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ANNUAL BOWL-O-RAMA RAISES FUNDS
FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

SAUGATUCK, JUNE 12, 2009 -- A fun-filled competition among 30 local bowlers enlivened Lakeview Lanes in Douglas earlier this month at the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society's 2nd Annual Bowl-O-Rama fundraising party, netting more than \$3,000 to benefit the Society's Old School House project and Museum.

Funds were contributed primarily by community supporters who pledged to donate varying amounts per pins scored by their favorite bowlers, as well as team-registration fees. Teams and spectators alike enjoyed complementary food, "50/50" raffle drawings (in which ticket proceeds were shared equally by the winners and the Society), plus a wide variety of prizes contributed by 20 Saugatuck-Douglas businesses, ranging from store gift certificates and gift baskets to artworks, housewares and popular local outdoor attractions.

The Historical Society has been refurbishing the landmark Old School House at 130 Center Street in Douglas since early 2007, aimed at preserving and converting the building into a community Discovery Center where children and adults alike can explore the area's genealogy, history, culture, ecology and architecture through recreational activities, educational programs, special events and access to the Society's growing archive of local artifacts, photos, records and newspapers.

The Museum, founded in 1992, occupies the historic Saugatuck Pump House at 735 Park Street, along the west shore of the Kalamazoo River at Mt. Baldhead Park, a short walk north from the Saugatuck Chain Ferry landing. Offering new exhibitions every year, the Museum is open Noon to 4pm daily from Memorial Day (May 24) through August, then Saturdays/Sundays in September and October. Admission and parking are free. Tel: (269) 857-7900.

More information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House Discovery Center is available at www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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