

# DAN PATCH Newsletter

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## 100th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

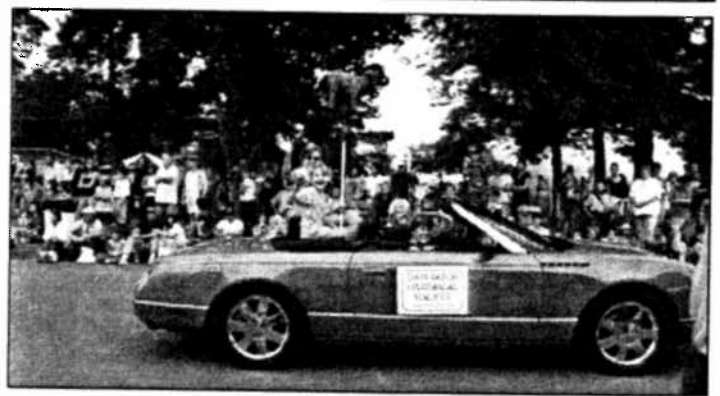
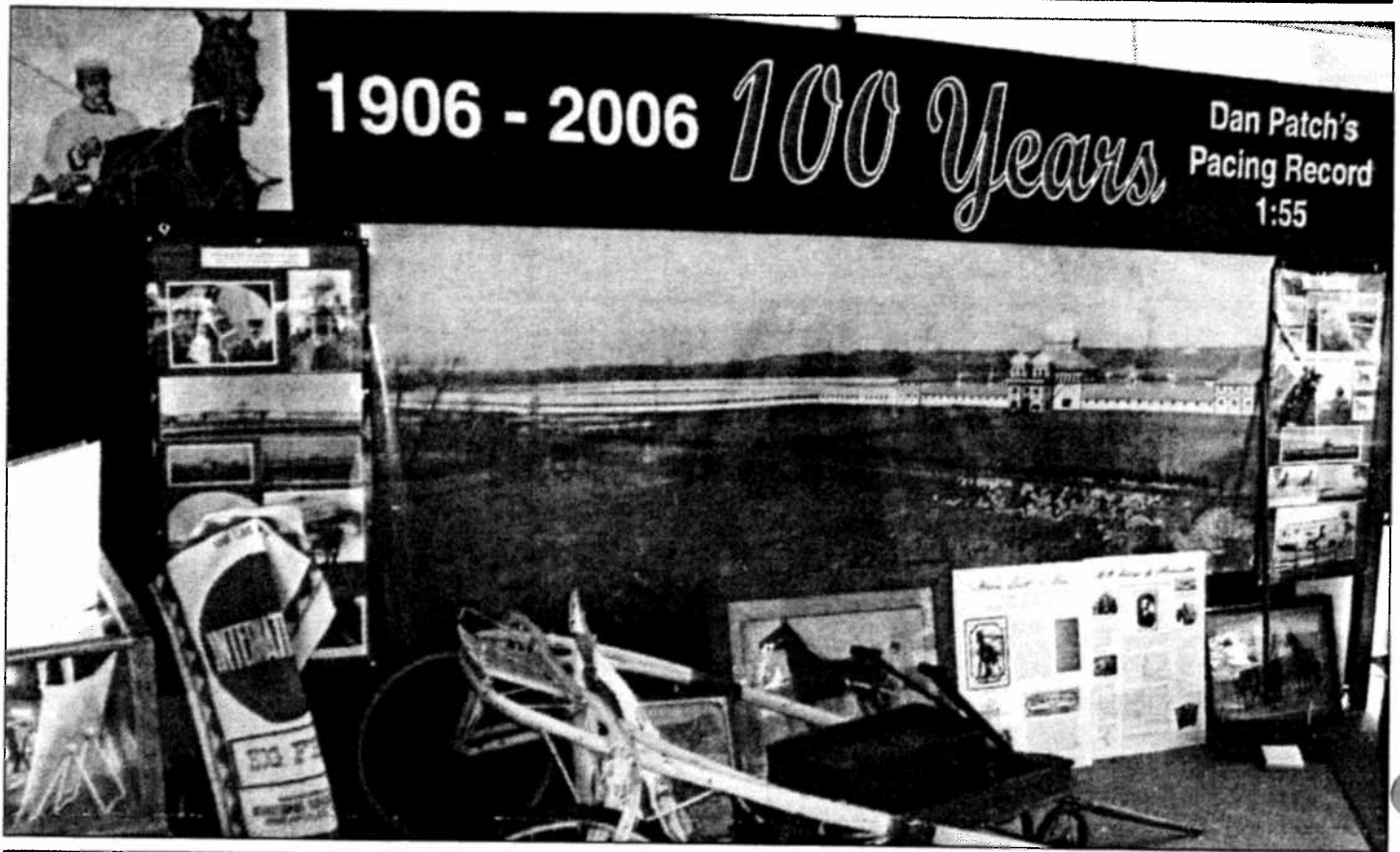
### 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

September 2, 2006 was designated as DAN PATCH DAY at the MN State Fair to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dan Patch setting the record complete with a governor's proclamation and postmarks at the United States postal station located within the fairgrounds. After months of meetings and planning the big day arrived. We provided a display to fill a 20 by 40 foot tent and the fair provided buttons and coloring sheets depicting the day. George Augustinack and Tausha Chamberland created the display of articles and photos not seen before. It included a 16 foot banner of the 100 years plus a 12 foot banner of the International Stock Food Farm. Jens Bohn displayed his vast collection including a M.W. Savage washing machine (circa 1924), a Dan Patch Wringer, a Dan Patch Oak (stove) circa 1912. In display cases he had a Dan Patch watch, knives, a padlock, many tins and a wagon. Among Rob Fendler's many items were another style wagon, a Dan Patch fire extinguisher



and a straight razor. TV monitors continuously played footage from the race 100 year ago and other interviews. Members participated in the flag raising ceremony, were presented a governor's proclamation and had entrants in the parade. Members of the DPHS wore shirts to identify them and were assisted by members of Dan Patch Days, Inc. to sell books and answer questions. In addition to selling the Tim Brady book, we had copies of To Race a Dream, a historical fiction set in Savage in the early 1900's written by Deborah Savage, great grand daughter of Mr. Savage. She came from MA and signed books. She and other descendants of the Savage family rode in the parade. Some came from as far away as North Carolina. Historical Society members from as far away as Arizona came for the big day. It was not unusual to visit with people from the Dakotas and Wisconsin. Thousands came to the booth which was open from 8AM to 11PM.

**Mission Statement:** The Dan Patch Historical Society was formed for the purpose of collection, preservation and dissemination of historical knowledge and artifacts about the horse, Dan Patch, and its owner, M. W. Savage.

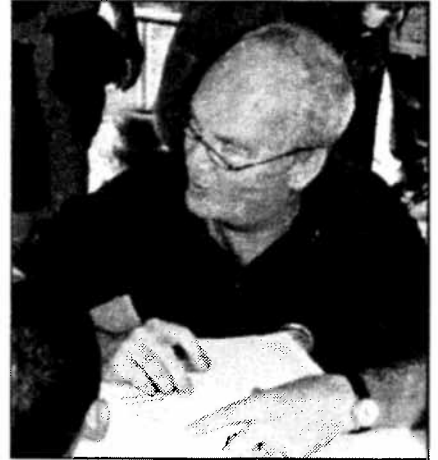


Flag raising participants: Savage Mayor Tom Brennan; Savage Descendants: James Colwell, Sara Colwell, Mary P. Colwell, Deborah Savage, Dylan Savage, and DPHS President Jens Bohn

State Representative Duke Powell presents the "Dan Patch Day" proclamation to DPHS President Jens Bohn.

## DAN PATCH DAYS 2006

Dan Patch Days this year was June 24 - 26 and was a great success. Tim Brady, author of the book The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage, was there to autograph his book which had just been released. The event was marred by rain but we still sold several books and talked with many people as they viewed our display. Beth Dale had her descendant of Dan Patch there for photos and petting.



Tim Brady signing just released book



Hurricane Jekyll leading the parade

On Sunday at the big parade, Dan's descendants led the parade and descendants of the Savage family rode in a covered wagon.

### THE DEPOT HAS ARRIVED!

The depot officially arrived at its new location on the town square in downtown Savage at 4AM on July 29. To accomplish the move, the roof was cut into four sections and moved on flatbeds. Lunak Movers moved the main part in the middle of the night. Its circuitous route from Shakopee to Savage, via Burnsville, took a little over two hours.

The depot is on new footings / foundation and waterproofed with the roof in place and new wooden shingles. Plans are being formulated and funding secured to replace the windows and the siding. Both will look just like the



original. The interior will be preserved as much as possible. We are keeping a list of all donations of money, labor and supplies. Those donors will be listed in our next newsletter in appreciation of their support. The city is in negotiation with a private party for a coffee shop to open in the spring.

## BRICK WALK OF FAME

The engraved bricks for the walk of fame at the Savage depot project arrived on August 28. We sold a total of 214 bricks - 151 of the 4 by 8 size and 63 of the 8 by 8. With a goal of 200 bricks, we are happy to report a total income of \$25,812. They have been safely stored until plans are finalized for installation. They will be officially installed and unveiled at the dedication and opening of the depot in the spring of 2007. For now, you will have an opportunity to view your brick at the Depot Fest on October 21 from 9AM until noon at the depot site, sponsored by the City of Savage and the Dan Patch Historical Society.

There will be pony rides, a bake sale, vendors selling autumn harvest items and we will be selling bricks and books. Our brick sale has been extended until February 1, 2007 for those who missed the original opportunity. Check the website or call 952-890-4152.

After the Depot Fest the bricks will be placed in the display case at the entrance of the Savage Public Library until they are officially installed at the depot.



Ms. Christen's 3rd grade class, at M.W. Savage Elementary, raised \$175 to purchase an 8x8 brick engraved with their initials. They are shown here on the depot site presenting the money order and brick form to Nancy Allen of the brick committee.

## The Dan Patch Award



### What is the Dan Patch Award?

Since 1966, one member of the MN 4-H horse project has been awarded the Dan Patch Award. The award is based on the individuals overall achievement, leadership and service.

In 1970 the family of the late Harold Savage, of International Sugar Feed Company of Minneapolis, provided the funds for the traveling plaque known as the Dan Patch Award. The plaque bears a picture of his father's famous pacer, Dan Patch, who set the world pacing record for the mile of 1:55 on September 8, 1906 at the Minnesota State Fair.

The accompanying individual plaques have been sponsored by the family of Harold Savage, and the Ralph Larson family, Annie Bucher and currently the Minnesota 4-H Association. Since 2005, a scholarship donated by Double-O-Farrier service, Cory "Ole" Olson, has also been awarded to the Dan Patch winner. This year the president of the Dan Patch Historical Society, Jens Bohn, had the honor of presenting the 2006 Dan Patch Award on September 14 to Joseph Dunleavy, son of Tim and Melissa Dunleavy of rural Spicer, Minnesota.

**OF INTEREST:****Members of the Dan Patch Historical Society:**

- spoke to the 4th graders at Glendale Elementary on September 14
- spoke to Mrs. Grant's 3rd grade class at M.W. Savage Elementary and accepted \$483 depot donation
- on July 30, in cooperation with the Savage Friends of the Library, sponsored a reading by Tim Brady of his book The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage at the Savage Public Library.
- met with owners of the new harness racing track in Columbus, MN
- met with a convention bureau representative about the possibility of having bus tours stop at the depot, Camp Savage site and the Heritage Room at the library with narration provided by historical society members
- had a booth at the Savage/Prior Lake Community Fest, September 18
- participated in Henderson on the River Day on October 7
- will speak to 5th graders at St. John's School in Savage on October 9, 23 & 30
- spoke at the Prior Lake Rotary Club on October 11
- will participate in Depot Fest on October 21
- will speak to the Bloomington MN Federated Women's Club on November 11

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

- Dan Patch Postcard.....\$0.50
- 2006 Dan Patch Days Button.....\$3.00
- M.W. Savage Storyboard.....\$75
- Dan Patch Storyboard.....\$75
- International Stock Food Farm Book  
\$25.00 (non-members) \$15 (members)
- The Great Dan Patch and the Remarkable Mr. Savage Book....\$24.95
- Dan Patch Electric Railroad Book...\$15 (non-members) \$12 (members)



Items available through the website, DPHS, or call 952-890-1669. Shipping & handling apply.

## 2006 Dan Patch Historical Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the DPHS was held on July 26, 2006 to elect two directors to the Board. Joe Cade and George Augustinack were re-elected to three year terms. The Board also decided to increase the Board from seven to twelve members. Nancy Allen, Tausha Chamberland, Greg Lind, Jed Williams and Will Williams were elected to fill the new directorships. At the Board of

Directors meeting the same night, Jens Bohn was elected president; George Augustinack, vice president; Janet Williams, secretary; Nancy Allen, treasurer. Special thanks to Joe Cade who has served as the treasurer since the DPHS was started in 1991. Thanks to Art Suel for his work on membership and mailing labels.

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### Donations

- Cargill News (1946) donated by Elaine Summerfield, Bloomington, MN
- Framed print of three horses donated and hung in the Heritage Area of the Library by Tim Casey, Nixa, MO
- Laminated fact sheets, newspaper and magazine clipping from WI, scrapbook of WI State Fair, scrapbook of DP Days 2006 donated by Diane Kleinsteiber, Watertown, WI

### New Members

Michael Simpson - Sharon Allen, Savage, MN  
 Jim Ross, Savage, MN  
 Al Anderson, Bloomington, MN  
 Justin Hamilton, Lakeville, MN  
 Bonnie Holtzman, Bloomington, MN  
 Irv & Lois Olson, Union City, CA  
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 Tom & Cheryl Brennan, Savage, MN  
 Chuck Erickson, Burnsville, MN

## Dan Patch Historical Society Membership Application

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues:  Student (\$5)  Individual (\$15)  Family (\$25)  Benefactor (\$50)  Corporate (\$250 & more)

*Please mail completed form and check to: Dan Patch Historical Society • P.O. Box 1:55 • Savage, MN 55378*

# From the President



It has been a year to remember. The Dan Patch book came out in June. We have a biweekly column in the local newspaper. Dan Patch Days was a success. The depot arrived back in town. We had a GREAT Dan Patch Day at the Minnesota

event a day to remember. The State Fair staff were somewhat surprised at the enormity of the event and the publicity we received. There was an article on the front page of the September 2, 2006 Minneapolis Star Tribune. We were on WCCO, KSTP and MPR radio along with Channel 9 and 11 TV. Local papers in Savage, Prior Lake, Shakopee and Burnsville had pages of photos and stories.

State Fair to commemorate, in grand style, Dan's 100th anniversary event.

Thanks for the memories,

I am most appreciative of each and every one who volunteered and worked long hours to make this

*Jens*

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