

PUBLIC NOTICES

Primary Election 2026

The Primary Election for 2026 is fast approaching. McLean County has been a Vote-by-Mail County since 2012 with four polling locations and this will continue for the 2026 Primary Election.

Absentee ballot applications have been mailed to all "active" voters in McLean County. A voter is considered "active" if they appear in the initial central voter file and voted in either of the general elections during the two previous election years. If you received an application, you may fill it out and return it to our office. If you did not receive one, you may complete the application below, call the Auditor's Office at (701) 462-8801 to request one by mail, or complete it online at <https://www.mclean-countynd.gov/departments/election-information/vote-by-mail>. By checking all boxes at the top of the application, you will automatically receive your school ballot, the Primary Election ballot, the General Election ballot in November, and any ballots for special elections held in 2026. Once your application is complete, return it to the McLean County Auditor's Office by mail, by placing it in the secure drop box located at the courthouse's main entrance, or by delivering it in person. Remember to return your voted ballot early by mail, delivering it in person, or drop off in the secure drop box located outside the main entrance of the McLean County Courthouse at 712 5th Avenue in Washburn.

Those who do not check the box for General Election on their application will receive another ballot application around September 16 for the November General Election.

*** Fill out the application COMPLETELY, be sure to include name, phone number, date of birth, ID used, ID number, residential address, mailing address and signature. ***

Signatures on ballot envelope affidavits will be compared to signatures on ballot applications. If signatures do not appear to match, the ballot could be rejected. If the ballot is rejected, the Auditor's Office will do their best to contact you to provide an opportunity to verify the authenticity of the signatures.

McLean County Polling Locations OPEN from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day			
Location	Type	Address	City
Washburn Memorial Building	Vote Center	805 Main Avenue	Washburn, ND
Turtle Lake City Hall	Vote Center	107 Eggert St.	Turtle Lake, ND
Garrison City Auditorium	Vote Center	15 Main Street S	Garrison, ND
Ralph Wells Community Center	Polling Location for Precinct 280402 ONLY	1104 Warrior St.	White Shield, ND

*** The SECURE DROP BOX located at the main entrance to the McLean County Courthouse will be open 24 hours a day, however it will close on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. ***

*** The McLean County Courthouse will be OPEN from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, May 30, 2026 and SATURDAY, June 6, 2026 for in-person absentee voting and voted ballot drop off. ***

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2026: TO BE COUNTED, ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 7:00 P.M. CST ON JUNE 9, 2026 – POSTMARKED BALLOTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AFTER ELECTION DAY. Return your voted ballot by mail, delivering it in person, or drop off in the secure drop box located outside the main entrance of the McLean County Courthouse at 712 5th Avenue in Washburn.

Mercer Rural Fire Protection Annual Meeting & Election

The annual meeting and election will be held at the Mercer Fire Hall, Tuesday May 12th at 8pm.

(April 30 & May 7, 2026)

COUGARS

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achenko said. "It showed with zero walks. He hit the ball well. He has attacked the zone well during his at bats. One thing all season we have had some real good pitching from all of our guys."

Landon Saueressig took over in relief and kept the momentum rolling, working 2.1 scoreless innings of his own.

He surrendered just two hits, walked nobody, and struck out two to finish off the shutout.

In total, Central McLean pitchers combined to allow only four hits while striking out nine and not issuing a single walk, a formula that will win plenty of games if it continues.

The clean work on the mound paired with a breakout day offensively gave the Cougars exactly the kind of all-around performance coaches hope can spark momentum as the season moves forward.

If Tuesday's showing is any indication, Central McLean may be beginning to find its stride at just the right time.

With bats waking up, quality at bats throughout the lineup, and a pitching staff that continues to pound the strike zone, the Cougars are showing signs of becoming a difficult team to handle as the spring schedule rolls on.

Central McLean Cougars Baseball

Tuesday April 21 @ South Prairie-Max Royals

1 2 3 4 5 R H E
 CM 1 3 0 5 3 12 14 2
 SP-M 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 5

CM Stats:
 Dominic Smith 2-3 2 RBI
 Jackson Blotter 2-3 3 RBI 1 walk
 Mason Skachenko 2-4 2 RBI
 Cooper Kittler 3-4 1 RBI
 Landon Saueressig 0-3 1 walk
 Jaxson Wagner 0-0 1 walk
 Chase Kinn 0-2 1 walk
 Jase Utley 2-4
 Ethan Saueressig 2-3
 Jayden Troyna 1-2 1 RBI 1 walk

Pitching:
 Mason Skachenko 2.2 IP
 2 hits 0 runs 0 ER 0 walks 7 strikeouts
 Landon Saueressig 2.1 IP
 2 hits 0 runs 0 ER 0 walks 2 strikeouts



ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

SECRETARY OF STATE
 SFN 51468 (10-2023)

For Office Use Only
 Precinct Part

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-07.

Application must be for at least one of the following elections: (check all that apply)

June (Primary) election City or city special election State or county special election

November (General) election School or school special election

Applicant Information: (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Voter's name		Date of birth	Daytime telephone number	
North Dakota ID type used: (check one)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-driver's ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care certificate (include with application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ID	
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport (only for voters living outside the United States) or military ID**			<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant without ID*	
ID number (required only if driver's license, non-driver's ID, tribal ID, passport, or military ID is selected above)				
Residential address		City	State	ZIP code
Ballot delivery address (if different from residential address)		City	State	ZIP code
I do solemnly affirm that I have resided or will reside in the precinct where my residential voting address is located for at least 30 days next preceding the election and will be a qualified elector of the precinct.				
Signature (required)			Date	

Applicant Unable to Sign:

If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name, the applicant shall mark or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the "X" or using the signature stamp below the "X" or signature and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation, "witness to the mark."

<input type="checkbox"/> Voter's Mark	Printed name of person making mark or voter's signature stamp
	Signature of "witness to the mark"

*Applicant Without ID:

If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, another qualified elector of the state may attest that the applicant is a qualified elector of that precinct by signing below and providing his or her approved North Dakota identification number. **NOTE:** A qualified elector may not attest the qualifications of more than four applications in an election.

Printed name of attester	Driver's / non-driver's / tribal ID number	
Signature of attester	Date	Daytime telephone number

**Active Military and Overseas Voter:

Check **ONE** (if applicable):

Citizen living outside of the United States

Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet **within** the United States

Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet **outside** the United States

If one of the check boxes above applies to you, please indicate your preferred ballot delivery method:

Mail Email (provide email address): _____ Fax (provide fax number): _____

Mail or submit to the auditor of your county of residence or appropriate election officer
 (The signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit on the envelope in which the absentee ballot must be placed.)

Return Application to: MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR
 PO BOX 1108
 WASHBURN, ND 58577

(April 23 & 30, 2026)