

Chapel Hill's annual World Tournament turns 60

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The Chapel Hill Elementary Tournament began in Spring of 1962, later becoming the World Tournament in the 1970s.

The postseason turned preseason

contest gained the title of World Tournament because of its popularity and world-class referees.

Not to mention, an excellent hospitality room stocked with special dishes and desserts from faculty and parents.

For many years, this included Babe

Hardison's delicious fried fish served on championship night.

Over the years, several neighboring communities have participated, such as Belfast, Cornersville, College Grove, Community, Cascade, Culleoka, Eagleville, Huntland, Lewisburg, Liberty, Moore County, Page,

Petersburg, Rockvale, Santa Fe, and Westwood.

Sixty years later the World Tournament remains a beloved annual event.

This year both the Westwood Rockets and Lady Rockets took home the championship trophy.



Forrest Lady Rockets placed second for the girls in the World Tournament 2022.



Liberty Patriots placed second for the boys in the World Tournament 2022.



Westwood Lady Rockets won the championship for the girls in the World Tournament 2022.



Westwood Rockets won the championship for the boys in the World Tournament 2022.



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Becky Scott Delk and Sheila Ghee Harber who played and cheered during the inaugural tournament.

Petersburg, Eagleville Win World Tournament

back with a strong third quarter to grab a 28-25 lead. But in the final canto they could only score two points and made four crucial turnovers in the last minutes that kept Petersburg alive.

The superb Mitchell missed three shots in that final minute that would have given her team the lead, but her fourth attempt from 15 feet along the baseline was perfect.

Teammate Heather Warren's free throw with eight seconds left was insurance.

Mitchell scored ten points to lead a fairly balanced Petersburg attack, while Karen Vaughan had ten points to lead Culleoka.

In the consolation contests, Connelly's Troy Amis dumped a 23 points to lead his team to a 41-32 triumph over Cascade. Dwight Robinson added eight and Price Gentry had seven tallies.

In the girls consolation duel, Unionville bested Cascade 36-27.

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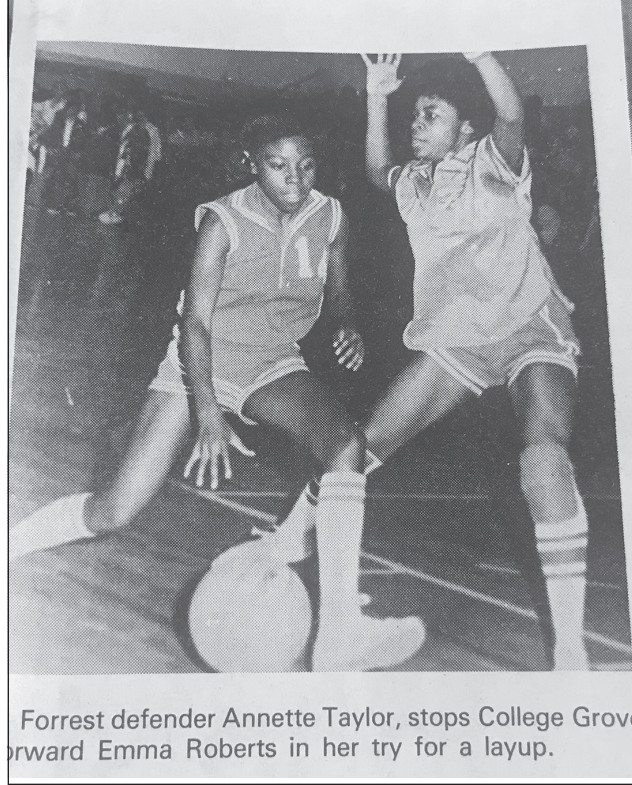
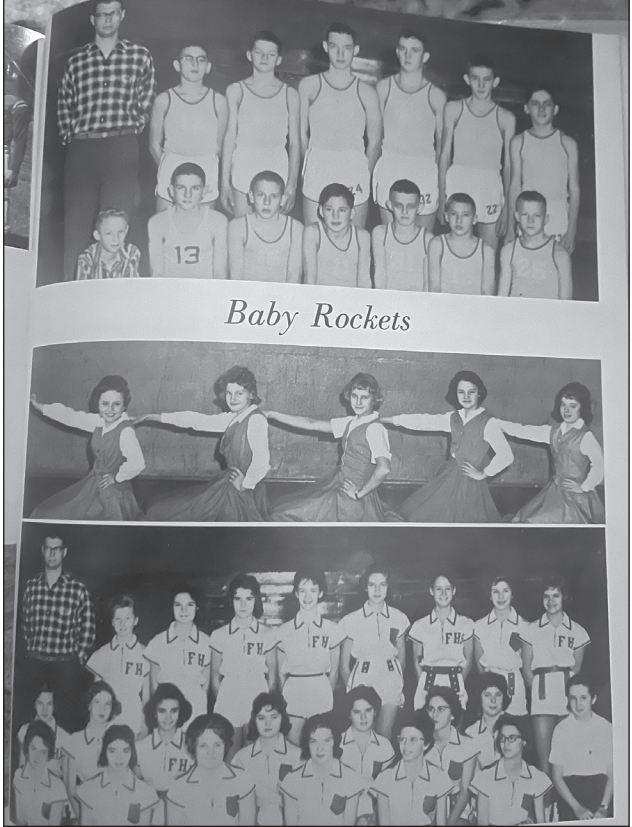
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Mrs. Betty Ezell presents the girls championship trophy to Petersburg's Jill Mitchell.

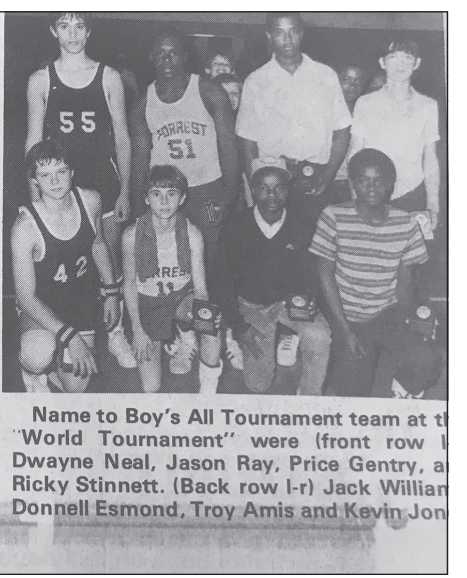
Finishing as runners-up in the "World Tournament" were the Rockets of Chapel Hill. They fell to Eagleville in the finals after besting Connelly in the semifinals.

Girls' All-Tournament picks were: (not in order) Crissoyna Burns (Connelly), Kelly Skelton (Cascade), Teresa White (Santa Fe), Lenae Clardy (Unionville), Karen Vaughn (Culleoka), Jill Mitchell (Petersburg), Robin

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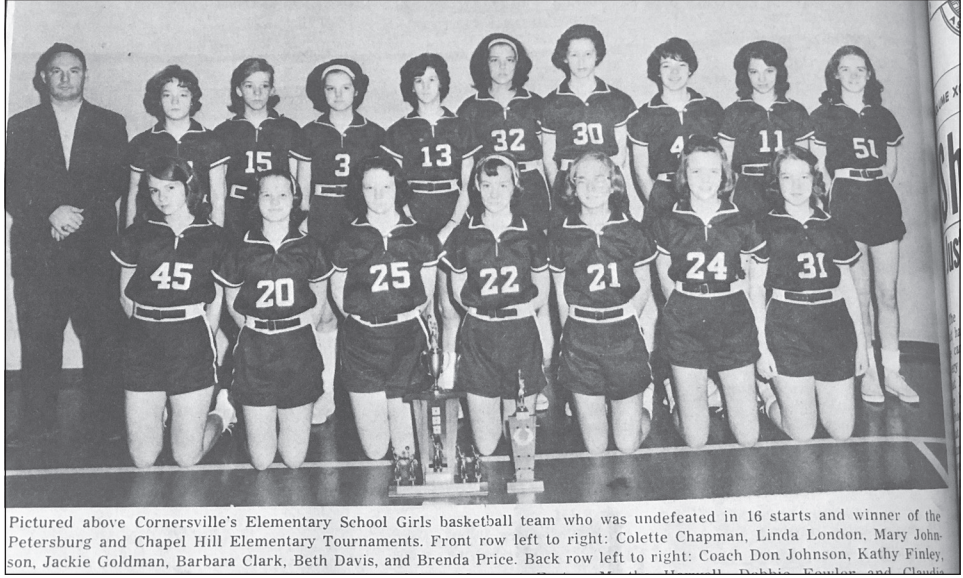


Forrest defender Annette Taylor, stops College Grove forward Emma Roberts in her try for a layup.



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Pictured above Cornersville's Elementary School Girls basketball team who was undefeated in 16 starts and winner of the Petersburg and Chapel Hill Elementary Tournaments. Front row left to right: Colette Chapman, Linda London, Mary Johnson, Jackie Goldman, Barbara Clark, Beth Davis, and Brenda Price. Back row left to right: Coach Don Johnson, Kathy Finley, and