

## Queen of the Day

Photo by Kevin Walker

Dottie Jordan poses with her husband Jackie on Friday, Sept. 12. She is sporting a crown because she was queen on this day; it was her 79th birthday. Jordan, who is widely known and admired for her volunteer service, was feted throughout the day by friends, family members and those whom she selflessly gives her time to.



## Fundraiser to help stop domestic violence

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On Sunday, Oct. 5, Next Step Ministries, Inc. will host its "Cut-Out the Violence" fundraiser at The Factory, 210 N. Main St. in Kernersville, from 1-5 p.m.



Proceeds from the event will support the operation of Next Step's domestic violence safe house and assist in providing services to victims of domestic violence.

During the fundraiser professional stylists will give haircuts for a donation to the agency. There will also be music, clowns, face painting, children's activities, a silent auction, food, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale.

In addition, there will be a "Hug-a-Hound" area to support Next Step's Pet Haven Project, which provides safe housing for pet victims of domestic violence. Some of the four-legged attendees will include "Bling," a longhair chihuahua; "Bindi," a

French bulldog; and "Elvis," an English field cocker.

If you would like to schedule your hair cut or have questions regarding the event, call 336-996-8878.



John Archer and Ela Feliz heat up the dance floor.

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### Art

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She's had her paintings displayed at several exhibits. One of her three paintings on display at Delta Arts was sold during the opening. It was only the second time she'd sold a piece.

"When I do art, I don't feel like I'm making art for myself; I'm just making art for other people to enjoy and see," she said.

Sculptures and paintings by Durham artist Kayla Garcia are on display. Her work focuses on a timely subject - domestic violence. The Meredith College graduate said she is a full-time artist on top of her full-time day job. She plans to open her own gallery, Kayla Rose Studios, next year.

"My father is Mexican American and my mother is Irish, and I'm very happy to know (Hispanic Arts) asked me to join," said the Texas native. "I love the culture, the Latino culture in general, and also showing the rest of the world what these people from all these different countries are doing."

Gustavo De Los Rios, a native of Columbia, has two large octagonal surrealist paintings on display. A professional artist for more than three decades, he currently has a studio at Artspace in Raleigh. He said making a living as artist can have its ups and downs.

"It's like being a monk; It's being like a priest - you have to have faith," he said with a laugh.

He said he loved the variety of pieces and



Kayla Garcia with two of her pieces.

artists at the Delta show, his first in Winston-Salem. He said the exhibit showcases the large Latino arts community

that is starting to gain more exposure and recognition.

"Ten years ago, you would never see a

Hispanic show in Raleigh. Now, the whole thing is starting to flourish," he said.

Quander, whose been Delta director since March, was over the moon about the large, diverse crowd at the opening. She says it showed that the community wants to support Delta Arts when given a chance.

The Delta Arts Center is located at 2611 New Walkertown Rd. and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday. Learn more at [www.deltaartscenter.org](http://www.deltaartscenter.org) or by calling 336-722-2625.



## Volunteer help needed

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Volunteer Fire Departments in Forsyth County are actively seeking new members - men and women who want to learn new skills, form lasting friendships and make a difference in their community.

These fire departments cover all of Forsyth County except for Winston-Salem and Kernersville. Volunteer ranks have dropped about 20 percent in recent years because of changes in employment patterns and other population shifts that impact the ability of volunteers. The result is that these departments are forced to supplement their volunteer crews with paid personnel. That increases the cost of fire protection but is necessary to maintain staffing and comply with insurance regulations.

"Volunteer fire departments have proven to be the most economical way to provide fire protection, and during the current economic conditions we want to ensure we can maintain the same level of service at the same cost," said Matthew Guffey, an engineer with the Lewisville Fire Department.

Volunteer firefighters respond to fires, traffic accidents and other emergencies in their coverage areas. Calls have steadily increased, up five percent last year, and residents throughout Forsyth County rely on these dedicated men and women to protect their property. The firefighters feel justifiable pride in their service and knowing that when they respond to a call, they are putting others first. While most volunteers have other full-time careers, some use this initial training as a springboard to becoming a career firefighter.

Interested applicants don't need expertise - just a desire to learn. All the training and equipment is paid for, and the commitment after certification is typically only a few hours a week. Firefighters don't have to live in an area served by a volunteer fire department. Residents of Winston-Salem and Kernersville are also encouraged to apply. The Forsyth County Fire Department's new web site - <http://www.forsythfirefighters.org/> - uses an applicant's address to match him or her to the closest volunteer fire department.

## In Memory of Wesley Y. Johnson

August 13, 1946-  
September 22, 2009



In secret I weep, in silence I cry as each lonely hour and day passes by. There's only one thought that eases my pain, and it's knowing that we'll be together again. I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain, to walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.

Your mother, Alice

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