

# Teams compete in annual DePaul Senior Olympics



**West Extra**  
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The Bills vs. Patriots wasn't the only big rivalry in western New York recently. On Oct. 19 DePaul Senior Living Communities held their 11th Annual DePaul Senior Olympics, bringing teams from Rochester and Buffalo together in friendly (but fierce) competition at DePaul's Recreation Center on Buffalo Road in Rochester. "The winners get a very large trophy that sits in their lobby for the year and residents take great pride in it," said Lindsay Lown, an activities director for DePaul, a private, not-for-profit organization that provides services to over 5,000 people annually in a range of areas from addiction prevention to senior living.

This year's winning DePaul community was Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta. They competed against teams from four other DePaul Senior Living Communities — Westwood Commons in North Chili; Horizons in Canandaigua, Ontario County and Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda and Glenwell in Cheektowaga, both in Erie County.

Events challenged both body and mind and included a spelling bee, word search, shuffleboard, golf putting, bean bag toss and Wii Bowling.

Lorraine "Renie" Stanbrook, a member of the winning Woodcrest Commons team, placed first in ladder



Woodcrest Commons Senior Olympics team included (front row, left to right) Renie Stanbrook, Bill Cummings, Rosanne Bourne, Diane Urban, (back row, left to right) Marketing Director Tanya Passarell, Activities Director Lindsay Lown, Activities Assistant London-Paris Sanders, Doug Kurlan and Andrea Heath. PROVIDED

golf, a lawn game played by throwing bolas onto a ladder. This was her first time participating in the daylong Olympics and she's already looking forward to next year.

"I liked that everybody got together and was friendly," said Stanbrook, whose daughter came to cheer her on. "Everyone gave everyone high fives, it was really, really nice."

For Lown, the spirited event is always a highlight of the year.

"It's a great time for our residents to meet, mingle and make new friends," she said. "It's also a great ego boost for them; they're very proud of their accomplishments and should be."

### Congratulations to these field bands

The 45th annual New York State Field Band Conference championships were held at the Syracuse University Carrier Dome on Oct. 28. Over 4,000 students from 50 field bands from across the state competed.

Congratulations to the following west side, high school bands for their fine showings: Hilton, 2nd place and Greece, 5th place in the Large School 3 category; LeRoy, 4th place in the Small School 3 category and Medina, 2nd place in the Small School 1 category.

Several east side bands also did well, including Webster, 8th place in the Large School 2 category; East Irondequoit, 8th place in the Small School 1 category and Victor, 5th place in the National category.

For a complete listing of winners visit nysfbc.org.

### Pick of the Week

Do you love old barns? If so, you'll want to attend a presentation on their history by the Clarkson Historical

Society at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Clarkson Historical Society Academy building, 8343 Ridge Road in Clarkson (the building is a beautifully restored school house built in 1830).

During the presentation titled "Those Engineering Marvels Called Barns," old-house enthusiast and historic building expert Chad Fabry will share how these unique, local structures were designed, constructed and used. He will also talk about the history of the techniques used by the carpenters, their tools and their materials.

The talk is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

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