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In GF: 65 inches of snow, 120 days below 40

By Korrie Wenzel
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — As of Sunday, the temperature in Grand Forks has not reached 40 degrees in 120 days, according to meteorologists at WDAY.

And since the coming days probably only will see high temperatures in teens and 20s, it doesn't appear the streak will end anytime soon — although it is highly unlikely Grand Forks will break its all-time streak. The last time Grand Forks

saw temperatures rise above 40 was Nov. 26, when the high was 41, according to WDAY records. The record for consecutive days below 40 is 155, set in 1979. That year, it didn't hit 40 degrees until April 13. In Fargo, the record is 152 days, also set in 1979.

Fargo has a longer current streak than Grand Forks. As of Sunday, March 26, the city to the south is on a 136-day streak, since it hasn't hit 40 degrees in Fargo since Nov. 9,

when it was 42.

Fargo's streak is the second-longest on record for that city. As of Thursday, Grand Forks' streak is the city's ninth-longest, according to WDAY.

Forecasts for Grand Forks show highs in the teens Monday and in the 20s through Friday, according to WDAY.

"It does not look likely we will hit 40 degrees through the end of March for Fargo or Grand Forks. To break the

record, Fargo would need to go through April 12 without hitting 40 degrees," WDAY meteorologist Dillon Vogt told the Herald. "For Grand Forks, we would need to stay below 40 degrees until May 1 to break the record, which is super unrealistic and will not happen."

Last week's snowfall brought Grand Forks' total to 65.9 inches, which makes this winter the eighth snowiest winter on record, dating to 1892.

Last year, Grand Forks had 77.5 inches, which was fourth all-time. The winter of 2018-19 was the third snowiest on record, with 80.3 inches.

Four of the last five winters in Grand Forks — including this winter — brought at least 65 inches of snow.

The last five years of snowfall are: 2018-19 (80.3 inches), 2019-20 (71.9 inches), 2020-21 (17.1 inches), 2021-22 (77.5 inches) and 2022-23 (65.9 inches).

ND voters to decide on updated language

Lawmakers OK ballot measure that would remove outdated terms from Constitution

By Jeremy Turley
Grand Forks Herald

BISMARCK — Most North Dakotans wouldn't use terms like "feeble-minded," "deaf and dumb" or "insane" to describe people with disabilities or mental illness, but the outdated language is still featured in the state Constitution. Voters will have the opportunity to change that next year.

The state House of Representatives and Senate unanimously passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001, which would change references in the constitution from:

► A "school for the deaf and dumb" to a "school for the deaf and hard of hearing."

► A "state hospital for the insane" to a "state hospital for the care of individuals with mental illness."

► An "institution for the feeble-minded" to a "facility for individuals with developmental disabilities."

Since constitutional amendments require a public vote, the measure will appear on the statewide ballot in 2024.

Some of the phrases lawmakers hope to eliminate date back more than a century.

The original constitution approved at statehood in 1889 created a "deaf and dumb asylum" in Devils Lake, though voters approved a measure 15 years later that changed the institution's name to the "school for the deaf and dumb of North Dakota." A website for the facility calls it the School for the Deaf.

Voters approved a measure in 1904 to establish an "institution for the feeble-minded" in Grafton. The

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IN SEARCH OF A SNACK



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A young whitetail deer forages along the bank of a coulee on Thursday in East Grand Forks.

Following wife's death, Minn. man runs all 66 state parks

By Kevin Wallevand
WDAY

MOORHEAD — "This is fun," Aaron Hill said as he ran through Maplewood State Park in Otter Tail County, documenting his journey along the way.

"There's the river," he said as he ran in Buffalo River State Park.

Hill is running through all 66 of Minnesota's state parks.

"This is kind of those 'wow' places," he said as he ran in Glacial Lakes State Park.

Hill, who lives in the Twin Cities suburb Lake Elmo, has gone on a wintry run through Otter Tail County's Maplewood State Park and had an incredible adventure in Tettegouche and Split Rock state parks.

"Here we are at 'high falls,' let's see how high they are,"



Contributed / Aaron Hill

Aaron Hill runs through Buffalo River State Park as part of his journey through all of Minnesota's 66 state parks. The adventure, often with his four children, is a way to remember his wife, Kathryn, who recently died of cancer.

Hill said at Tettegouche State Park.

For Hill, the run through all the state parks has been more than just an athlete's chal-

lenged for others," Hill said. "She was just super loving. She just had this love tank that just could not be filled."

Kathryn was diagnosed with lung cancer at age 37. She never smoked a day in her life.

"The saying within the lung cancer community is that anyone with lungs can get lung cancer," Hill said.

Kathryn was just 41 when she died.

"She was pretty awesome, pretty amazing mother," Hill said.

So with their four young kids often included, Hill took off for the parks of Minnesota.

"It helped me and the kids grow closer together as a unit — as a five-person family instead of six," Hill said.

With family near Fargo-Moorhead, Maplewood

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OUTDOORS NOTEBOOK

New video series showcases North Dakota trails

Staff reports

BISMARCK — A new video series from the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department showcases the beauty, history and ecosystems of the many trails in the state. In each YouTube video, the North

Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's state trails coordinator takes the viewer along to give an authentic glimpse of what state parks and other trail systems offer for outdoor recreation.

"A big part of my job is to

become familiar with the trail systems in North Dakota, and I've been having a blast sharing those experiences with the public," said Sarah Rankin, state trails coordinator for the Department. "We really want the videos to inspire everyone

to explore outdoor recreation through every season in North Dakota, taking advantage of all that our state parks and gateway communities have to offer."

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