

Army Brass Quintet performs at Kenwood Health and Rehabilitation

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Brass renditions of military anthems and other beloved songs wrang out through the halls of Kenwood Health and Rehabilitation. The musical performance was part of a special celebration marking Independence Day and America's 250th Anniversary for the residents at Kenwood. It was the first time ever that the 202nd Kentucky National Guard Army Band Brass Quintet had ever performed at a nursing home.

Several staff members were decked out in their most patriotic attire for

the event, and in keeping with the 4th of July theme, grilled hot dogs were served a variety of refreshments, even beer. Administrators at Kenwood say that events like this are an important part of maintaining health for their residents.

"We have a great activities program. We really believe in keeping people busy and active and socialized," said Hope Smith, the facility's administrator. "Quality of life is what it all comes down to... We do a lot of big events. If you were at home, you would probably do something for the 4th of July. Socialization is huge — doing those fun



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Residents at Kenwood Health and Rehabilitation are often treated to celebrations like the one held on July 2.

things you would do even if you weren't in a facility. It all just comes down to making sure our residents have a good quality of life.

The 202nd Kentucky National Guard Army Band first reached out to the folks at Kenwood about performing. As many veterans call the facility home, the performance was all the more fitting.

"We are so glad to be here to celebrate America's

250th birthday. We have several different types of music on the program today that I think you'll enjoy... It's our way of saying thank you for your service," said Staff Sergeant and trumpet player Ryan Fagan.

Smith said that listening to music and other familiar activities can be particularly helpful for residents battling alzheimer's or dementia.

"For all of our patients, and definitely those with

alzheimer's or dementia, these things have occurred their entire lives. So even if they don't remember all of these things, just having something familiar can bring up memories. They may end up talking about stories from when they were younger or traditions they have with their families. It's very important," Smith said.

According to Smith, nursing homes or other

facilities like Kenwood can have a bad reputation. That stigma is part of the reason why she and her staff put so much thought and care into taking care of their residents.

"It goes for all of our activities and events and holiday celebrations. Our staff just really love what they do. They love brightening the residents' day and putting smiles on their faces," Smith said.

Old Parsonage hosting KY Chautauqua performances



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Betsy B. Smith will perform as Jemima Boone this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Old Parsonage of Andrew Tribble.

Submitted by Russell Reichenbach
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Betsy B. Smith performs JEMIMA BOONE this Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. in the Old Parsonage of Andrew Tribble at 2191 Boonesborough Road in Richmond. This performance is from Kentucky Humanities Chautauqua sponsored by The Society of Boonesborough. Tickets are \$15.

Jemima Boone is the first of six Kentucky Chautauqua performances at the Old Parsonage — each on the second Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. This is in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday.

Jemima Boone, the fourth child of Daniel and Rebecca Bryan Boone, was

born in North Carolina on October 4, 1762. Destined to live a life beyond the borders of civilization, she helped pioneer two American frontiers: Kentucky and Missouri.

Typical of pioneers in the era, Boone endured heartbreak and suffering almost unimaginable to modern Americans. One of the most well-known stories to come out of Kentucky's pioneer

past involved 14-year-old Jemima. In July 1776, Boone was kidnapped by a group of Native Americans. Her father led a search party that caught up with the captors and rescued the girls after three days in captivity.

In 1777, Boone married Flanders Callaway, a union that lasted nearly 50 years. Together with the other settlers at Boonesborough, they

endured times of terrible suffering, facing starvation, cold, and the ever-present fear of attack.

Future performances include William Wells Brown, August 9; Mary Todd Lincoln, September 13; Adolph Rupp, October 11; Mary Settles, November 8; and Loretta Lynn, December 13. For ticket reservation, call 859-358-8427.

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at 11:00 am

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the recent flooding in Madison County and surrounding areas, Silicon Ranch is **postponing the community meeting** previously scheduled for July 7, 2026, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Dreaming Creek Brewery regarding its proposed solar project. Our thoughts are with all those affected by this devastating event. Silicon Ranch is supporting local disaster relief efforts during this difficult time. A new meeting date will be announced at a later time. We appreciate the community's understanding and look forward to meeting with residents in the future during a rescheduled date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9-9:45 AM, IN-PERSON WORSHIP 10:00-10:45 AM AND 11:00-11:45 AM

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