



Celebrate autumn, depot's return during Savage festival

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Savage, Minn. (Oct. 3, 2006) – Autumn Depot Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 21 to celebrate fall and the return of a historic railroad depot to downtown Savage.

Autumn Depot Fest will take place in the town square off 123rd Street in downtown Savage. The event is cosponsored by the Dan Patch Historical Society and the City of Savage.

The public is invited to enjoy a variety of beverages, treats and activities while getting their first glimpse of the Depot, which is being restored. Along with taking a tour of the building, attendees can view and purchase personalized bricks that will be installed in a Depot Walk of Fame when landscaping is completed next spring.

Festivities also will include a bake sale supplied by the MOMs Clubs of Savage, pumpkins by Cal's Market and painting demonstrations by Savage Art Studios. Complimentary coffee, hot cider and donuts also will be available. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to the Depot's restoration.

Free children's activities also are planned. Youth will have an opportunity to take a pony ride and sculpt their own Dan Patch horse. The first 100 children at the event will receive a free miniature pumpkin.

During the event, attendees will have a chance to make a voluntary contribution to the Depot's restoration, if they wish. The Depot was built in 1880 and served many needs of the International Stock Food Farm owned by the city's namesake, Marion W. Savage. (Savage also was the owner of the famous racehorse, Dan Patch.)

In 1970, the Depot was closed and subsequently relocated from Savage to Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. A grassroots effort led by the Dan Patch Historical Society and supported by the City brought the building back to the community last summer. Once complete, the Depot will house a coffee shop and historical memorabilia important to Savage's past.

More information about the Depot and its restoration may be found at www.danpatch.com. For more information about Autumn Depot Fest, visit www.cityofsavage.com or call 952-882-2660.