

Memorial
Day services
to honor veterans

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Memorial Day services will be held in Mott and New England on Monday, May 26.

In New England, the Anton Ulijohn American Legion Post 66, Auxiliary and Legion Riders will hold a service at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day at the Memorial Hall in New England, followed by a free lunch in the Memorial Hall. The service will include an address by Rep. Mike Schatz and a military rites ceremony at the memorial outside the hall.

The program will also include call to order, an advance of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem, an invocation, singing of “God Bless America,” a benediction, then retiring of the colors.

Also on Memorial Day, Mott’s American Legion Taylor-Skartvedt Post 71 will begin its program at 10 a.m. at the Mott-Regent Public School auditorium in Mott, featuring a speaker, Command Sgt. Major Dave Huber, Lemmon, S.D. Huber served over 41 years in the U.S. Army and N.D. Army National Guard, including deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Mott-Regent High School music department will also provide music.

Then, a service will be held in honor of veterans by laying a wreath in the water at the Legion Park in Mott, followed by a service for all veterans at the cemetery, where the main drive will be lined with 20 8x5-foot flags, weather-permitting.

A meal for a freewill offering will be held at the Mott Knights of Columbus Hall at approximately 11 a.m., served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Legion will also be placing flags at the graves of veterans starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 24, at several Mott area cemeteries.

The public is invited to all events.



New England High School graduates eight

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The New England High School class of 2025 turned their tassels and shared hugs and a few tears with each other and family members as they graduated Sunday afternoon, May 18.

The eight graduates were celebrated in the 109th annual commencement ceremony held in the school’s old gymnasium.

The valedictorian of the class of 2025, Theodore Kirschmann, used his speech to “show gratitude for everyone who has helped, encouraged or simply just made me smile over the years.”

“As we sit here together on this stage about to start our new chapter, I am honored to reflect on our journey and share this moment with all of you,” he said. “Put yourself out there and become your own person. Do what truly brings you joy, live with no regrets and never be scared of failure.”

Not returning to New England High School in the fall will be strange, salutatorian Alisha Twogood said.

“That’s the part of growing up that stings. But

there’s beauty in that string. Change is a necessary part of growing. As we leave behind these familiar walls, we step into a world full of new experiences, new challenges and new opportunities,” she said.

“We are here to celebrate not a finish line, but instead it is a launching pad sending us into new beginnings,” honor student Grady Bock said. “There will be moments of doubt to come, and our path may not always be clear. But in those times, we just have to remember the resilience we’ve cultivated.”

“As we stand here in the threshold of new beginnings, let us remember that graduation isn’t the end, it is just the beginning of the next chapter of our lives,” Joshua Schmidt said in his closing remarks. “The future is unwritten and each of us holds the pen. Write your story boldly and purposefully.”

Members of the graduating class are Grady Bock, the son of Wade and Jill Bock; Zoie Corson, daughter of Joshua and Odessa Corson; Braeden Corson, son of Crystal Corson; Daniel DeWall, son of Rocky and Shannon DeWall and Heather

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Mott project bid opening in June

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The Mott City Council will open bids June 5 for a water and sewer improvement project, with construction expected to begin in July.

During its regular meeting May 12, the council passed four resolutions related to the loan documents for the project, estimated to cost \$3.8 million.

The city has been approved for a \$2.85 million grant to update its sewer and water system through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Last month, the council approved also applying for a State Revolving Fund loan at 2% interest over 30 years. The approximately \$3.8 million phase will address deteriorated sewer infrastructure and outdated water mains.

The council has prioritized 13 blocks of water and sewer line reconstruction in two areas of the community, including a section of Brown Ave.,

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Mott-Regent High School graduates 18

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Sharing heartfelt hugs and a few laughs with family and friends, the Mott-Regent High School class of 2025 received their diplomas, popped some colorful confetti, then tossed their mortarboards into the air as they graduated Sunday afternoon, May 18.

The 18 graduates were celebrated in a ceremony at the Mott armory, starting with an opening and prayer by Julianna Mayer.

“It took a village, the people who believed in us, guided us and supported us through our lives up until this point. So, to our village, we cannot express our gratitude enough,” she said.

“Today is a celebration of our hard work, accomplishments and persistence. It’s also a chance to pause, breathe and take it all in. Let us do exactly this. Let us take this day to celebrate our accomplishments and be with our loved ones.



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