



# DAN PATCH

## *Historical Society*

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### MISSION

*The Dan Patch Historical Society preserves the history of the city of Savage, the horse, Dan Patch, and its owner, M.W. Savage.*

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## Donation Trifecta

### PHOTO BOOKS, DAN PATCH DOCUMENTS, SHIP DISPLAY

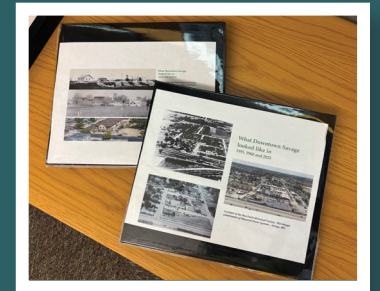
What a summer we've had for donations!

#### Downtown Photo Books

Volunteer Jack Kennelly knows a golden opportunity when he sees it. So, when Maverick Drone Systems in Savage approached the Dan Patch Historical Society and the Burnsville Historical Society for a project using their drone technology, Jack jumped at it.

"I proposed recreating the 1955 and 1960 aerial photos from the Del Stelling Collection, as well as documenting all of Savage at it looks today," Jack said. The idea resonated with Adam Shaw, owner of the company, because they have been based in Savage for 10 years.

Kennelly shared the aerial photos in the DPHS' files and collaborated with the staff at Maverick Drones to get 53 photos of downtown Savage. Kennelly presented photo albums of the completed project to the Historical Society Board this summer and now the books are available in the Heritage Room. He has also given digital copies of the photographs to the city of Savage and DPHS.



#### Dan Patch Documents

Joe Egan's oldest son, Ed, called this summer requesting to donate "memorabilia" that the heirs have left of their father's Dan Patch collection. Although there are no "items," per se, there are three small boxes of "very interesting" papers, brochures, etc. that will help us provide more detailed information for items in our collection.

#### Cargill Ship Display

Ed Reiners, the Dan Patch American Legion manager for many years, created a great display of the ships built at Port Cargill for the U.S. Navy during World War II. One time, Ed and Board Member Will Williams lead a discussion using Ed's display for the Twin Cities World War II History Roundtable. Ed said that someday he would donate his display to DPHS, but after he died in 2018, Will was not able to contact the family. This summer while Will was at the library, Ed's daughter showed up to donate his display. This is a terrific addition to our WW II Savage collection.

*The Board has extended its sincere appreciation to all donors for their contributions to the Dan Patch Historical Society. Do you have something you'd like to donate to our collection? Contact us via email at [questions@danpatch.com](mailto:questions@danpatch.com), or call 952-890-1669.*

# Wagner Family Wins 2025 Horseshoe Hunt

Patience paid off for the Wagner Family, which found the 2025 Dan Patch Days horseshoe underneath a storage equipment chest near the baseball fields at Summit Pointe Park.

"At first, we thought it was somewhere near Hamilton Ridge School because of all the references to Hamilton in the first clue," said Jamie Wagner. Also, the "take a bow" reference indicated to them that it must be near a baseball field. The second clue with its "Taj Mahal" references sent them to look in the "Images of America – Savage" book for more information as they continued to search in the same area.

The family didn't get out to search again until two days after the third clue had been released, and that clue pointed them to the opposite side of town, Jamie said. When they arrived, the reference to walking a trail toward the "orb with City of Savage," gave them hope that they were in the right park because of the proximity of the water tower.

Once they got to Summit Pointe Park, the Wagner's three children raced ahead, toward the baseball fields. They zeroed in on a baseball field equipment box with a big City of Savage logo on top. When they looked underneath the box, they could see something.

"My oldest convinced one of his younger sisters to stick her arm under the box," Jamie said. "It was dark and dirty, and they were convinced there were spiders in there, but she grabbed it. By the time we got there, they had it. We were there maybe two minutes, and the kids found it!"

Each of the Wagner's children were motivated differently to win this year's hunt. "The oldest wanted the money, the middle one wanted to ride in the parade, and the youngest just wanted to carry around the horseshoe all day," Jamie said.



**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEANING OF THE CLUES,  
PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE, DANPATCH.COM.**



*Marcella Joy Wilson from Savage won the Savage blanket. Pictured with her is her dad, Sean-Jon Wilson.*



*Chris Sullivan and his son Aiden won the Dan Patch Collector Plates. Fun fact: Chris' grandfather carved the intarsia pieces displayed at the library.*



*Jan Norenberg, who lives in Lynn Court in Savage, won the 1970 Dan Patch Whiskey decanter.*

# MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

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ANNUAL DUES:  Student (\$10)  Individual (\$20)  Family (\$30)  Benefactor (\$55)  Corporate (\$250+)

## When Do I Renew?

If you're wondering when to renew your membership, check the mailing label on your newsletter. In the upper right-hand corner, there's a date (month and a year) that has been highlighted. That's your renewal date. Complete the membership form (above) and send your check to: Dan Patch Historical Society; P.O. Box 1:55, Savage MN 55378, or drop it off at the library.

*Thank you for your support, and remember, memberships make great gifts, too!*

## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Jon Allen, Savage, MN

David Christopherson,  
Farmington, MN

Jack/Cindy Bergman,  
Watersmeet, MI

Bonnie Conrad, Glendale, AZ

Vern Bloomquist,  
Farmington, MN

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Savage, MN

Bernadette, Bonsell, Mt.  
Vernon, OH

Will /Janet Williams,  
Savage, MN

Joe Cade, Prior Lake, MN

Tausha Chamberland,  
Savage, MN



## VISIT FROM M.W. SAVAGE'S DESCENDANTS

In August, descendants M.W. Savage met with Will and Janet Williams at the Heritage Room and our storage room for a visit to learn more about the history of Dan Patch. Pictured here (from left to right) are: Sandra Hebert Perceval (daughter of Jean Savage), Maylys Venera (daughter of Cline Hebert), both from France, JC (John) Savage, Jr., of Excelsior, and Lucy Savage Uphoff of Minnetonka. Maylys recently turned 18 and was the driving force behind the trip to the Heritage Room to learn more about Mr. Savage. She has a horse of her own in France and accordingly has a keen interest in horses.

## IN MEMORY Cathy Bloomquist



Long-time member, Cathy Bloomquist, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2025. Cathy volunteered in the Heritage Room, helping to preserve Savage's history by keeping archives and files up to date. She used the skills she learned as a former librarian at the Savage Library to help others follow the best methods to organize our files and thus create a legacy of preserving our history for generations to come.

Cathy's husband, Vern serves as the DPHS treasurer, and her brother, Jon Allen, serves on the DPHS Board.

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## VISIT US

Heritage Room / Museum  
SAVAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13090 Alabama Avenue  
Savage, MN 55378

## HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

*Extended Access Service is available. Anytime the library is open, you can visit our museum. Extended Access allows residents and other Scott County Library Services cardholders aged 16 and older to use the Savage Library anytime from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. every day. Enrollment is required and can be completed with library staff during regular business hours.*

## NEED A SPEAKER?

Let us know! We specialize in Dan Patch, M.W. Savage, and Savage, MN area history.

In person or virtual options available.

We speak for free, but a donation to the Dan Patch Historical Society is welcomed and gratefully appreciated.

## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

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See the latest news, read about Dan Patch, obtain back issues of our newsletter and more!

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