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**FILM ABOUT COMMUNITY'S GAY INTEGRATION  
TO BE DISCUSSED AT AUG. 10 "TUESDAY TALK"**

JULY 30, 2010 -- "Everyday People", a forthcoming documentary film examining the Saugatuck-Douglas area's gay-straight integration, will be reviewed at the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on August 10 in the Old School House Discovery Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins at 11 a.m.; admission is free and public attendance is invited.

Filmmaker Jeff Croley, co-producer Bridget McCormack and editor Gregg Knollmeyer will introduce their film and explain its motivation, after which an excerpt of the film's rough cut will be shown. Croley is a high-school drama and visual arts teacher in DeWitt, Michigan; McCormack is an attorney and law professor in Ann Arbor and part-time resident of Douglas; Knollmeyer is a videographer and businessman in Ann Arbor.

Their documentary looks at why, how and when local gays and straights together managed to forge a cohesive community (as opposed to merely gay-tolerant) in an area that is otherwise traditional or conservative with respect to, for example, its religious heritage, partisan representation and small-town values. Audience participation is welcomed to enliven the discussion with comments and questions.

This two-year project has been part of a Historical Society effort to showcase gay history in the area by providing historical context. Historical Society Museum Chair Jim Schmiechen, who has worked on the sidelines with the project, calls it a "major breakthrough in identifying and documenting the evolving relationship between 'gay' and 'straight' in this community during the past half century or more."

This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by Saugatuck Brewing Company, Douglas, where some of the documentary's scenes were filmed, and its founder/president/brewmaster Barry Johnson, Mayor of Saugatuck.

Tuesday Talks with varying topics and sponsors will continue throughout the summer, concluding August 31, in the west exhibit room at The Old School House. Free but limited parking is available in the Old School House driveway, with more along Center Street and nearby side streets.

For a full schedule of Tuesday Talks, and more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House Discovery Center, visit [www.sdhistoricalociety.org](http://www.sdhistoricalociety.org).

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