**PHOTO ATTACHED: $3 Million Renovation Project**

**Enters Final Phase at Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth**

**Frankenmuth, MI – Oct. 9, 2012 -- Bavarian Inn Lodge** is entering the final phase of a $3 million renovation of its Family Fun Center planned for completion Thanksgiving 2012. Contractors from R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. have been hard at work for nearly six weeks, building an 80-foot tower that will house two water slides, and preparing the indoor landing area.

Local officials, Lodge staff and .R.C. HendrickR

media gathered today at 10:30 a.m. to watch as the 6,000 pound conical roof was raised 4 stories to cap the slide tower. Perched atop the roof will sit an 8 foot high cupola. At this roof raising event, an Evergreen Tree was hoisted up and mounted atop the tower (the cupola will be erected later). The mounting of the tree is a long-standing tradition of the contractors and workers to alert the owners that the structure is enclosed and it is time to celebrate with a luncheon for all the workers.

Work crews are currently onsite with daily activity taking place in preparation for the mid-November debut. While two pools are closing down for the expansion, three pools remain open at the seven-acre, multi-faceted resort as it continues to host guests, providing the highest customer satisfaction standards in the industry. Swimming, video games, 18-hole indoor miniature golf, and Ratskeller Restaurant activities and food service are unaffected during the remodeling.

Since its opening in 1986, the Bavarian Inn Lodge has undergone six phases, expanding the number of lodging rooms to 360 and adding a full service conference center. The Lodge has celebrated more than 1,600 weddings and thousands of special events and meetings.

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