

Aviation lessons take place on the ground

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Joanne Hackett takes a turn in the pilot's seat.
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Stepping foot onto the Greater Rochester International Airport's 1,100 acre campus, Woodcrest Commons residents embarked upon one of the most interesting adventures they've ever experienced. And it all took place without even leaving the ground.

At the Army National Guard Aviation Unit, residents took turns sitting in the cockpit of "Baby Bird," a Black Hawk Helicopter for which each blade costs \$350,000. Residents also

toured a Chinook helicopter called "Big Bird" which can carry 33 people. The

Chinook's engines cost \$1.5 million each and the engine can run on any flammable material.

In addition, residents visited the Airport's fire department and spent some time on the runway in a bus watching planes land and take off. During a visit to the security and communications area, residents checked out the

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Pictured here are Woodcrest Commons residents Barb Frielinghaus, Joanne Hackett, Alma Coles, Kathy Hart, Anna Callon, Activities Director Lindsay Lown and resident Rosemarie Klos. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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over one hundred and fifty cameras on site. The tour also included a stop at the baggage area and a meet-and-greet with Saavy, a K-9 trained to

sniff explosives.

"Our tour guide enjoyed us so much and spent an extra two hours with us," said Lown. "It was so much fun!"

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