

## AT THE HOP

### White Oak residents, staff kick up heels at sock hop

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Nursing homes and assisted living facilities can be thought of as places with little activity.

That was not the case last Thursday during White Oak Manor of Kings Mountain's sock hop, which featured oldies music from Crimson Rose.

"We wanted to do a '50's day and we wanted to do a sock hop," White Oak Activities Director Kathy Payne said.

So Payne asked White Oak employee Debbie Terry if Crimson Rose, of which she is a part, would perform.

Residents and community members danced during the band's performance.

People of all ages were seen dancing as the band played.

"Our staff really loves our residents," Payne said. "And they'd just do about anything in order to make them happy, to have a good time."

Although not a staff member, one person that was trying to make others happy was Betty Williams.

Williams' mother is a resident at White Oak and she was there to visit her and dance with other residents.

"I enjoy it," Williams said about the time she spends with the residents. "When I'm here with these patients, I feel at home. I feel like I belong here. This is where God wants me."



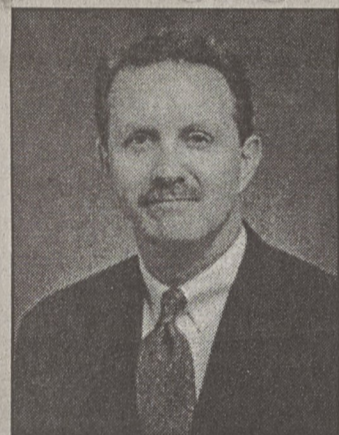
BEN LEDBETTER / HERALD Charles Alexander left, and Marie Rhodes (above photo) take a break during last Thursday's sock hop at White Oak Manor.



BEN LEDBETTER / HERALD White Oak Manor resident Jewel Leigh, left, and visitor Betty Williams dance at the sock hop last Thursday.



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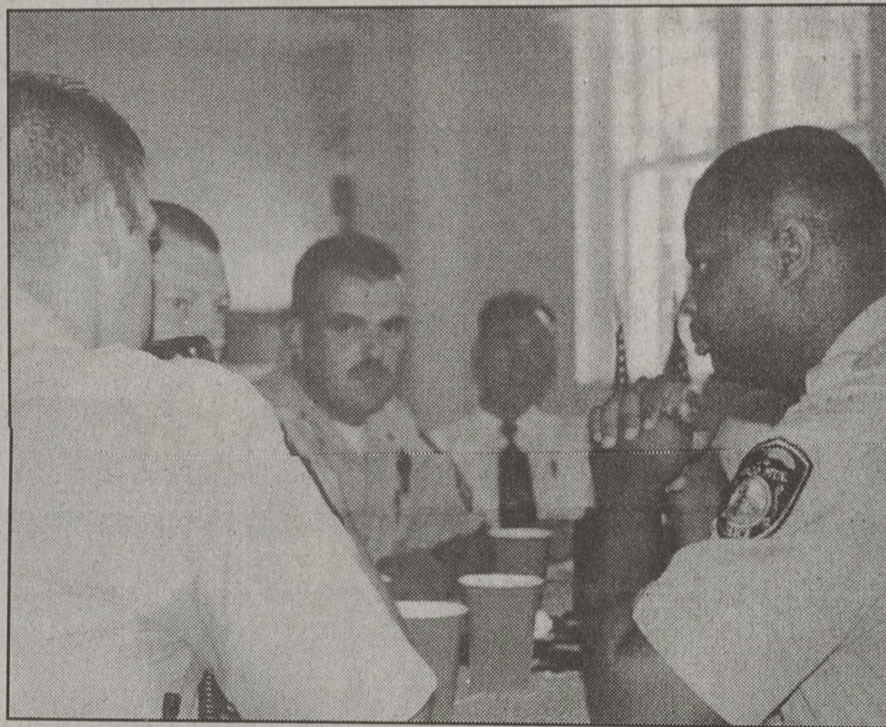
said Wednesday's lunch, while not a specific September 11 observance, will honor emergency workers yearly.

"We feel like we can serve these guys by giving them a good meal every year," she said. "And this year just happened to fall on 9-11."

Wednesday was the second time the club had provided lunch for emergency workers that serve the Kings Mountain area.



David Allen of the Highway Patrol talks to Lou Ballew of the KM Woman's Club (top photo) and members of the KMPD enjoy their meal at Wednesday's 9/11 lunch at the Woman's Club to honor Kings Mountain civil servants.



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