and Mr. Savage memorabilia, plus some items from the Heritage Room at the Savage Library.

We will be participating in flag-raising ceremony at 11 a.m. and the parade at 2 p.m. Descendants of Mr. Savage will be participating. Also, Tim Brady author of the "The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage" will be autographing books. We will be selling copies of Deborah Savage's book, "To Race a Dream." Gov. Tim Pawlenty will be signing a proclamation declaring Dan Patch Day. So if you are planning to attend the fair, attend on Sept. 2 to show support for our history connection.

Also, author Tim Brady is going to be on Kathy Wurzer's (MPR 911) Morning Edition on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 9:30 a.m. and with Charlie Boone on WCCO 830 on Sept. 2 at 6:40 a.m. Will Williams of the Dan Patch Historical Society will be on Garage Logic with Joe Souchery on KSTP AM on Sept. 1, sometime between 2 and 5 p.m.

And Tim Brady has numerous book signings lined up, one at the Barnes and Noble in Burnsville on Sept. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., where he'll be autographing books.

## More depot news

By the time you read this, the depot will be on its foundation and soon will have a new roof. After it arrived the following companies have helped: ICI (Brian Hess and his crew did the footings), BNK (Neil Ess and his crew did the block work) General Waterproofing (Bruce Myrvold and his crew - Fred Reff - did the waterproofing and interior insulation), Fendler Construction (Rob Fendler and his crew put the roof back together), Reshetar Systems of Anoka for carpentry labor to get the roof pieces on, Alien's Towing and Crane and Ceco Crane for lifting the roof pieces. Turner Excavating (Kevin and John moved the roof pieces on flatbeds donated by Fabcon.) Please take time to thank them all personally for their donations.

*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.*

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