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Documentary about South St. Paul's Stockyards to Premier August 7 at Dakota County Historical Society

Interviews and footage chronicle city's former lifeblood

Inver Grove Heights, MN – Town Square Television and the Dakota County Historical Society are pleased to announce the premier of their documentary about the history of the South St. Paul Stockyards. The premier will take place Thursday, August 7 at 6 p.m. at the Lawshe Memorial Museum/Dakota County Historical Society, 130 Third Ave. N., in South St. Paul.

This collaboration is part of the Historical Society's current celebration of the Stockyards, which closed in April of 2008 after 122 years of operation. "We interviewed many of the men and women who worked at the Stockyards and got their first-hand impressions of what it was like to work in their related industry. It was obvious to me that they were proud of their work and what it meant to South St. Paul and the State as a whole," said Mark DeJoy, executive producer of the documentary.

The documentary also features comments from Minnesota Governor and South St. Paul native Tim Pawlenty, who shares his thoughts on the Stockyards and the future of South St. Paul. "This oral and photographic history of the Stockyards can be viewed by current and future generations who want to learn more about their community and remember its history," said DeJoy.

The video will play at the Dakota County Historical Society exhibit for two years and will be shown on Town Square Television Community Channel 14. DVDs of the program are also available for purchase from Town Square Television.

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