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City overtime for Bemidji Trump event estimated at \$8,700

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BEMIDJI — Maintaining a safe environment and a smooth traffic flow during President Donald Trump's campaign visit required more than \$8,000 worth of overtime for the city of Bemidji.

The Trump campaign arrived in Bemidji in the evening hours of Sept. 18 for an event at the airport. The work for local officials, though, started many hours earlier.

Leading up to the rally, the Bemidji Police Department and other city officials worked directly with campaign staff and federal agencies, such as the Secret Service, on logistics. On the day of the event, personnel on hand for the city included staff from both the Police Department and the Public Works Department.

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Outdoor dining measures end next week

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BEMIDJI — Outdoor seating in public right of way spaces will be ending next week after nearly four and a half months.

In mid-June, the Bemidji City Council took action to allow restaurants to serve alcohol outdoors and use the public right of way to set up patio space. The move was in response to updated rules from Gov. Tim Walz's office which were meant to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

Restaurants and bars had to temporarily close to dine-in customers on March 17, with only curbside pick-ups and drive-thru services allowed. While retail businesses were able to reopen May 18, restaurants had to wait a bit longer, with the first reopening date coming on June 1.

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Elders join youth dancers during an Indigenous Peoples Day event on Monday at Paul Bunyan Park.



Attendees dance in regalia during an Indigenous Peoples Day event held on Monday at Paul Bunyan Park.



People of all ages attended the youth-centric Indigenous Peoples Day event on Monday at Paul Bunyan Park.

'WE ARE STILL HERE'

Indigenous Peoples Day celebration inspires and informs

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On Indigenous Peoples Day a socially distant crowd gathered at Paul Bunyan Park to celebrate Ojibwe culture and heritage, inspire youth, and most importantly, remind anyone watching that Native Americans are still here.

"We are still here," signs and shirts proclaimed throughout the youth-centered event reminding young Native Americans to look back at their history, culture and language in order to move forward and create change.

During the afternoon, activists spoke about a variety of issues — Enbridge's Line 3 replacement project and the erasure of culture and history — local political candidates campaigned, drum songs

were played and youth dancers performed.

The main point of many of the speakers boiled down to empowering youth to fight for change and embrace their culture, heritage and language so it is not forgotten.

The gathering took place outside on a crisp fall afternoon, with all those in attendance asked to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. A couple hundred people gathered around, spaced out among the trees behind Paul and Babe, smiling, laughing, dancing and listening. The afternoon boasted multiple drum circles, dancers, performances, speakers, hand drummers, a free photographer, door prizes and a comedy set.

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Live music returns to BSU

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BEMIDJI — For the first time since March, applause rang out in the Thompson Recital Hall this past weekend.

The "open for performance" light affixed outside the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex was dusted off and shining bright once again.

Mask-clad audience members found their way to their chairs, which were spaced five seats apart and marked off with green tape. A total

of 50 ticket holders were allowed to attend the performance in the hall that usually holds 250.

Stephen Carlson, pianist and chair of the Bemidji State University music department, took the stage and treated a sparse but enthusiastic audience to more than an hour of music.

He began with works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Joseph Haydn, Béla Bartók, and wrapped up with pieces from Claude Debussy and Franz Liszt.

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Bemidji State University professor Stephen Carlson takes the stage as audience members applaud on Friday, Oct. 9, at the Thompson Recital Hall.



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