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NEWS RELEASE

Basketball Fever Begins in Creedmoor: Greenup Camps Basketball Clinic Scores!

As basketball season starts throughout NC, children from the Granville and Wake Counties came to Creedmoor to train with Greenup Camps this past Saturday and Sunday. The Greenup Camps Basketball Clinic is a joint collaboration between The City of Creedmoor and Greenup Camps. This new recreation program is indicative of the Creedmoor's commitment to improving recreational programming for children and families of southern Granville County.

LesLee and Anthony Greenup, who is better known as "Airport" and plays for the Harlem Globetrotters, are currently building a new home in the Creedmoor community and plan to soon relocate their family to this area. When they came to the City to discuss their interest in reaching out to their new community, City Officials and Staff were immediately receptive to collaborating on the program. This type activity is consistent with the City's programming goals and previous requests from citizens to increase recreation opportunities.

Greenup Camps and City Staff began planning efforts in September and held the Clinic over the weekend. It was a huge success with enrollment reaching the maximum allowed on both Saturday and Sunday. Boys and girls filled the old Creedmoor High School Gymnasium in Creedmoor. Mayor Darryl Moss welcomed participants and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance; he was even seen shooting a few shots with the children and coaches as they warmed up for the basketball training.

Greenup Camp coaches included other Harlem Globetrotters, professional players, college players, and various other citizens interested in volunteering. Guest speakers included the great Clyde "The Glide" Sinclair and Professional Player Hayward Fain. The coaches focused on instructing the children on many topics and maneuvers ranging from the importance of self-confidence and education, to handling the ball and shooting techniques. The sounds of whistles blowing, squeaking rubber gym shoes, cheering, and clapping filled the gym and were reminiscent of how times must have been back when student athletes of Creedmoor High School used the gym.

City staff just completed a small rejuvenation project that included refurbishing the gym floor, new paint for the interior walls and restrooms, and new signage. These improvements were greatly needed but they required closing the gym while crews worked. This interrupted practice sessions for independent leagues and the other recreation activities like the walking program for

the South Granville Senior Center. The gym is their primary facility for walking and indoor recreation activities. The City extends much appreciation to Cheryl Carrier and the patrons of the Senior Center for their understanding and patience during the refurbishing project, and hopes that they will too enjoy the fresh look of the gym as they resume their recreation activities.

The City and Greenup Camps plan to offer another Basketball Clinic in the Spring of 2012. Once the schedule is confirmed, more details will be available on the City's website (www.cityofcreedmoor.org) and the Greenup Camps website (www.greenupcamps.com).