

DAKOTA DATEBOOK

Weather History

written by Sarah Walker

March 25 - Avid fans of weather history may recall that in mid-March of 1941, a blizzard swept across the upper Midwest, reaping death in its wake. Out of more than 70 victims, at least 35 fell in North Dakota.

Reports of the dead and the close calls flew everywhere. The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Fargo reported that 2500 long-distance calls were placed following the blizzard—the greatest number of long distance calls placed in a single day in the history of the office.

On this date, only ten days after the storm, North Dakotans were trying to deal with what had occurred.

In Devils Lake, hundreds of motorists were marooned in their cars overnight. In Grand Forks, at least eleven people were still listed as missing two days after the storm. Near Fort Ransom, a father and son froze to death while out walking. Two cousins near Hannah died while walking home from a 4H Club meeting.

The Weiner family, from near Langdon, had just arrived at their farm home when the storm broke. Their driveway was blocked, so they parked along the highway, but upon opening the car door, the oldest daughter was swept away by the wind. By the time her parents caught up with her, they were all lost. They did eventually bump into a fence post that Mr. Weiner recognized as his own. He left his fam-

ily behind and followed the fence to his sheep shed. He returned, but his wife was unable to move, so he took his daughter and young son to the shed, then returned once more and half-dragged, half-carried his wife to safety.

Four brothers from near Dazey, aged seventeen and younger, had been out roller skating, and on the way home were caught in the storm. Donald, Lee and Dickie perished. Only "Bobbie" Taylor survived—and only because his twin brother Dickie had been holding him in the snowdrift in which they had sought shelter.

Bobbie was in the hospital for a while. He lost his left foot and the toes and heel of his right foot. However, he kept a good attitude, telling his nurse, "I don't think I will be able to play football because of my feet, but I think I will make it alright in basketball."

The reports of the Taylor family tragedy spread far and wide, and Bobbie unexpectedly received an autographed photo from movie star Robert Taylor—written on the photo was "To Robert Taylor from Robert Taylor. Best wishes."

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 GCC March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2026
 IO#355977

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRIGGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Deborah Fritel, Deceased.
Probate No. 20-2026-PR-00003

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Sherry K. Smith at PO Box 235, Cooperstown, ND, or to Patrick J. Fritel at 1212 Sunflower Lane, Hazen, ND 58545, or filed with the Court.
 Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.

Sherry K. Smith
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 Cooperstown, ND 58424
 Patrick J. Fritel
 1212 Sunflower Lane,
 Hazen, ND 58545

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 First publication on the 20th day of March, 2026.

GCC March 20, March 27, April 3 IO#355950
Notice of Public Hearing WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual

Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 AM at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.

These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling (701) 328-3812 or by writing to:

Workforce Safety & Insurance
 Attn Marguerite Rath
 1600 East Century Avenue Ste 1
 PO Box 5585
 Bismarck ND 58506-5585
 (701) 328-3812

Written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 16, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 16th day of March 2026.

Sarah Feist
 Chief of Employer Services
 355943

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TAMARA CUSHMAN-BUSINESS MANAGER

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