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This Week's
Spotlight

N. Dak. Is
Awarded
\$28M For
DAPL-
Related
Costs

North Dakota Gov. Kelly Armstrong and Attorney General Drew Wrigley today applauded a federal judge's decision ordering the United States to pay North Dakota nearly \$28 million in damages for law enforcement and other costs the state incurred during the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in 2016 and early 2017.

U.S. District Court Judge Daniel Traynor found that North Dakota established its claims for negligence, gross negligence, civil trespass and public nuisance against the United States. He specifically noted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave the impression that it had issued a Special Use Permit for DAPL protestors when that was not the case.

"This is a major win for North Dakota taxpayers and the rule of law," Armstrong and Wrigley said in a joint statement. "As outlined in trial testimony and Judge Traynor's ruling, decisions made by the Obama administration emboldened protestors and ultimately caused millions of dollars in damage to North Dakota, while endangering the health and safety of North Dakota communities, families and law enforcement officers who responded to the protests."

In his ruling, Traynor found that the United States "had a mandatory procedure, it did not follow that procedure, and harm occurred to the state of North Dakota."

"The law allows reimbursement for this harm," the ruling states. "More than that, the rule of law requires this Court to hold the United States liable to remind it of its role in the larger picture of ensuring peace, not chaos."

"Rioters repeatedly assaulted law enforcement officers with rocks, bottles, and Molotov cocktails," the ruling states. Protestors also "left significant observable amounts of garbage and human waste, and a spoiled environment," Traynor noted, adding Morton County contracted for the cleanup, resulting in the removal of about 10 million pounds of trash and debris.

"The Corps' negligent actions and inactions created a public nuisance in North Dakota, enabling countless instances of civil trespass to occur during the Protests, subjecting the United States (through the Corps and the actions of other agencies) to liability under North Dakota tort law and exacerbating the harms that were visited upon North Dakota," the ruling states.

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Click It Or
Ticket Begins
May 1, 2025

In an effort to save lives and reduce traffic injuries, law enforcement agencies across North Dakota will increase patrols from May 1 through June 2 as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign, focusing on enforcing North Dakota's seat belt law.

Seat belts are the single most effective safety device to prevent death and injury in a traffic crash. Unbelted fatal crashes in North Dakota occur most often on rural roads and during weekend (Friday and Saturday) nights according to the state's most recent data. Many of these fatalities involve males, who made up 79% of the unbelted traffic deaths over the past five years (2019-2023).

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Advertisers
Needed

The Cavalier Chronicle will be publishing the annual senior photos and graduation dates for schools in and around Pembina County. The Chronicle is also gathering information for the 2025 Pembina County Fair tabloid.

Advertisers are greatly needed to help pay for both of these publications. If you haven't already been called to be a part of these annual events, please call the Chronicle office at 265-8844 asap. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Emersen Helgoe takes the baton from team mate Delaney Denault for the final leg as the Pembina County North Grizzlies finished first in the 4x800 relay at the Langdon

Invitational. Others on the team were Maci Puppe and Shirley Kemp. The women's team placed third behind Grafton and Langdon, while the men's team placed 5th

behind Langdon, Grafton, Park River/Fordville-Lankin and Drayton/Valley-Edinburg.

See results on page 3 of this issue of the Chronicle.

Larry Biri, photographer

2025 Fry Bread Taco Fundraiser

Pembina County Memorial Hospital Foundation hosted their Fry Bread Taco Fundraiser Wednesday, April 23rd at the Cavalier American Legion. Meals were delivered throughout Pembina County and it was reportedly a successful event. Congratulations to all the volunteers

who helped and to all the patrons who supported this fundraiser. Please come back again next year.

The following are some of those who helped make this another successful event.



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