



Pat Burke (left) of Kincheloe, who is a slot machine attendant at Kewadin Shores Casino, teams with Dave Welch, a slot machine technician from St. Ignace, to set up slot machines in the new gaming room.

## New Gaming Room To Open

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Paquin of St. Ignace, who represents Unit 3.

Mr. Wilson said that of the 500 employees who worked on constructing the hotel and casino complex, approximately 80 percent

## Rudyard History Group To Meet

*Sears Homes To Be Topic*

Judy Hamilton will be the speaker at a meeting of the Rudyard Historical Society at the Rudyard Community Center Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Hamilton will give information about her Rudyard home, which is a Sears Roebuck modern home built in the early 1900s by N.L. Field, one of Rudyard's early leading citizens.

The historical society is doing research on Sears Roebuck homes and is seeking information about which homes in the community were ordered from mail-order catalogs.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The evening will include refreshments, a raffle, and a bake sale.

The Community Center is at 18725 South Mackinac Trail.

## Walk for Warmth Planned at Sault

Faith Works! and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency will host the Fourth Annual Walk for Warmth Saturday, October 21, at Avery Square in Sault Ste. Marie. Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. Proceeds from this event provide financial assistance for emergency heating needs to residents of Chippewa County.

Volunteers are still needed for this event. Persons interested in volunteering or walking may contact Scott Nelson at (906) 632-3363 or Bob Ferguson at (906) 635-0097.

# Les Cheneaux Chamber Honors Business, Citizen of Year

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manager. Mr. Sherlund and Willie and Bob Sutton incorporated the business as Cedarville Foods in 1981.

Changes over the years reflect customers' changing tastes and trends. A store advertisement in 1947 promotes frozen foods.

"I think now there is a lot more emphasis on convenience foods," Mr. Sherlund said.

Scanning package codes at checkout is one of the most significant changes.

"I think we were one of the first stores to have scanning in the eastern U.P.," he said.

Pallet loading, Mr. Sherlund said, greatly reduces the time needed to unload product from trucks. Distribution trucks were once unloaded by hand, and what took four to five employees to accomplish can now take less than one hour with one worker. Partially processed meats reduce the time it takes to put meat on the shelves.

The store stocks some products not typically found in rural grocery stores, like fresh shallots, polenta, pine nuts, and local maple syrup



The 2006-2007 Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Board includes (back row, from left) Amy Ross, Todd Lysinger, Dan Autore, Joanne Waybrant, Dana Torsky, Mike Patrick, Tom Haske, Marti Hart; (front row) Diane Graul Patrick, Marcia Perkins, and Jon Steinbach.

and honey, because customers ask for it.

"The customers are really the determining factor," Mr. Sherlund said. "You have to be willing to change with the times."

Competitors now include gasoline stations, convenience stores, discount chains, and even hardware stores, which stock items once only found at the grocery store.

Mr. Sherlund credits his employees with the success of the business.

"The big thing is really the ded-

ication of the employees," he said. "I always tell them we carry the same product as the next store, but the difference between us and them

are the employees. We make the difference. Not the can of beans we carry."

## Workshop To Give Grief Support

"Grief and the Healing Process: Understanding Your Loss" is a series of six meetings to be offered in Cheboygan Tuesday, October 24, through Tuesday, November 28, by Hospice of the Straits.

Meetings are open to anyone in

the community who has experienced the loss of a loved one, and are designed to provide a deeper understanding of any loss and the means of reconciling the loss into normal, everyday activities.

For scheduling information or to register, call (231) 627-4774.

## Church To Offer Horsemanship Event

A cross-training horsemanship program will be offered by First Union Church of Cedarville Saturday, October 14, at 4 p.m.

The program will take place in the parking lot behind the church on Hodeck Street.

Horse trainer Chad Coppess will integrate horsemanship in a

program that demonstrates religious teachings and Christian values.

The program is free, and the public is welcome to attend.

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