

Jump 'N Java creates scholarship

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FORT MILL TOWNSHIP — Jane Walters thought the best way to memorialize her husband Doug was to set up a scholarship for students pursuing his passion.

"He had a passion for food," Walters said of Doug, who died Dec. 29, 2007, after battling lung cancer.

Doug Walters was the head chef at Jump 'N Java Cafe/Bistro 160 Catering, the business the couple opened nearly a decade ago. Jane Walters hopes to help students interested in the culinary arts as a career pursue their dreams.

The \$1,000 scholarship was offered for the first time this semester to Fort Mill High School seniors. Next year,



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Rachel Lucas, Jami Sherwood and Mallory Walters prepare strawberry shortcake sold at Springfest to help raise money for a culinary arts scholarship fund created to memorialize Mallory's dad.

another scholarship award will also be available to seniors at Nation Ford High, which did not have a senior class this year. Students should consult their guidance counselors next year once school starts for information about the scholarship and its requirements.

The fund is being administered through the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools, and Walters plans to hold periodic fundraisers to continue paying for the scholarship.

She held the first one at the May 3 Springfest, where Jump 'N Java staff served up gourmet strawberry shortcake.

A committee led by Fort Mill High Culinary Arts teacher Joy Holshouser will select the student to receive the scholarship each year, Walters said.

In addition to her late hus-

band, Walters also took inspiration for the program from one of her employees. Jessica Wieser, a Fort Mill alum, has been working at Jump 'N Java for the last six years. She began while still in high school, and has stayed with the restaurant through her studies at Johnson and Wales.

She has taken over Doug Walter's spot as head chef, and is studying nutrition at Winthrop University.

"I thought the best thing to do was set up a scholarship for a culinary arts student," Walters said.

Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made at Jump 'N Java, located at 1646 Hwy. 160 West, or through the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools by visiting www.foundationforfortmill-schools.com.