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Governor Burgum's week in review

FIRST-EVER MAIN STREET SUMMIT HELD



This week

- Main Street ND Summit draws hundreds
- Boy Scouts deliver report
- First Lady named to Hazelden board
- Rural Prosperity roundtable meets
- New OMB director named

More than 650 community members, students and state team members attended the two-day, first-ever Main Street ND Summit, hosted by the North Dakota Department of Commerce Feb. 12-13 at the Bismarck Event Center.

Gov. Doug Burgum challenged communities to get involved now in envisioning their futures during his keynote address, promoting the three pillars of the Main Street Initiative: a skilled workforce; smart, efficient infrastructure; and healthy, vibrant communities to help North Dakota compete in a 21st century economy in which rapid technological advancement is changing every job, industry and organization. Read more at www.MainStreetND.com.

GOVERNOR RECEIVES ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOY SCOUTS



The Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America gave their annual report to the Governor on Wednesday. The council is made up of 10,050 young people from across the state who contributed more than 88,000 hours of community service in 2017. The Governor shared lessons learned from his time in Scouts and applauded the organization's work to prepare members to be engaged citizens.

RURAL PROSPERITY ROUNDTABLE CONVENED

Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford attended a roundtable meeting focused on rural prosperity, hosted by USDA Rural Development. The panel featured Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development at USDA, and other state leaders including Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. Discussion centered on the importance of high-speed internet in rural communities, which aligns with the Main Street Initiative's focus on smart, efficient infrastructure .



FIRST LADY NAMED TO HAZELDEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES



First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum has been named a new member of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Board of Trustees. The Foundation's 25-member board meets quarterly to provide governing oversight for the organization's wide-ranging activities. The First Lady also chairs a seven-member advisory council that guides the efforts of the new Office of Recovery Reinv-
ented.

MORRISSETTE APPOINTED AS NEW OMB DIRECTOR

Gov. Burgum appointed Joe Morrisette as director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) effective March 1, citing his broad experience in government finance and deep knowledge of the state's budget and taxes. Joe has served as North Dakota's deputy tax commissioner since 2014, providing management and policy direction to the Tax Department's 130 team members. Prior to that, he worked as a fiscal and management analyst for OMB from 2002 to 2013 and as a fiscal analyst for Legislative Council from 1994 to 2002.

