

**JEAN SMITH COACH 1954-1977**, taught Physical Education 24 years at PCHS. She helped many young girls, during their teenage 'awkward' years, into becoming fine young women. 'Smitty' loved different sports and helped many young women have a chance to participate and compete. So finally, with Title IX passing in 1972, Jean Smith was named our first varsity softball coach and had nothing but success on the diamond with her teams. After winning several conference championships she took the Mustangs to the State Softball Finals in 1975. In 1974, the Portage Central High School recognized Jean's hard work and determination by honoring her with the Jean Smith Award, which is given to the best female athlete each spring.