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River View community continues to rally for quarterback



Junior Gavin Huff was the starting quarterback for the River View Black Bears this past season. He was injured in a traffic crash on Oct. 11 and remains hospitalized. PROVIDED BY NATALIE HOLBY OF CLAXON COMMUNICATIONS

Gavin Huff remains in hospital after crash

Leonard L. Hayhurst
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WARSAW – Coach Tyler McKee of the River View Black Bears football team said quarterback Gavin Huff is one of the toughest players he’s ever coached and he knows that tenacity will help him now.

Gavin remains hospitalized following a traffic crash on Oct. 11 that left him in critical condition.

If there is any silver lining to the incident, McKee said it rallied his team

and the community in a tremendous way.

Fundraisers by the football team and school have raised nearly \$20,000 to benefit the junior nicknamed Ducky and his family, McKee said. This doesn’t include fundraisers others have staged, which have ranged from a lemonade stand to shirts and stickers with a Ducky logo.

The nickname came from teammates in junior high based on how Gavin ran on the football field, according to his mother, Tara Jacobs.

She has been giving updates on Gav-

in’s condition via Facebook, which have been reposted on the Black Bears football Facebook page. In a recent post, Jacobs thanked the community for all the cards that are filling Gavin’s hospital room.

“I cannot wait until Gavin is fully awake and alert enough to see and enjoy all the love and support surrounded around him in his room,” she wrote. “We cannot thank our local community enough for all the prayers, love and support we have received.”

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Creating memories for MVL athletes

Chris Tumblin began his company with a helmet

Shawn Digity
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ZANESVILLE – It’s built right into the name.

Tumblin Custom Traditions.

It began with Chris Tumblin, a 2000 Zanesville High School graduate and father of three high school athletes, and the 3D resin printer he bought in spring 2025.

“It started with a helmet, a collectible, for my son Jacob. He’s a four-year letterman at Maysville. The more I got to thinking about it, there’s not a lot of market for high school collectibles around,” Chris explained. “You can’t really go on eBay and buy your high school helmet.”

He tinkered for a few months, learning the ins and outs of his printer and, on Oct. 10, he posted a Facebook revelation about the custom-made high school football helmets.

Just days later, he was receiving orders and by mid-November he had more than 20, with some coming from Granville and Cincinnati.

“I’m getting requests from a little bit further out now, which is cool,” Chris noted on a recent Sycamore Aviators order.

His focus is on high schools, so he started locally to ensure he could make helmets for the Muskingum Valley League schools, which includes Coshocton, Crooksville, John Glenn, Maysville, Meadowbrook, Morgan, New Lexington, Philo, River View, Sheridan, Tri-Valley and West Muskingum.

The customizable helmets can include players’ names and numbers, accolades, and graduation years. Three to four lines of text can be customized,

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THANKSGIVING AT COSHOCTON HIGH SCHOOL

Make reservations for annual dinner

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Thanking the community for its support has long been the reason behind the annual free community Thanksgiving dinner served at Coshocton High School.

This year’s installment will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 20 in the cafeteria of the high school, 1205 Cambridge Road. The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dress-

ing, roll, dessert and drink. This is the event’s 22nd year.

No school funding is used for the event, which is made possible through public donations of food, materials and money. Close to 400 meals are served each year.

Members of student service clubs assist with serving and bussing. About 100 students help each year.

Assisting clubs usually include FCCLA, Key Club, student council, Varsity C Club and members of wrestling and basketball teams.

The jazz band and choir will also perform.

Principal Scott Loomis previously told the Tribune the event is all about community outreach and letting the public know just what goes on inside the building.

“It’s about getting in our school and seeing the positive. In our society today, we often just hear about the negative,” Loomis said at the time. “It’s showcasing our kids.”

To make reservations, call the high school office at 740-622-9433.



Zaelyn Carroll gets meals to serve people attending Coshocton High School’s annual Thanksgiving dinner in 2023. Every year, about 100 students assist with the community meal that feeds close to 400 people on average.

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