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DAY HIGHLIGHTS ND NATIONAL GUARD CAPABILITY

Gov. Doug Burgum, members of his staff, state legislators and city officials were among 22 North Dakotans who took part in Civic Leader Day on Wednesday at the North Dakota National Guard's Camp Grafton Training Center near Devils Lake. Participants learned from NDNG's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, Brig. Gen. Robert Becklund and other officers and soldiers about the training, readiness and capabilities of the Guard, including its counter drug program, UAS operations, bridge construction and field simulations. Burgum thanked NDNG members for their exceptional service and emphasized the need to make North Dakota an even more friendly state for military members in order to help fill job openings in the Guard and overall workforce.

GOVERNOR TOURS INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN



Officials at the International Peace Garden welcomed Gov. Burgum on Wednesday for a tour of the sprawling park with its blooming flowers, trickling streams and impressive array of facilities, including the International Music Camp. Peace Garden staff and board members discussed with Burgum the significant need for infrastructure upgrades and efforts to replace the iconic Peace Garden towers that were removed last year due to structural issues. The park will host an anniversary celebration on July 14-15 to mark its 85th year of being a living symbol and tribute to the peace between the United States and Canada.

BURGUM MEETS WITH CANADIAN MINISTER



Gov. Burgum hosted Canada's Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Amarjeet Sohi, for a discussion on trade, agriculture and other topics Monday at the Capitol. The governor and minister agreed on the need to update trade agreements and find solutions that avoid retaliatory tariffs, while reaffirming the trading partnership that benefits producers and consumers on both sides of the border. Canada is North Dakota's No. 1 export market, taking in \$4.4 billion last year, or 83 percent of the state's total exports. Sohi also hosted a roundtable discussion with agricultural leaders and delivered remarks at a luncheon hosted by business leaders.

GOVERNOR, SRST CHAIRMAN REAUTHORIZE ELK HUNTING MOU



Gov. Burgum and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Mike Faith met Monday night at Prairie Knights Casino near Fort Yates and reauthorized an elk hunting memorandum of understanding that was first established last year. The renewed MOU expands the available number of tags for the 2018 hunting season. The governor and chairman also discussed water supply, gaming and transportation infrastructure funds, in keeping with efforts to strengthen tribal partnerships, one of the governor's five strategic initiatives.



BURGUM HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OPS

Gov. Burgum spoke to a crowd of more than 800 people at Verendrye Electric Cooperative's annual meeting on Thursday in Minot. In his remarks, he thanked rural electric co-ops for their contributions to strengthening communities across our state. That includes investments in smart, efficient infrastructure, one of the five pillars of the administration's Main Street Initiative.