



## Opening nears for depot coffee shop

### Savage Depot renovation almost complete, Web site launched

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The grand opening of the coffee shop in the historic Savage Depot is still a few months off, but the virtual java is already brewing on the World Wide Web.

Annette Grant, owner of DP Coffee Depot, hopes the coffee shop will be a community gathering place and a focal point of the city's downtown revitalization effort. With that end in mind she's launched [www.danpatchcoffeedepot.com](http://www.danpatchcoffeedepot.com).

"I want to provide more information about what we're going to be doing with our beloved Depot ... [and] to let the world know that we are coming together to save this part of our history," Grant says in an introductory note on the Web site.

The depot was relocated from Murphy's Landing in Shakopee to Savage's downtown Hamilton District in July 2006 as a joint project between the city and the Savage-based Dan Patch Historical Society.

Built in 1880, the depot is known for being one of the last extant buildings frequented by Marion W. Savage, the turn-of-the-century entrepreneur after whom the city of Savage is named.



Originally located in Savage, the depot was purchased by Murphy's Landing in the early 1970s and brought to Shakopee. In 2000 the depot's owners determined they couldn't afford to maintain it and agreed to give it back to the city of Savage.

Grant, a third-grade teacher at M.W. Savage Elementary, signed a five-year lease for the depot with the city in January.

Since the depot relocation last summer, renovation has been relentless. In recent months, the city has had sheet rock and new windows put in, as well as heating and electrical systems installed.

The city still needs to paint the exterior, build the deck and do landscaping work. Grant is responsible for painting the interior and installing all the coffee shop equipment.

The hope on the city's end is that DP Coffee Depot will be up and running by late May or early June, according to Assistant City Administrator Scott Somers.

"We don't want it to be opening later than Dan Patch weekend," Somers said. This year Dan Patch Days, the annual summer celebration in Savage, is slated for June 21-24.

Grant doesn't anticipate that being a problem — she anticipates opening her doors for business by mid-May.

The coffee shop will have a staff of between 12 and 15 employees, Grant said. Employee applications should be available on the Web site in the coming week.

*For updates on progress at the Savage Depot, log on to: [www.danpatchcoffeepot.com](http://www.danpatchcoffeepot.com) . DP Coffee Depot owner Annette Grant is looking for residents to donate antique chairs for use at the coffee shop as a way of building community identity; family names will be inscribed on the back of each chair. If you have a chair you'd like to donate, contact Grant at (952) 445-0000.*