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Singing in nursing home is sweet music to Johnny Cash impersonator



Johnny Cash tribute artist Loren Wolfe performed his Man in Black riffs Thursday for residents of a Mankato assisted-living facility. Pat Christman



“I’ll do this until I can’t pick up a guitar and stand on my own,” says 60-year-old Johnny Cash impersonator Loren Wolfe. Pat Christman

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MANKATO — “Hello, I’m Johnny Cash.”

For 45 minutes in an assisted-living facility dining hall, anyway.

Loren Wolfe used that trademark intro Thursday to launch into his well-honed impersonation of the Man in Black for an audience of varying attention spans.

Take the four folks up front, for example.

One clapped along to songs, two napped and one read the dinner menu.

But the 60-year-old tribute artist from Shakopee just rolled with it because nursing home gigs are his forte.

“I don’t care if they fall asleep. I’m comfortable in my own skin,” Wolfe said.

“Sometimes a person who’s comatose will break into singing ‘Folsom Prison Blues.’ Sometimes the magic touches them, and boy, when that happens it’s a genuine moment.”

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