



# City Government Week

*Thanks for helping make your city great!*



**Beach** held a Pizza Party Q&A with third and seventh graders and Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Council Member Sarah Ross and Council Member Lynn Swanson-Puckett answered all their questions about city government. Randy and Kimberly also visited with the Problems of Democracy class and answered questions about Beach and their jobs. They also held an If I Were Mayor Essay Contest for seventh graders and a free pet license day.

Staff from various **Bismarck** city departments took photos throughout the week and posted them on social media. The city office staff even gathered for a drone image.

**Cando** celebrated City Government Week and National Library Week together by promoting the resources their library offers. They also encouraged residents to take selfies in front of municipal properties and joined with Towner county to host a community breakfast to encourage involvement in local government.

**Cavalier** held a mock city council meeting for third grade students and encouraged residents to take selfies in front of municipal properties.

**Epping** held an Easter Egg Hunt for local children.

**Garrison** held city trivia for sixth-grade students. The park board and fire department held a breakfast for the community. In addition, the city held an open house for city employees that were retiring.

In **Harvey**, the kindergarten classes each participated in a coloring contest and two winners were selected to receive a movie/concession pass to the local theatre. They held a Mayor for a Day Essay Contest and selected two third grade mayors. They were picked up from school by Chief Tony Webb in the police vehicle, took a tour of the water plant, city shop, police department, fire hall and ambulance building and then returned to City Hall to open the council meeting with Mayor Rick Eckart. They were each awarded a "Mayor" certificate and a goody bag filled with snacks, movie & concession passes, a mayor t-shirt and Harvey cash.

**Kenmare** hosted Kenmare Bingo, a word scramble, a word search and a scavenger hunt. All of these activities encouraged residents to visit local attractions and businesses and participate in local activities.

**Langdon** held an open house at city hall and invited residents to stop in for coffee and a cookie and to visit with Mayor Jerry Nowatski. They posted fun facts about their city and city government in North Dakota. They also sent activity books to the fourth-grade students and displayed those they received back in city hall.

**Lisbon** held a Mayor for a Day Essay Contest for third and seventh graders and treated the winners to lunch. Also, Auditor Kristina Dick and Deputy Auditor Janna Miller visited the elementary school where they quizzed the fourth graders on some fun city facts and collected coloring pages and drawings from other elementary students. They also provided water plant tours to the fifth- and sixth-grade students.

**Valley City** held a Mayor for a Day Essay Contest for third graders and a coloring contest for first graders. They also published fun facts about the city on social media each day of City Government Week.

**Watford City** held their annual Mayor for a Day Essay Contest for third graders. The winner got to ride to school in an SRO squad car driven by SRO Schatz with the lights and sirens blazing and attended the city council meeting as the Honorary Mayor and got to sit at the head of the table. He helped officiate the meeting alongside Mayor Philip Riely. Mayor Riely also visited the third-grade classes to talk about his job as the Mayor of Watford City. In addition, twenty-two city hall, police, public works, EMS and city council employees serve lunch at both Watford City elementary schools.

**Williston** held an If I Were Mayor Essay Contest. The winners and their families participated in a city council meeting.

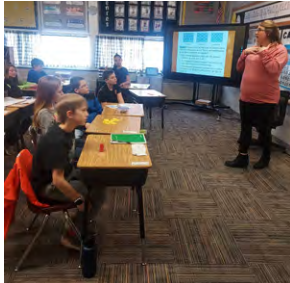
**Wishek** held a Mayor for a Day Essay Contest for Grades 3 & 7 and the mayor donated a prize for the winner. They held an Ice Cream Social at the city hall which was sponsored by the council members and mayor. They held a scavenger hunt selfie challenge for students in Grades 7-12 and they held a coloring contest and the winner was named "Police Officer of the Day". The Wishek ambulance, Wishek police and city government representatives visited the elementary school for a fun-filled educational afternoon.



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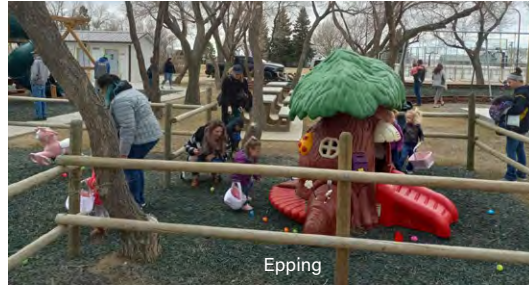
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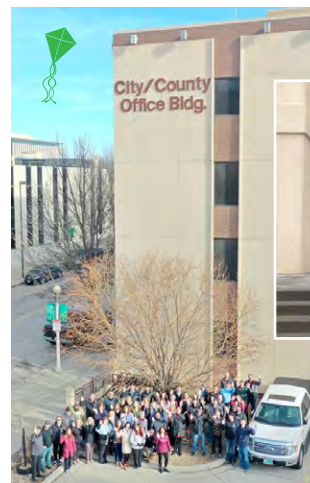
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