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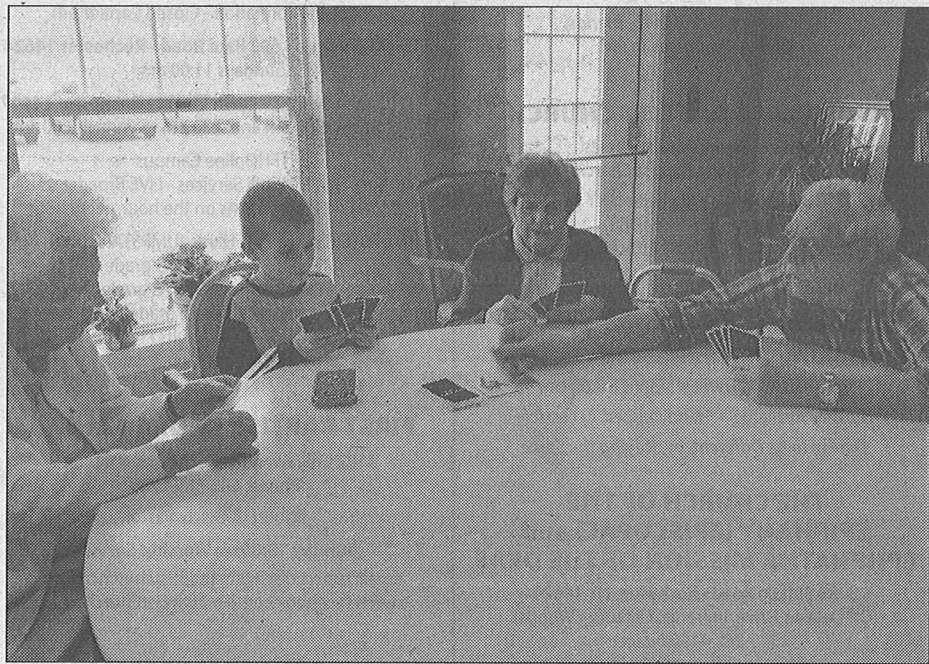
# Five brothers bring smiles to senior residents

Once a month, a group of five brothers spend time playing games with residents at Westwood Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Chili. Brothers Jared, Cameron, Joshua and twins David and Daniel range in age from 15- to 8-years-old. The boys' mother, Christine Ziegler, began seeking a place for her sons to volunteer about four years ago.

"I wanted them to learn how to serve," she said.

The residents actually helped her youngest three sons learn math and the alphabet and her sons have gained confidence and a comfort level with seniors citizens, she said.

"It's kind of a win-win situation," said Christine. "We have formed some wonderful relationships and my boys



**The Ziegler brothers play cards with some of the residents at Westwood Commons in Chili.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

really look forward to it." Activities Director Cathy Toney said the boys have made an impression.

"The residents are waiting for the Ziegler

brothers when they arrive," she said. "They truly love these young men."

Cameron, 13, said he really enjoys meeting new people and playing games with residents.

"Afterwards it feels good just helping people out and doing good life stuff," he said.

— Submitted by  
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