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BURGUM STRESSES FLOOD PROTECTION AS ESSENTIAL FOR FARGO, MINOT

Gov. Doug Burgum on Tuesday emphasized the importance of timely completion of flood protection projects for the Fargo and Minot areas during an update from top regional U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials at the Capitol in Bismarck. Maj. Gen. Richard Kaiser, commander of the Corps of Engineers' Mississippi Valley Division; Col. Sam Calkins, commander of the St. Paul District; and other officials from the Corps of Engineers and State Water Commission briefed the governor on the status of the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project and Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project in Minot. The F-M Diversion Board of Authority submitted a new permit application for the diversion project in March after accepting the recommendations of the F-M Area Flood Diversion Task Force formed by Burgum and Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton. In late March, Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford joined Minot area officials to break ground on the first three phases of the Mouse River project.

NORTH DAKOTA SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PROGRAM

The National Governors Association (NGA) has selected North Dakota, Colorado, New Jersey, Nevada and Virginia to participate in the NGA Center for Best Practices' Smarter States, Smarter Communities Learning Lab. Smarter States, Smarter Communities will help governors develop statewide programs to leverage information and communications technologies and the "internet of things" to deliver services that improve the quality of life for citizens. Gov. Burgum was in attendance at the NGA summer meeting in Santa Fe, N.M. for the announcement.



SANFORD ADDRESSES RURAL CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS

In order to succeed, small towns must foster community growth and find new, innovative approaches to completing infrastructure projects. That was the message from Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford at the Smart, Local, Resilient: Enabling our Communities through Research Partnerships conference hosted by the University of North Dakota on Tuesday. Sanford, a former Watford City mayor and city commissioner, highlighted his experiences and work to manage explosive growth and the challenges that accompanied it. He said Watford City found success through investing in the infrastructure and community resources of the town, something Sanford advised attendees to implement in their communities. Smart, efficient infrastructure is a key tenet of the Main Street Initiative, one of the administration's Five Strategic Initiatives.



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STARK COUNTY ROLLS OUT PROJECT STAND UP



Lt. Gov. Sanford was in Dickinson on Thursday for the launch of Project Stand Up, a national drug crime and school violence prevention program. Through the program, Stark County residents will be able to assist county and city law enforcement officials with investigations by anonymously texting DRUGS to 82257. Project Stand Up was launched in South Dakota last year, and more than 500 investigations have been initiated by anonymous tips so far. Stark County is the first county in North Dakota to participate in the program. Later that day, Sanford helped recognize the winners of the North Dakota Petroleum Council's annual Bakken Rocks CookFest near New Town.



FIRST LADY SHARES RECOVERY JOURNEY WITH NGA

First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum told her story of recovery and the power of advocacy to attendees of the National Governors Association (NGA) summer meeting on Friday. The First Lady, herself in recovery for 16 years, outlined her work to eliminate the shame and stigma of addiction and shared best practices for other states to utilize. That work includes hosting Recovery Reinvented 2018 in Fargo later this fall. For more information and to register, click [here](#).