

PIRATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INC. 9/30/2017 MONUMENT DEDICATIONS





E.I. "GENE" RUTLEDGE TRACK

Boca Ciega opened play on their new football field in the fall of 1958 but the field and some bleacher seating were all that existed at the facility. Pinellas County scheduled BCHS for a soon to be constructed new concrete stadium in the summer of 1959, but no running track was planned as a part of the project.

A Star A Star

Local business man Gene Rutledge, with ties to BCHS, felt that the track needed to be included in order for the facility to be full service for the students, athletes and coaches at the school. Mr. Rutledge, utilizing his own construction company, made sure that BCHS had the Track and Field facility that it deserved to properly train it's student athletes.

The Rutledge family wanted Gene to be remembered simply as a dedicated business man, community leader and caring husband and father who did what he could for the betterment of all whose lives he touched.

It is with great pride and deepest gratitude to the Rutledge family that Boca Ciega High School dedicates this portion of the facility in his honor and memory as E.I. Gene Rutledge Track.