

CHEERS AND TEARS FOR TEAMMATE



Cayden Schaeffer's uncle, Mike Schaeffer, waits in his nephew's truck — decorated in red, white and blue — before Grand Valley High School's homecoming parade Friday in Parachute. Cayden's truck was featured in the parade as a tribute to his recovery from a head injury suffered in an earlier football game. His family followed the truck on foot.



Cayden Schaeffer's football teammates from Grand Valley High School ride on a truck bed in front of Cayden's truck during the homecoming parade in Parachute.



Grand Valley High School's football team prepares to take the field before their Friday homecoming game against Hotchkiss High School in Parachute.



Kaylie Fuller, Cayden Schaeffer's cousin, holds a sign, along with a photo of them, as she follows behind his truck in the homecoming parade in Parachute on Oct. 11. Cayden was honored at the parade and game as the Grand Valley High School football player was hospitalized from a serious brain injury during an earlier game. He is a senior.

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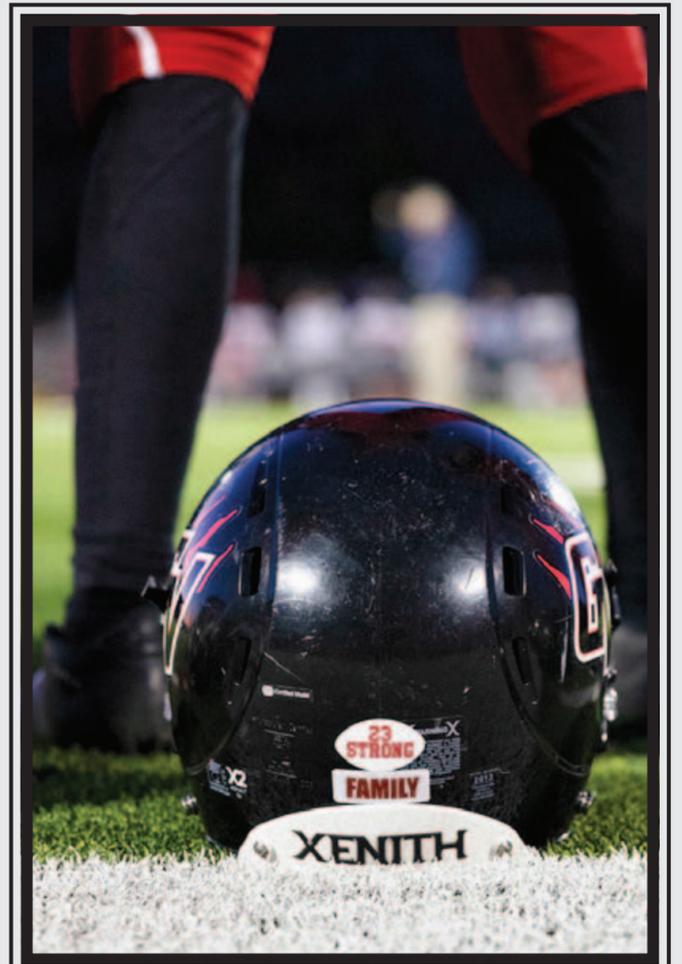
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Nate and Leloni Schaeffer, center, lead the Grand Valley football team to the center of the field alongside head coach Tim Lenard and assistant coach Danny Medina for a moment of silence for Cayden Schaeffer during the Friday homecoming game in Parachute. Nate is Cayden's father, and Leloni is his sister.



The Grand Valley High School football team added "23 strong" and "family" stickers to the back of their helmets in support of their teammate Cayden Schaeffer, who is recovering from a head injury at St. Mary's Medical Center.