



Track Record

At donor's request, school district re-names Barrington Community Stadium track

AS BARRINGTON COMMUNITY STADIUM approaches the second anniversary of its opening, the Wiseman family that donated funds toward a state-of-the-art track encircling the field recently asked the Barrington 220 School District to rename the surface in honor of the high school. Originally called Wiseman Track, the new signage that spans the home grandstand now says, "Welcome to Barrington High School."

After enjoying numerous events at the sports complex and experiencing its popularity as a gathering place, Troy Wiseman said his family realized its donation is ultimately about the high school and what the track means to the Barrington area. "We wanted our gift to bless BHS and not to pro-

mote our family. Renaming the track was a way to be clear of our intentions when we made the donation, which was one of support and gratitude to BHS and the Barrington Community as a whole, nothing more."

Since opening Aug. 29, 2008, Barrington Community Stadium has hosted nearly 200 high school athletic events, including many sectional and tournament games. Approximately 100,000 fans and athletes have passed through its gates or taken the field for competitions. In addition, the facility enhances daily physical education classes for 3,000 high school students and hosts the annual Barrington 220 fifth-grade track meet. These numbers do not include hundreds of community

residents who attend Barrington Youth Football games or who use the track for recreation and exercise, sunrise to sunset, on days when the high school is not in session.

Barrington Community Stadium was constructed following voter approval of a \$4.4 million bond issue referendum in April 2007. The Friends of the Stadium charitable organization added more than \$1 million to enhance the facility and to supplement the school district's overall project budget through gifts from many private donors. Among those, the Wisemans are long-time residents of the Barrington 220 School District with four sons who have been very active in athletics at Barrington High School. 