

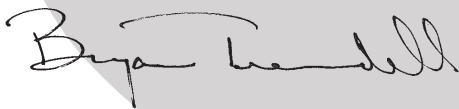
Dear Coos Bay Supporters:

Pete Susick Stadium is a fixture in our community. It is named after a man who added so much to the rich traditions and legacy of Marshfield High School and the city of Coos Bay. His legacy was built on the foundations of hard work, dedication, and teamwork. It is an honor for us to be part of a team that is working to complete a project that was started nearly 20 years ago. It is time to finish what was started and complete what is one of the finest High School Stadiums in the State of Oregon.

The Pete Susick Stadium Project committee, along with volunteers from the Coos Bay community, want to invite you to help us generate the necessary funds to raise the roof over the south grandstands, add restrooms, press boxes, and a small concession stand. Much of the foundational work is already in place. We simply need to put the finishing touches on this great facility.

Pete Susick Stadium and Prefontaine Track are premier facilities that are used year round by various school and community groups. Almost daily our physical education classes use the facility. It is home to our Pirate Football, Soccer, Marching Band, Cheer, Dance, Cross Country, and Track programs. The Prefontaine Memorial run, Prefontaine Invitational Track meet, and Relay For Life are annual community events. Many camps and clinics are hosted here as well. Our facility is truly a center piece of our community.

The Pete Susick Stadium Project committee is ready to put the finishing touches on this special facility. We need your help to make this happen. We hope that you will join us in this worthy endeavor to complete what many envisioned nearly 20 years ago.



Bryan Trendell, Superintendent CB School District 9, MHS Class of 1981


“RAISE THE ROOF FOR PETE”

The name Pete Susick is a name that many will never forget from those who played for him, lived in our community, or battled with him on Friday nights across the state of Oregon. There have been many young boys in “awe” of Marshfield football since the time Coach Susick roamed the sidelines from the forties through the seventies up to the present.

I recall a young Coos County boy in the late 60's who heard all the great stories from his father of Pete Susick and his teams. This young boy watched a game in 1968, one of Pete's greatest teams of all times, led by one of the best, Fred Girt, who later became his son-in-law. This young boy had no idea who Pete Susick and Fred Girt were, but he remembers the feeling of being “stunned” by the gray uniforms, the wood grandstands, the large crowd and the emotion for the Pirates.

Twenty years later, the young boy had an opportunity to come back to the Bay Area as a teacher and coach. He got to work under the guidance of another legend, Kent Wigle. I was that young boy, and I have been truly blessed to be a part of a strong tradition and become part of the Marshfield athletic family. There's no doubt that almost fifty years later, I understand who and what Pete Susick did for others.

For all of us who knew and were influenced by Pete Susick, we now have the opportunity to help preserve his name for other young boys and girls to ask, “Who was Pete Susick?” Coach Susick molded hundreds during his time; let's make sure the hundreds yet to come never forget his name. Let's raise the roof for Pete!



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