



Following a dominant State Tournament run, the Central McLean Cougars Boys Basketball program has capped off an immaculate season with an NDHSAA Class B State Title. Turn to page 7 for more Cougar coverage at State. (Erin Lauer)

Cougars, Miners headline Class B All-State selections

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The 2026 NDHSCA Class B All-State Boys Basketball Team showcased the top talent from across North Dakota, with Central McLean and Wilton-Wing well represented following standout seasons that placed both programs among the state's best.

Leading the way on the First Team was Central McLean senior Aiden Hanson, who capped off a historic season as one of the most decorated players in Class B.

Hanson's selection comes after guiding the Cougars to a perfect 28-0 record and a state championship, cementing his place among the elite players in

the state.

Hanson was joined on the First Team by Wilton-Wing senior Teigen Earsley, whose remarkable career also earned statewide recognition.

Earsley finished his time with the Miners as the program's all-time leader in both points and assists, while leading Wilton-Wing to a District runner-up and Region runner-up finish.

The First Team also included Sage Hanson of Towner-Granville-Upham, RaeShaun Earl of Hankinson, and Wyatt Weekley of Our Redeemer's, rounding out a group that represented both individual excellence and team success across Class B.

While the First Team highlighted the top tier of players, the Second

Team featured a deep list of contributors from across the state.

Medina-Pingree-Buchanan's Gage Hofmann, Oakes' Beau Thorpe, and New Rockford-Sheyenne's Easton Simon were among the seniors recognized, along with Midway-Minto teammates Eli Robinson and Ezra Robinson.

Additional selections included Blake Bergstrom and Ty Barman of Ray, Nolan Schmidt of Our Redeemer's, Kaden Moore of North Border, and Eli Undlin of Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood.

Each player played a significant role in their team's success during the 2026 season, further highlighting the

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Turtle Lake seeking bids for street replacement project

Bids must be submitted by April 9

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The city of Turtle Lake is seeking bids for a streets project, which are due April 9.

According to an advertisement published in the Central McLean News-Journal on March 19, the project will consist of a city-wide replacement, mill and overlay, with chipseal and ADA improvements, which will be overseen by Moore Engineering.

"The project includes the following work: full depth street replacement, asphalt mill and overlays, chipseal, ADA improvements and other miscellaneous work," the notice read.

The bids

Bids for the project must be received by 2 p.m. April 9 through Quest CDN, and will be viewed and read via video/

phone conference at 2:30 p.m., at www.mooreengineeringinc.com. Views can click on the "bid information tab" or go to www.questcdn.com.

"Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered," according to the advertisement.

Prospective bidders are urged to register with the websites as a plan holder, and the websites will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports and other information relevant to submitting a bid for the project.

"Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and a contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after the notice of the award, shall execute a contract in

accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond, and any conditions of the city of Turtle Lake, as required by law," according to the advertisement. "A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the city of Turtle Lake elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within 10 days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to the city of Turtle Lake, and the city of Turtle Lake may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder."

It is noted the city of Turtle Lake reserves the rights to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

To read the full notice and to obtain the requirements for the bidding process, see the notice on page 12 of the March 19 Central McLean News-Journal.



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