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Local man graduates basic Friday

Who: Pvt. David West

What: One Station Unit Training graduation

When: Aug. 31, 8 a.m.

Where: Abrams Theater

Significance: Pvt. David West of Plato, Mo., was sworn into the U.S. Army Jan. 31, 2012 after losing more than 110 pounds. When he first visited his local recruiting station in 2011, he did not meet the basic enlistment criteria due to his weight.

West graduates with the 31st Engineer Battalion, A-Company, at 8 a.m. Aug. 31 in Abrams Theater.

The 31st Engineer Battalion trains and develops disciplined combat engineers and bridge crewmembers ready to immediately contribute to their operational units for full spectrum operations.

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Media who would like to cover the graduation ceremony should contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs office by 3 p.m., Aug. 30 by calling 573-563-4145.