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Bringing the News of Sheffield City Schools

## A Note

From the  
Superintendent



On behalf of SCS Board of Education, students and staff, I want to thank you for your recent support for SCS in passing the three-mill renewal property tax. The community support for SCS was very gratifying.

As you are aware, this three-mill tax has supported SCS since 1916. According to the results from the polls in Sheffield, nearly 90% of those who voted were in favor of renewing the three-mills. We appreciate your votes.

Each year the state prints a report card for each district. The report card has several categories on which school districts are given letter grades. One category is local financial support. SCS continues to have very high marks in this area. SCS consistently receives an "A" in the local financial support category. This "A" is because of your support.

We say thank you for your support. Your support will continue to help us make Sheffield City Schools THE PLACE TO BE!

Dr. Richard Gardner, Superintendent

## SHS Track Dedication



The Whitlock and Curry families unveiling the plaque at the SHS track dedication ceremony.

Last year, the Sheffield school system began a campaign to renovate the SHS track. The community was invited to participate in the STAR (Sheffield Track Approaches Renovation) program. The response was tremendous with suggestions for dedicating the track to two important figures in Sheffield's rich history. On March 17, a ceremony was held to dedicate the newly renovated facilities in memory of coaches A.C. Curry and Bill Whitlock.

A.C. Curry coached at Sheffield from 1949 until 1964. When asked to start a track program, he bought a book, taught himself the sport and developed a premier high school track program. During a ten year span of his tenure, the bulldogs never lost a dual track meet. Tommy and Johnny Curry accepted the honor on their father's behalf and said they knew he would be pleased by the award.

Mark Whitlock also accepted his father's award and spoke of how much his dad loved coaching track. Glen Jordan, a former Sheffield athlete spoke of the positive influence Whitlock had on his students and how much he cared about his players performance on and off the field. Jordan said, "He was one of the most important men in my life."



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