



State fair looks to recognize Dan Patch

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Plans are in the works to recognize famed local pacer horse Dan Patch at the [Minnesota State Fair](#) this year.

State fair officials are looking to designate Tuesday, August 29 as Dan Patch Day at the fair, the Dan Patch Historical Society announced this week.

The anticipated Dan Patch Day falls just prior to the hundredth anniversary of the horses world record-setting mile run of one minute, 55 seconds on Sept. 8, 1906. Dan Patch set the record on the race track at the Minnesota state fairgrounds.

While some historical society members initially hoped that Dan Patch Day at the fair would coincide with the hundredth anniversary of the record-setting mile run on Sept. 8, this proved not possible, as the last day of the fair this year is Sept. 4.

Historical society representatives will be meeting with fair officials once a month until August to hash out details of Dan Patch Day events.