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CSD returns to in-person learning after COVID outbreak

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Chequamegon schools are back in session after a COVID-19 outbreak among students and staff that forced the school district to close down for a week.

The CSD middle, high and charter schools went to virtual learning beginning the week of Sept. 13, as many students and staff were out either sick with the coronavirus or quarantining due to close contact. All middle and high school extracurricular activities and athletics were also canceled.

The schools reopened for in-person learning on Sept. 24.

According to a news release on the CSD website from District Administrator Ray Schulte, as of Monday, Sept. 20 there had been 33 students and four staff members who tested positive for COVID since the start of the 2021-22 year. Over 200 students were placed in quarantine for up to 14 days.

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2021 PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING COURT



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ABOVE: The 2021 Phillips High School Homecoming Court coronation was held Friday, Sept. 24. L-R: Brianna Guzinski, King Dawson Hauschild, Jade Eggebrecht, Will Knaack III, Queen Allison Kulwicki, Thomas Monteith, Samathan Morrone, Micah Angelo, Stacy Backstrom, Alex Nieto, Molly Novak, Cade Zierer and Emily Schultz. Not pictured: Ian Schavey. **RIGHT:** King Dawson Hauschild and Queen Allison Kulwicki



Nonprofits unite to feed community

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Two local nonprofits that give back to their communities united in a fundraiser for those in need.

Thrivent Financial Associate Jeremy Sperl, who recently opened a Phillips branch of the financial advisement company, donated \$1,500 to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Phillips. The donation came from funds raised throughout August called "Thrivent Cans Hunger."

Sperl said part of Thrivent's mission is to "live generously," and Thrivent Cans Hunger was one way to give back.

"We've done this all over the country," he said of Thrivent.

In August, people donated food items at various sites in Phillips, including the Music at the Park concerts at Elk Lake Park since many community members gathered there.

"It's such a wonderful thing that they put on," Sperl said.

Thrivent also donated \$3 per item toward the food pantry which is part of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference (Phillips' St. Vince thrift store is located on Lake Street downtown). The food shelf and thrift store sees all proceeds go to those in Price County who are in need or suffering.

Boxes are also placed at churches and the thrift store.

Pantry Manager Marge Handschke said St. Vincent de Paul opened its thrift store in 2005, and the food



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Thrivent Financial Associate Jeremy Sperl presents St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Manager Marge Handschke with a \$1,500 donation from the Thrivent Cans Hunger food drive Monday, Sept. 27.

pantry in 2010. They have a sister store at St. Paul the Apostle in Catawba, as well.

Handschke said the food pantry served about 30-45 households before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. They were open Tuesdays and Saturdays, but went down to just Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Now, she said, they see about four or five households depending on the month. Volunteers pack up what people want, as the pantry inside is closed to the public. They will put the items on a table and try to help those who have trouble carrying the packages.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry works with Second Harvest and Feeding America.

"We order basic foods from Feed my People," Handschke said.

They order staples like meat, vegetables, fruits, soups, macaroni and cheese, tuna and more from Feed

my People.

"They sell it to us at a reduced price," Handschke said.

The pantry also purchases a variety of items from other places, "whatever we think people will use," including toilet paper. She said Kwik Trip and the Pick and Save in Phillips also donate to the pantry, as do organizations such as the post office and Boy Scouts. She added that The Lanes in Park Falls used to have a Whitetails banquet in which attendees donated a food item in exchange for a raffle ticket, until the pandemic hit.

Low-income families can come to the pantry and receive a list of staples. There is a shelf with more expensive items, such as sugar, flour and cake mix, and Handschke said they can choose three of these items per household.

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Lilly Guest rides her horse Sydney at the Ogema Christmas Tree Festival parade Saturday, Sept. 25. See Page 2A for more festival photos

Ogema, Phillips hold festivals



MYRA GRAPA

Kids decorated pumpkins in downtown Phillips at the Fall Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 25.

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