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## Daniel Boone comes to Wesley Manor

### Fabled frontiersman part of Pioneer Days



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Residents of Wesley Manor were entertained Thursday afternoon by America's finest frontiersman, Daniel Boone, a.k.a. Danny Russel of Indianapolis.

Wellness Program Director Carol Crum said she booked the actor as part of the community's Pioneer Days, developed to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial.

Crum originally scheduled the Boone presentation solely, she said, and then decided to add a

historical display and other elements to the event to make it more fun and entertaining.

A pioneer wagon, old bottles, quilts, and other props were placed at the front of the building and in the main lobby to connote the event. A Wesley Manor resident also contributed her grandmother's 1913 wedding dress for the display, said Crum, who was dressed in pioneer attire for the day.

"We want to celebrate

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◀ **'STUBBORN CUSS':** Fabled frontiersman Daniel Boone, a.k.a. Danny Russel, shares his legendary exploits with residents of Wesley Manor Thursday. The Boone reenactment was part of the community's Pioneer Days organized by Wellness Program Director Carol Crum.



**BOONE-DOGGLED:** Residents of Wesley Manor listen to the exaggerated exploits of Daniel Boone, a.k.a. Danny Russel, who portrayed the frontiersman Thursday as part of the community's Pioneer Days.

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Indiana's birthday," she explained, adding that a wool spinner had also visited to demonstrate the old-fashioned craft. "I've been through several barns to find different items," she noted.

Russel portrayed the legendary pioneer enthusiastically, dressed in pioneer attire and armed with his flintlock rifle and knife. "Every pioneer needs a good gun, a good horse and a good wife," he said.

"My daddy always told me, 'Son, behind every successful man, there's a woman ... rolling her eyes,'" he quipped, eliciting laughs from the Wesley Manor residents assembled in the Social Center for the presentation.

Boone, for which Boone County, Indiana, is named, is credited with settling Kentucky due to the trails he blazed while hunting and trapping.

"I'm a stubborn cuss," he told the audience. He added that his family were Quakers, but he and his father

were of a slightly different variety.

They were "fighting Quakers," he told the group. "In life, you need to know three things: When to run, when to stand firm, and when to hide."

When his mother worried he would freeze one frigid winter, Boone assured her, "Mama, even taters wouldn't freeze with this much dirt on 'em!"

In addition to interpreting Boone, Russel also impersonates Abraham Lincoln and James Whitcomb Riley, as described on his website, [famousoosiers.com](http://famousoosiers.com).