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DAN PATCH ITEMS
FOR SALE AT CITY HALL

The City of Savage is now selling the items for sale by the DPHS during their regular business hours. BOOKS: Images of Savage (\$24), Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage (\$15), Dan Patch Electric Railroad (\$15); POSTCARDS (\$1); Pewter Holiday Ornament (\$10). Cash or check, tax included.



DAN PATCH STILL WINNING ACCOLADES

Jim Ross

On Wednesday June 5th, 2019, at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Dan Patch was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall Of Fame (CHRHF). Dan's significant historical contributions, the honor he brought to the sport, and the records he set there from 1901-1905 were cited as the foundation for the recognition.

Dan Patch Historical Society (DPHS) board members Janet & Will Williams and I were in attendance. Janet, also the mayor of Savage, was invited to say a few words during the ceremony.

According to the Hall Of Fame (HOF) web site, the fastest pacer ever bred in Canada was Harold H. His record career time was a 2:03 ³/₄ mile at the age of 10. He won 87 heats of the 145 he raced in and was inducted into the HOF in 2015.

Dan Patch never lost a race; his record mile was 1:55; and Dan beat Harold H in 6 heats over 2 races and one match race.

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At the induction ceremony we had the pleasure of meeting John Stapleton, past president and current member of the Legends Committee of the HOF. John was instrumental in getting Dan on the ballot and explained to us that if Harold H is in the hall “how is Dan not in?” Thanks to John for your efforts on Dan’s behalf.

At the start of the ceremony a video was shown and can be seen at <https://youtu.be/gkbTwdMLE1o>, or search *CHRRH 2019 Legend Honoree-Dan Patch*. This video chronicles Dan’s career and record achieving exploits, and it contains a few pictures which we had not seen before. Janet then was invited to speak and she thanked the HOF for the invite and the opportunity to be a part of the induction ceremony honoring Dan & his legacy. She noted that prior to the City being named Savage it was called Hamilton, in a nod to the settlers from Hamilton, Ontario. She spoke of our mission to educate and share the history of Dan and extended an invite that if they are ever in town to visit the Heritage Room at the library and to come for Dan Patch Days, our community celebration.

The emcee, Jim Bannon, the vice president of the hall and an inductee himself stated that Dan was the ultimate underdog and that early on euthanasia was considered due to a problem with his left hind leg. As his career progressed he proved he was “a horse for the ages”, “incomparable” and it was “finally time” for Dan to be installed.

Other inductee’s included 6 people & four horses, 2 of which were jockey Trevor Ritchie who had 3710 wins and over \$70 million in purse earnings; and Tricky Tooshie who became the first Canadian sired mare to reach one million in earnings.

Janet, Will and I were all impressed with the efforts of the HOF on Dan’s behalf and we had a very enjoyable evening meeting & discussing Dan with our Canadian neighbors. The hall has acquired many pieces of Dan Patch memorabilia for their exhibit and the DPHS gifted the Brady book *The Great Dan Patch* and other educational material. Other pieces may also be gifted for display in their Hall Of Fame.

Special thanks and gratitude go to managing director Linda Rainey for the invite and for the gracious treatment of both Dan and us, also for the beginning of a great relationship between our 2 entities, and lastly for a great trip to our Canadian neighbors.

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DAN PATCH DAYS 2019 HORSESHOE HUNT



The Horseshoe Hunt winners found the shoe in Hidden Valley Park, won \$100 and the opportunity to ride in the parade on our float.

The 2019 button was a best seller with the first place winner of the drawing receiving a quilt designed, made and donated by Cathy Allen Bloomquist. Second place winner received a wine rack fashioned by Jim Ross, and made with wood from the historic Savage Depot. Third place winner received a glad from the historic Savage Liquor Store. Winners (pictured at right): Jan Jirik-Book; Holly Houske-Quilt; Anna Mueller- Glass; Nicole Ryskiewicz-Wine Rack

The parade was Saturday with the DPHS float leading the parade with the replica of the horse pulling a racing cart along with Mr. Savage aka Jed Williams from our society.



Winners Rick and Laura Brannen



WINNERS





Photo: 2019 DPHS Board of Directors

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of DPHS was held on July 18, 2019 at the Heritage Room of the Savage Library for the purpose of electing four directors from the floor for three year terms. Directorships subject to election were those currently held by Tom Brennan, Greg Lind and Jim Ross. All three were re-elected. There were three vacant positions to be filled. Barry Stock and Jon Allen were nominated and elected to fill unexpired terms and both are new to the board. Mr. Stock is a long time member and the retired Savage City Administrator. Jon Allen was born and raised in Savage and a descendant of the Allen family who were longtime business owners in the city and early members of the fire department. At the business meeting that followed the following officers were elected: Tom Brennan, President; Jim Ross, Vice President; Janet Williams, Secretary; Vern Bloomquist, Treasurer.

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