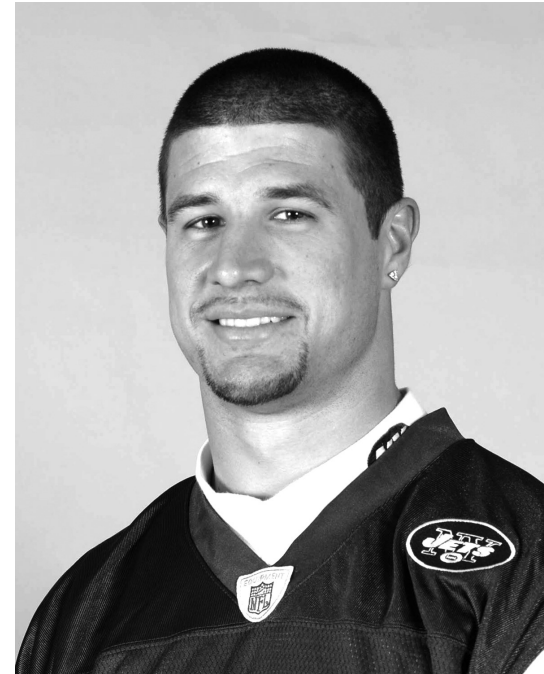


Eric Smith graduated from Groveport-Madison High School in 2001. While attending G.M.H.S. he participated in football, basketball and track & field. As a 2001 captain of the football team, he earned the awards of Outstanding Male Senior Athlete, Top Scholar Athlete in Columbus Area, Conference Scholar of the Year and Second Team All-State and District honors. Eric also received numerous prestigious awards in basketball and track & field.

Eric earned a football scholarship to Michigan State University, where he played for five seasons. At M.S.U., Eric was named a captain of the Spartans in 2005 and became the 15<sup>th</sup> player in Spartan football history to reach the 300 tackle milestone. As a safety, he received numerous awards including Second-Team All Big Ten, Academic All District First Team, Academic All-Big Ten, Most Valuable Player Award, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and Tommy Love Award (Most Improved Player). Besides being a gifted athlete, Eric graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

In the 2006 National Football League Draft, Eric Smith was drafted by the New York Jets, as the final pick of the third round.



**Eric Smith**  
**2007 Inductee**  
**Groveport Hall of Honor**

John Frye has been actively involved as a parent volunteer with the Groveport Fighting Fish Youth Swim Team since 1998, in the capacities of president, treasurer, fund raiser, starter, official and announcer. The Groveport Fighting Fish is a summer competitive swim team that competes in the Tri-County Aquatic League. The team is comprised of children from Groveport and a number of other surrounding communities. Swimmers range in age from 5 to 18 years of age.

During his involvement with the Groveport Fighting Fish Youth Swim Team, the team has grown from 10 or so participants to over one-hundred swimmers. Hundreds of families have benefited from John's hard work, dedication and volunteerism. He has treated the swimmers, their parents, opponents, spectators and Village staff with respect and dignity. Because of volunteers like John Frye, GFF swimmers have an opportunity to improve their skill level in a fun setting. John has done his best to ensure that practices and swim meets are conducted for the children's psychological and physiological well-being.

Volunteers like John Frye are the lifeblood of many youth sports programs. If not for John and the many other adult volunteers of the Groveport Fighting Fish Swim Team, Groveport children may not have had the opportunity to experience the many benefits of being a part of a youth swim team.



**John Frye**  
**2008 Inductee**  
**Groveport Hall of Honor**

Jim McKee was a student athlete at Groveport-Madison High School between 1962 and 1965. He was a three sport varsity letter winner in baseball, basketball and football. He was named to the All Mid-8 League team in baseball twice, basketball three times and football once. He helped lead the Cruisers to Mid-8 League championships in football (1963) and basketball (1963 – 64). After high school, Jim attended Otterbein College, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. A gifted athlete, in 1969 Jim was drafted by Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates in the fourth round as a pitcher. Jim played with Roberto Clemente and faced many greats such as Johnny Bench and Pete Rose between 1972 and 1973.

After his playing career, Jim returned to Groveport and taught Physical Education and Health in the Groveport-Madison School District. He coached Varsity Track and Girls' Varsity Basketball where he interacted with hundreds of students. Jim also volunteered his time to help other Groveport-Madison student athletes by training them to get the most out of their abilities. Jim loved to coach and teach and established many relationships with former students, players and faculty.

Jim McKee tragically died in a car accident in 2002.



**Jim McKee**  
**2010 Inductee**  
**Groveport Hall of Honor**

Not long after they were married, Jim and Cindy Hollingshead moved to Groveport and resided in Groveport since 1968. Both Jim and Cindy were charter members of the Groveport Heritage & Preservation Society (1973), and were also highly involved in Groveport's first Apple Butter Day Festival (1974). They coordinated the making of apple butter for several years in the 1980s. Jim and Cindy attended Groveport Presbyterian Church, served on the Board of Session, chaired committees to raise funds for those less fortunate and taught Christian education classes. The Hollingsheads also served on the Groveport Zoning Board.

Not only did they contribute a lot to the community as a couple, they also gave back as individuals. Jim was instrumental in the moving of the historic Log House from its original location (Groveport Post Office) to its current location in Heritage Park (1974). Jim worked countless hours restoring the log house and helped to make it the treasure it is today. Not only did Jim serve one term on Village Council (1978 – 1981), he served on the original Groveport Charter Commission and later served on the Charter Review Commission.

Cindy was a busy volunteer as well. She served as Chairperson on the original Groveport Charter Commission and also served as Chairperson when the Charter was reviewed ten years later. Cindy was involved in a local sorority that founded the Groveport Art Show and Groveport Home Tours. She established the Parker Morrow House (a home for aged citizens of Groveport). Cindy also sang in the church choir for many years and served on a board that helped to preserve Groveport's Town Hall.



**Jim & Cindy Hollingshead  
2011 Inductee  
Groveport Hall of Honor**

Kathy Frank moved to Groveport with her family in 1966. She is a 1979 graduate of Groveport-Madison High School. While in high school, Kathy served as a newspaper reporter, participated in choir, art & drama clubs, and was a member of the Drill Team for four years. The Cruiserettes were state & national champions.

Kathy has served her community, including school district, City of Groveport & St. Mary's Catholic Church, well over the years. Kathy served as a member of the Groveport Elementary School PTO for nine years (1995 – 2004), was PTO President for five years, was a member of the Groveport-Madison Levy Committee in late 1990s and was a parent volunteer for the GMHS baseball team, Cruiser Theatre & After Prom Committee. She has been a member of the GM Alumni Association since 1999, is a GM Alumni Association Hall of Fame Co-Leader and served as the 1979 Class Reunion Committee Organizer since 2004.

When she is not teaching fitness classes at the Groveport Recreation Center, Kathy has enjoyed volunteering for the community in many ways. Her involvement includes Groveport Recreational Pool Board Trustee, Groveport Car Show, Farmer's Market, Art Show, Groveport Aquatic Center Grand Opening Committee, Groveport Human Needs, Groveport Adopt-A-Family, Community Choir, Church Choir, Youth Group Volunteer Parent, Smorgasbord Committee and more.

As noted by some of her fitness class participants, "Kathy is an amazing teacher and leader. She give the elderly a sense of belonging. Her unbounded energy, love and service are inspirational to all that know her".



**Kathy Frank**  
**2016 Inductee**  
**Groveport Hall of Honor**