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## Governor to be in town for apartment ceremonies

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Work on one housing development is set to begin on Wednesday while another development is officially opened.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the planned Nokota Ridge apartment complex will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

G.A. Haan Development, Harbor Springs, Mich., is the developer of both projects.

North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple will be joining local officials for the two events, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency officials said on Monday.

Nokota Ridge is to contain 40 units of "affordable housing" and be able to house families, according to

a press release from the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency. The apartments are to be located at 2205 28th St. West in Williston.

The housing complex will contain two and three-bedroom units aimed at the area's workforce.

Amenities at the complex are to include a community building and office, an exercise room, a "community kitchen" and a playground with green space, according to the press release.

The project is expected to be completed by April 2012.

Immediately following the groundbreaking will be a ribbon cutting for the recently completed Williston Senior Apartment Homes, located at 2610 24th Ave. West.

The senior homes are targeted for people 55 and over. The building opened in late June, and 35 of the units are already occupied.

"We expect lease-up for Nokota Ridge to be equally strong," Gerald Haan of G.A. Haan Development said.

Amenities at the complex include a community room, full kitchen and library.

Part of the funding for the two projects came from the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program as well as funding from the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency.

In an email to the Williston Herald, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Communications Coordinator Sarah

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Mudder said both apartment complexes are in high demand.

"My understanding is that the Williston senior property is almost fully rented, it opened in late June. And, there is a waiting list already for Nokota Ridge, the property that will break ground. BIG demand already for those family units!" she said.

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A state agency, the "North Dakota Housing Finance Agency" as reported in the article, has no doubt been "involved" since the beginning of these apartments being built. Soooo....it only follows that the state's head, namely the governor, would opt to make himself present at the opening of this state-supported project. After all, it's good press. Remember, Sen. Conrad visited the new Vet Clinic on Main recently. Coverage of the event indicated that the Senator helped in obtaining funds for that project. Hey people, it's about the photo ops, which are political ambrosia.

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