

Cookout gives thanks to EMS workers

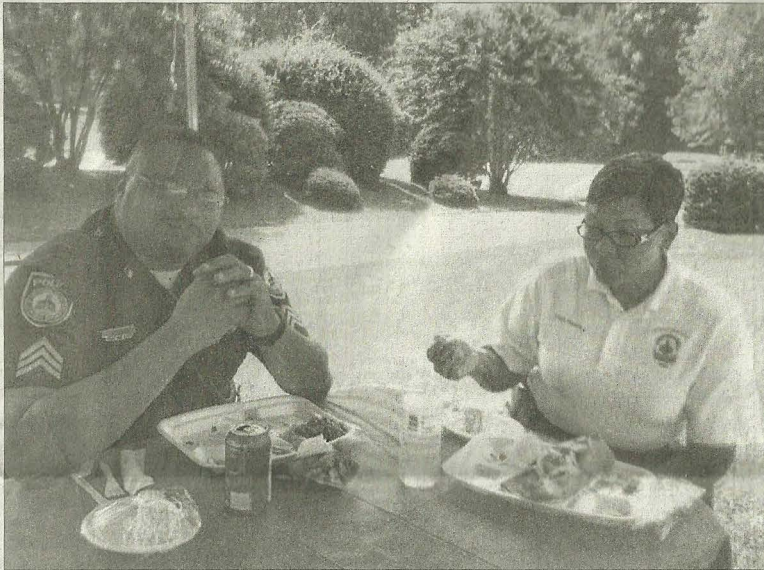
From staff reports

LINCOLNTON — As part of a National Assisted Living Week celebration, **Heath House**, a senior living community in Lincolnton, recently honored Lincoln County emergency service workers with a cookout lunch and cake. About 50 fire, police and ambulance personnel attended the lunch, making this year's event the biggest yet. "This is our way of giving back to the community that provides a safe and happy place that we call our home," said Katelyn Davis, activities director.

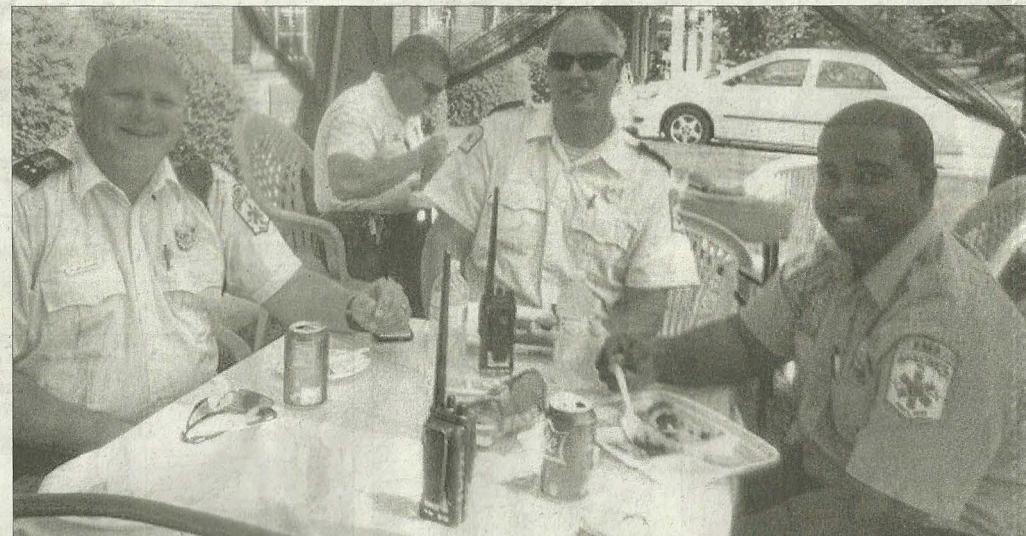
Held Sept. 12, Davis said, the event was also hosted to honor the lives of those emergency service workers who lost their lives on 9/11.

Sherriff Carpenter said it is humbling for individuals serving in emergency services to have the support of our business community.

"We are so appreciative of the act of kindness from the staff at Heath House as they took time away from their busy day to prepare lunch for us," he said. "Words sometimes can't totally express our gratitude for the staff and wonderful meal that day."



Lincolnton Police Sergeant Spencer Summers, left, and Captain Cynthia Monday attend the appreciation cookout on Sept. 12 at Heath House. Katelyn Davis, activities director, said the event was also hosted to honor the lives of those emergency service workers who lost their lives on 9/11.



From left, Lincoln County EMS Matt Williams, Sheriff David Carpenter (background), Paul Dupree and Shawn Denny enjoy a cookout at Heath House during National Assisted Living Week.