MT announces 'Carolyn Reeves Court' following $50,000 donation

Project part of University's $80 million Centennial Campaign

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MURFREESBORO - A court in the 47,000-square-foot indoor tennis facility planned for Old Fort Park will be named in honor of the late Carolyn Reeves, a former high school tennis coach and community leader, MTSU announced Friday.

The naming is in recognition of a $50,000 donation from Shane and Amanda Reeves and the Reeves-Sain Foundation toward the construction of a $3 million facility being built by MTSU and the City of Murfreesboro.

Reeves, the mother of Shane Reeves and Marsha Saalfield, was an avid tennis player and coached the sport at Oakland High School in the 1980s.

"If she were living, my mother would be embarrassed to see her name on a court," Shane Reeves said. "She was a private and humble lady. She would be very proud that all the ladies tennis groups will have a place to play in our community."

After starting a memorial fund in memory of his mother, Shane Reeves has been a leading advocate for the project, said Alan Farley, MTSU associate athletic director. Shane Reeves serves as chair of the major gift committee for the community tennis campaign.

Carolyn Reeves' "untimely death that kick-started this campaign, as many friends and family gave to a memorial fund in her memory," Farley said.

"She loved tennis and was a revered teacher in the community," he said. "This is a wonderful legacy for her."

The project, part of the University's $80 million Centennial Campaign announced April 13, includes plans for six to eight courts; locker rooms for men and women; a lobby; a viewing area for spectators, a laundry room and an electronic scoreboard.

The facility, set to be located at Old Fort Park, would be open to the general public and serve as the home of the Blue Raider men's and women's tennis programs.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project is asked to call Alan Farley, Associate Athletic Director at (615) 898-2210.

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