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HAWES planning another revamp

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The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem has received a half-million dollar grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to explore ways to breathe new life into Cleveland Avenue Homes and Sunrise Towers.

Working with residents and community groups, the Housing Authority says a plan will be developed to not only alter the decaying housing complexes, but infuse the area with economic and educational resources. Committees, which residents will be asked to serve on, will be formed to address housing, employment, health and safety.

"We are working with local community groups, churches, hospitals, municipalities, nonprofit groups, universities and community colleges ... on (the) committees to determine what are the underlying problems, what are some of the solutions and what the community should look like," said Housing Authority CEO Larry Woods.

The agency touted its goal on Saturday, Sept. 27 during a daylong community celebration in Cleveland Avenue Homes – a sprawling public housing complex off 14th and Liberty streets.

"There were over 400 individuals that participated," Woods said. "It was very positive. We had vendors there that had never before come into the community and they were very excited. The community was very pleased that someone was trying to take a look at their situation and trying to improve it."



Woods

The Cleveland Avenue area has been a focus of the Housing Authority recently. It built and opened The Oaks at Tenth (Street) this year exclusively for working public housing clients. A block away, construction vehicles are making way for another complex – Camden Station. Both projects are sandwiched between Cleveland Avenue Homes and Sunrise Towers – an aging high-rise for senior citizens and those with disabilities.

Combined, The Oaks at Tenth and Camden Station cost about \$9 million – money that was mostly secured by the agency through bank loans. Whatever plan is devised for Cleveland Avenue Homes and Sunrise Towers will be much more costly. Woods is hoping the agency will be eligible to apply for a federal Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant, which he said could be between \$17 million and

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Voters to give verdict on trial process

Amendment asks if defendants should be allowed to waive jury trials

BY CHANEL DAVIS
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Voters will decide on how some criminal trials are carried out.

A ballot amendment asks residents to vote for or against changing the state constitution to allow those accused of crimes the right to waive a trial by jury and allow a judge to decide their fate. Jury trials would still be required in all cases with the possibility of a death sentence.

Last year, the General Assembly approved the ballot amendment after then-Sen. Pete Brunstetter of Forsyth County introduced the bill. Brunstetter left the Senate in December to serve as Novant Health's chief legal officer and general counsel. He could not be reached for comment.

The state constitution currently states that "a person accused of a crime and who is not pleading



Kami Simmons

guilty to that charge cannot be convicted unless a jury decides the person is guilty."

If the amendment is passed, those waiving their right to a jury trial must state so in court or in writing. A judge would then have to sign-off on the request.

Wake Forest University Law Professor Kami Simmons said that



Frederick Adams

the amendment is important for several reasons.

"It results in greater freedom of choice for accused persons, but could also result in greater efficiency and improved court administration. While many defendants may still choose to have a trial by jury, there are some situations in

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Noelle Brown tosses a football as her mother, Marcella, looks on.

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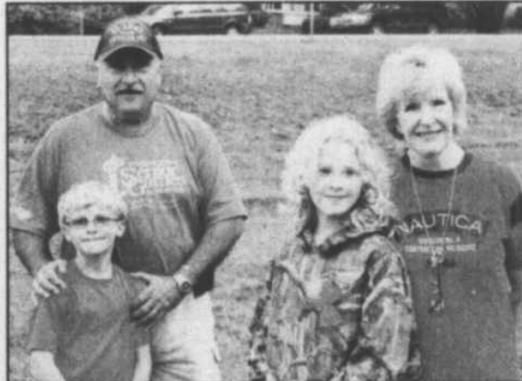
A GRAND TIME

Grandparents compete alongside their grandkids

BY TODD LUCK
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Intergenerational teams of grandparents and grandchildren competed in a variety of sports at Miller Park Saturday during the Second Annual Grand Games.

About 15 teams competed. Kids ages 6 to 14 were coupled with either their grandparents or other adult. City Recreation and Parks' Adult Recreation



John and Cheryl Valenzuela with their grandchildren, Ian and Alex Capps.

Program Supervisor Chuck Vestal said the Grand Games grew out of the popular Senior Games, which pits older adults against one another

in sports and arts and crafts events. "What I see happening, the fun part about it, is instead of the grandchildren hanging around

being on the PS3 and X-Boxes, they're out here with their grandparents, learning something," said Vestal. "They've never heard of bocci before and they're enjoying that."

In addition to bocci, a sport where players try to get a ball close to a smaller ball, the teams tested their skills at football tossing, basketball shooting, horse-shoes and corn hole (bean bag tossing).

The rules and set-ups were similar to those used during the Senior Games. For example, basketball goals were lowered for easier shooting. Other rules were tweaked to allow for scoring by pairs

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Complicated Past, Present and Future

Panel tackles Palestinian/Israeli conflict

BY TODD LUCK
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A panel of professors and clergy gave their takes on the reasons behind the decades-old conflict between Palestinians and Israelis on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Wake Forest University.

Divisive issues were tackled, including whether Israel has committed war crimes and if a two state solution – or any solution – is possible to quell the con-

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Imam Khalid Griggs speaks as Rabbi Dr. Andrew Ettin listens.

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