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# DAN PATCH NEWSLETTER

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## 2020 DAN PATCH DAYS CANCELLED

Savage's annual summer festival celebrating the record-breaking racehorse is cancelled this year due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic. Dan Patch Days was scheduled to take place June 25-28. The Savage Chamber of Commerce announced the decision in conjunction with Dan Patch Days Inc. Savage residents have celebrated the history of Dan Patch with the festival since the 1950's. Events usually include a wine and craft beer tasting, pancake breakfast at the fire station, a grand parade in downtown Savage and a weekend of live music, games and food. DPHS created and sold the collector button, held a horseshoe hunt, had a booth and had a float in the parade featuring a life size replica of Dan Patch, Mr. Savage and the horseshoe hunt winners.

Dan Patch Days 2021 is scheduled for June 24-27 in Savage Community Park. Hope to see you there.



# DAN PATCH DAYS

## MARION W. SAVAGE ELEMENTARY TO BE CLOSED



Savage Elementary was built in 1951 in downtown Savage. In 1988 school was renamed Marion W. Savage Elementary School after a proposal to change the name of the school became a study of the history in the area. While some parents questioned the name “Savage” on a school, community members insisted the name remain. As a result, the school’s name was changed to include the full name of the city’s namesake. ISD 191 chose to close the elementary school effective June 2020 due to declining enrollment and age of the building. A sad day for our city.

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## DAN PATCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW / RETURNING MEMBERSHIP

In addition to Board Members, we have the following new/renewing members:

Nancy Allen, Savage, MN; Dawn Bergman, Wilsonville, OR; Bernadette, Bonsall, Mt. Vernon, OH; Bonnie Conrad, Glendale, AZ; Rob & Lori Fendler, Savage, MN; Bob & Thelma Glaspie, Oxford, IN; Carl Hanson, Tom & Deb Markus, Milwaukee, WI; U.S. Harness Writers Assn, Pompano Beach, FL.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail completed form and check to: Dan Patch Historical Society \* P.O. Box 1:55 \* Savage, MN \* 55378  
Annual renewal date is listed in on the address label of your newsletter. Thank you for your support.

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## DAN PATCH ITEMS FOR SALE AT CITY HALL 8:00a-4:30p Monday-Friday



Books: Images of Savage (\$24), Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage (\$15), Dan Patch Electric Railroad (\$15), International Stock Food Farm (\$25); Postcards (\$1); Pewter Holiday Ornament (\$10). 2019 Dan Patch Days Buttons (\$5). Cash or check, tax included. Mail orders to DPHS, P.O. Box 1:55, Savage, MN 55378 (\$5 S&H apply).

## DONATION SPOTLIGHT ~Jim Ross

The Dan Patch Historical Society recently received a complete volume of hard bound *Cargill News* Books donated by Mosaic, an original subsidiary of Cargill. If you recall from previous newsletter donations, the News was published monthly out of Cargill's main office in Minneapolis; reported on activities of both Cargill and its employees throughout the United States. The News chronicled the business of the day as well as small town Americana-snippets of an earlier era.

From the 1956 edition: *"Coal-Fuel for Minnesota Fires, the shiny black mountains have returned to Port Cargill. Spring has officially arrived and navigation in the upper Mississippi is open to ...barges plying its waters...the first barge load of coal made its way inland... the weather was blustery and temptations to use some of the cargo for fuel must have been strong."*

Joe Cade, a founding member of the DPHS also donated some literature; an illustrated Stock Book published by the International Stock Food Company. The catalog contains all things related to not only horses but all livestock. Feeds to make hens lay more eggs: "696 eggs from 12 hens in 61 days"! Also up for sale were potions and lotions to cure swine measles, and "consumption can be cured with Dr. Belding's Six Prairie Herbs Cough and Lung Remedy". And if your horse has a tendency to cut themselves on the barbed wire fence-see accompanying picture in the catalog of a rather graphic black and white rendering of a stricken horse- there is a "Silver Pine Healing Oil" that comes with a guarantee if it ever fails. The book also contains a rare black and white photo of M. W. Savage's summer home on Lake Minnetonka called Idylwild. Savage stands on the dock by his sailboat and one of 2 of the gasoline launches he owned-either Idylwild or Marietta.

Also received, from Pat Bohn, was a 1905 catalog, one of many published in the hey days of the Stock Farm. This publication focused more on the chronicles of M. W. and of Dan. Of interest is a picture of Mr. Savage with his wife Marietta canoeing around the race track oval at Savage's stables on the river. This was during the flood of 1905 and shows the water nearly to the top of the rail with a quarter mile post in the background.

Sue Benavidez donated a DVD and VHS of the movie, "Great Dan Patch," several other books, articles and letters for Joe Egan (longtime collector from Savage) written to her mother and father in L.A. CA and three matchbooks from the Dan Patch Inn. Gilda Hurley from Oranabee, Ontario, Canada donated a flip book.

Thanks to all for the many donations to the Society and when the pandemic is past us, please come visit the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library and sit for a spell.





Photo: 2020 DPHS Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

## DPHS Board Meeting

DPHS held its first virtual meeting on April 23. We cancelled the DP Days button and horseshoe hunt. We acknowledged many great donations. The Board agreed to publicize our items for sale that are available at the Savage City Hall and set the Annual Meeting for July 16 at 6:30 at the Heritage Room at the Savage Public Library.

## VISIT Heritage Room/Museum--SAVAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13090 Alabama Avenue, Savage, MN 55378

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs 10a-8p; Wed 1p-8p; Fri 10a-5p; Sat 10a-4p; Sun 1p-5p

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