LEGALS

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.mcleancountynd.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.

ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION
SECRETARY OF STATE
SFN 51468 (10-2023)

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

For Office Use Only
Precinct Part _____

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)
☐ Driver's license ☐ Non-driver's ID ☐ Long-term care certificate (include with application) ☐ Tribal ID
☐ Passport (only for voters living outside the United States) or military ID** ☐ 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."

☐ 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

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SWEEP

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4. Collin Franklund, 2205 PB

Discus
Collin Franklund, 7907 PB
Caleb Roehrich, 7110 PB

High jump
Colt Biesterfeld, 500 PB
Zack Vollmuth, 410 PB
Max Vetter, 406 PB

Pole vault
Zack Vollmuth, 506 SB

Long jump
2. Kale Nelson, 1604 PB
3. Luke Laning, 1510 PB
4. Noah Wald, 1305 PB

RESPOND

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Ethan Retterath 1-1 1 walk
Tanner Fiedler 0-2
Brady Vollmuth 0-2
River Kjelstrup 0-1 1 walk
Logan Hansen 0-2
Jaren Thompson 0-2
Chase Becher 0-2

Pitching:
Ethan Retterath 3.2 IP 6 hits 8 runs 7 ER 2 walks 7 strikeouts
Hudson Wolff 0.1 IP 2 hits 4 runs 0 ER 3 walks 0 strikeouts

April 20 vs. Ray

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
RHS	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0
WWCS	5	0	0	2	4	11	12	0

Cardinals Stats:
Brady Vollmuth 1-2; 2 walks
Tanner Fiedler 1-2; 1 walk
Chase Becher 0-1; 1 walk
Ethan Retterath 3-4; 1 RBI
Hudson Wolff 1-4; 2 RBI
River Kjelstrup 2-3
Oscar Wood 2-4; 4 RBI
Logan Hansen 1-1; 1 walk
Jaxson Solomonson 0-1
Jeran Thompson 1-3

Pitching:
Logan Hansen 3.2 IP 5 hits 1 run 1 ER 1 walk 3 strikeouts
Liam Solomonson 0.1 IP 0 hits 0 runs 0 ER 0 walks 1 strikeout
Jaxson Solomonson 1.0 IP 0 hits 0 runs 0 ER 0 walks 2 strikeouts

Birthday?
New Baby?
Engagement?
Wedding?
Get your special day into the paper!
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